

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 13, 2015

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its February 9, 2015 meeting at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.:

- Discussed issues that may emerge during the Illinois General Assembly's spring 2015 legislative session, including applied baccalaureate degrees, Illinois Community College Board program/budget autonomy, state budget reductions, pension cost-shifting, changes to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, trustee term lengths, college severance packages, recall of local officials (including trustees), changes in local election procedures, and solvency of the College Insurance Program for community college retirees;
- Unanimously passed a motion to require a 2/3 vote of all ICCTA voting delegates for endorsement of the [Illinois Council of Community College Presidents' recommendations on applied baccalaureate degrees](#);
- Learned that ICCTA's Baccalaureate Degree Study Committee will bring the Presidents Council recommendations for full discussion and vetting to the March 13 ICCTA Government Relations and Public Policy Committee meeting in Naperville. It is anticipated that the Government Relations Committee will bring a recommendation to the ICCTA Board for Representatives for a vote at the board's March 14 meeting in Naperville;
- Were informed that ICCTA has created an [Applied Baccalaureate Degree page](#) on its website for information-sharing, review and discussion. Posted documents include:
 - [Presidents Council's recommendations on applied baccalaureate degrees](#)
 - [Presidents Council's news release](#)
 - [ICCTA fact sheet](#)
- Learned that ICCTA's [March 13 seminars](#) will focus on: 1) applied baccalaureate degrees, and 2) a leadership presentation by the Illinois Community College Board's Student Advisory Committee;
- Adopted the association's [2015 state legislative agenda](#);
- Received a briefing on community college [federal legislative priorities](#) and President Obama's [America's College Promise](#) proposal from Association of Community College Trustees president Noah Brown;
- Reminded trustees and presidents of ICCTA's February 10 meeting with U.S. Sens. Richard Durbin and Mark Kirk;
- Were informed that the ICCB Student Advisory Committee will sponsor a Service Outreach Day on February 24. Campus service projects will be shared on Facebook;
- Learned that February is [Financial Aid Awareness Month](#). The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is offering free assistance in applying for financial aid through its website and ISACorps volunteers;
- Were updated on plans to observe the Illinois community college system's 50th anniversary, including possible activities during ICCTA's April 29 Lobby Day and June 5-6 convention; and
- Received updates from representatives of the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the ICCB Student Advisory Committee, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, and the Association of Community College Trustees.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2015

- Feb. 18 Governor's budget message, State Capitol, Springfield
- Feb. 27 Nomination deadline for [ICCTA alumnus, equity, trustee, student trustee, and professional board staff member awards](#)

MARCH 2015

- March 10 Deadline for [Reel Illinois](#) "50 Voices of Community Colleges" entries
- March 12-13 [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
- March 13 [Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting](#), Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel, Naperville
- March 13-14 [ICCTA seminars and Board of Representatives meetings](#), Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel
[Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee meetings and awards banquet](#), Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel
- March 20 [ICCB meeting](#), William Rainey Harper College, Palatine
- March 27 Nomination deadline for [ICCTA faculty, business/industry, peace, and student essay awards](#)

APRIL 2015

- April 1 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) meeting, location TBA
- April 7 Consolidated election (including community college trustee seats)
[Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield
- April 15-17 ICCTA Professional Administrative Assistants Conference, Danville Area Community College, Danville
- April 18-21 [American Association of Community Colleges convention](#), San Antonio, Texas
- April 23 [SURS meetings](#), location TBA
- April 28 ICCTA committee and board meetings, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
Presidents Council meeting, State House Inn, Springfield
Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois awards banquet, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield
- April 29 ICCTA Lobby Day, INB Conference Center and State Capitol Complex, Springfield
Student Advocacy Day, State Capitol Complex, Springfield
- April 30 Deadline for [Reel Illinois](#) "small business category" entries

The next [ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting](#) will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel in Naperville. Contact ICCTA at 1-800-454-2282 or iccta@communitycolleges.org for more information.