

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 5, 2018

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its February 3, 2018 meeting via conference call:

- Adopted ICCTA's [Legislative Goals for 2018](#);
- Received an update on the Illinois General Assembly's spring 2018 session. Issues of interest to community colleges include:
 - House Bill [4300](#): Removes the statutory cap on community college tuition and fees
 - HB [4246](#), [4247](#) & [4248](#): Bans units of local government from using public funds for conventions, personnel trainings, or exhibit booths
 - HB [4371](#): Authorizes issuance of \$107 billion in pension obligation bonds
 - SB [888](#): Community college bachelor of science in nursing degrees – Will be amended so that all Illinois community colleges may opt to participate in the pilot program
 - SB [2234](#): Overhauls Illinois higher education, including creation of higher education Centers of Excellence
 - Illinois higher education consolidation – no bill filed yet
- Learned that electoral politics will permeate the 2018 state legislative session. Approximately 33 incumbent legislators are not running for re-election this year;
- Reviewed Gov. Bruce Rauner's January 31 State of the State address, which focused on boosting the state's economic competitiveness. The Governor will deliver his third budget address on February 14;
- Heard that ICCTA's 2018 Lobby Day will take place on Wednesday, April 18, in Springfield. Because of that week's busy legislative schedule, trustees are encouraged to make appointments with their lawmakers prior to Lobby Day;
- Were informed of ICCTA's February 13 group meetings with U.S. Senator Richard Durbin and a legislative aide for U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth during the February 11-14 [National Legislative Summit](#) in Washington, D.C.;
- Discussed President Trump's proposal to rename community colleges as "vocational colleges". In Illinois, 17 colleges include 'community' in their names;
- Were reminded of [ICCTA's March 9-10 seminar and meetings](#) in Lisle;
- Adopted an updated sexual harassment policy for inclusion in the association's Operations Manual. New state law requires local governments and lobbying entities to adopt sexual harassment prevention policies by January 1, 2018;
- Noted the passing of former Triton College board chair Merrill Becker; and
- Heard updates on the activities of the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Association of Community College Trustees.

**The next meeting of the ICCTA Board of Representatives will take place
on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Lisle Hotel in Lisle, Illinois.**
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 2018

- February 6 [IBHE special meeting](#) (via videoconference), University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago & IBHE office, Springfield
- February 11-14 [Community College National Legislative Summit](#), Washington, D.C.
- February 14 Governor's budget address, State Capitol, Springfield
- February 23 Deadline for [ICCTA's Distinguished Alumnus Award, Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award, Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award, Professional Board Staff Member Award, and Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award](#)

MARCH 2018

- March 6 ICCTA East Central Region meeting, Danville Area Community College, Danville
- March 8 - 9 [Illinois Presidents Council meeting](#), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lisle
[State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
- March 9 [ICCB Student Advisory Committee meeting](#), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lisle
- March 9 - 10 [ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings](#), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lisle
- March 13 [IBHE meeting](#), Quincy University, Quincy
- March 16 [ICCB meetings](#), Joliet Junior College, Joliet
- March 22 ICCTA Northwest Region meeting, Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon
- March 30 Deadline for [ICCTA's Business/Industry Partnership Award, Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship, Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member Award, Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member Award, and Paul Simon Student Essay Contest](#)

APRIL 2018

- April 5 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meeting](#), Chicago
- April 11 Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 12 Student Advocacy Day, State Capitol, Springfield
- April 17 [ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings](#), Springfield
Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meetings, Springfield
- April 18 [ICCTA Lobby Day](#), State Capitol, Springfield
- April 19 [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
- April 28-May 1 [American Association of Community Colleges annual conference](#), Dallas

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