

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 16, 2015

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 14, 2015 meeting at the Chicago Marriott Naperville Hotel in Naperville, Illinois:

- P Adopted the following motion on baccalaureate degree-granting authority at Illinois community colleges:
The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's Government Relations and Public Policy Committee moves to direct ICCTA to invite all appropriate stakeholders in an examination of the option of Illinois community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees in nursing, allied health, and applied technologies. The work should include relevant data with input from all segments of higher education. The work shall produce a report to be presented to ICCTA by November 1, 2015.
- P Discussed development of the state's Fiscal Year 2016 budget, pension reform litigation, [baccalaureate degree-granting authority at Illinois community colleges](#), and other legislative issues affecting community colleges, including proposals to mandate increased purchasing and procurement reporting requirements;
- P Welcomed [Dr. Lazaro Lopez](#), the new chair of the Illinois Community College Board;
- P Urged trustees to participate in ICCTA's April 29 [Lobby Day in Springfield](#);
- P Received updates on the ICCTA Diversity Committee, ICCB, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Association of Community College Trustees;
- P Praised ICCTA's March 13 baccalaureate degree seminar and the leadership presentation by graduates of the ICCB Student Advisory Committee's externship program. Links to the baccalaureate-degree Powerpoint presentations have been posted to ICCTA's [Baccalaureate Degree resources page](#) at www.communitycolleges.org/baccalaureatedegreebackground.html. A video link will be available soon;
- P Were informed that Trustee Roundtable participants discussed healthcare, cost containment, cost-saving measures, presidential contracts, board and media relations, and Illinois Veterans Grants;
- P Learned that the ICCTA Public Relations Committee will meet during the first week of April to plan for the Illinois community college system's 50th anniversary observance;
- P Heard that the entry deadline for the 1st round of the [Reel Illinois](#) student film competition has been extended to March 17;
- P Encouraged trustees to submit nominations for 2015-2016 ICCTA office. The nomination deadline is April 20, with candidate interviews to be conducted in Springfield on April 28;
- P Were reminded that March 27 is the nominations deadline for ICCTA's [Full-Time Faculty Award](#), [Part-Time Faculty Award](#), [Business/Industry Partnership Award](#), [Paul Simon Student Essay Contest](#), and the new [Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship](#); and
- P Thanked meeting sponsors [OpTerra Energy Services](#) and [Legat Architects](#). Joseph Legat, founder of Legat Architects, was congratulated on his company's 50th anniversary this year.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH 2015

- March 17 Entry deadline for 1st round of [Reel Illinois](#) student film competition
- 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, Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago
- 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 20 Deadline to submit nominations for ICCTA's 2015-2016 officers
- 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

MAY 2015

- May 5 Last day for community college boards to conduct organizational meetings and seat trustees elected in April 7 consolidated election
- May 31 Adjournment of the 99th Illinois General Assembly, State Capitol, Springfield

JUNE 2015

- June 2 IBHE meeting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign
- June 4 Presidents Council meeting, Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center, Schaumburg
- June 4 - 6 Student Leadership Institute, Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center,
- June 5 ICCB meetings, Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center
- June 5 - 6 ICCTA annual convention, Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center

The next ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 28, at the Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center in Springfield, in conjunction with ICCTA Lobby Day. Contact [ICCTA](#) at 1-800-454-2282 for more information.