

ICCTA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 15, 2016

The ICCTA Board of Representatives took the following actions at its March 12, 2016 meeting at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois:

- Discussed [Senate Bill 2243](#), which would allow Illinois community colleges to offer a bachelor's degree in nursing, subject to program approval by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The issue was referred to ICCTA's Baccalaureate Degree Study Committee for consideration;
- Authorized ICCTA President Andrew Bollman to send a letter to U.S. Senators Richard Durbin and Mark Kirk thanking them for their support of community colleges and opposing the inclusion of community colleges in the proposed [student debt 'risk-sharing' provision of the Higher Education Act reauthorization](#);
- Urged trustees to tell their legislators about the impact of Illinois's budget impasse on local colleges and students. Funding issues will be the top priority at [ICCTA's May 4 Lobby Day](#) in Springfield;
- Were informed that Trustee Roundtable participants discussed the Monetary Award Program , K-12 and dual credit initiatives, and how the lack of state funding is affecting community colleges;
- Learned that the Illinois Community College Board's Student Advisory Committee gathered 8,000 signatures and 300 letters in support of MAP grant funding this spring. Students will shift their focus to operational funding for community colleges during [Student Advocacy Day on April 20](#);
- Heard that ICCTA continues to explore ways to contain costs at its events, including the possibility of broadcasting Board of Representatives meetings online;
- Congratulated the 2016-2017 officers of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents:
 - Dr. Tom Ramage (Parkland) – chair
 - Dr. John Avendano (Kankakee) -- vice chair
 - Dr. Lori Sundberg (Sandburg) -- secretary/treasurer
- Recognized the winners of ICCTA's 2015-2016 [Reel Illinois student film competition](#):
 - 1st place, Local College category – Alex Jansen, [Highland Community College](#)
 - 2nd place, Local College category – [Elgin Community College](#)
 - 1st place, Small Business category -- Emma Hoary and Eric Marchessault, [McHenry County College](#)
 - 2nd place, Small Business category -- [William Rainey Harper College Film Club](#)The winning videos can be viewed on [ICCTA's YouTube channel](#);
- Encouraged trustees to submit [nominations for 2016-2017 ICCTA office](#). The nomination deadline is April 25, with candidate interviews to be conducted in Springfield on May 3;
- Were reminded that April 1 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 [Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship](#); and
- Thanked ICCTA's March meeting sponsor [OpTerra Energy Services](#).



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH 2016

- March 15 Primary election
- March 18 [Illinois Community College Board meetings](#), District 214 Central Office, Arlington Heights

APRIL 2016

- April 1 Nomination deadline for [ICCTA faculty, business/industry, peace, and student essay awards](#)
- April 1 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#) meeting, Chicago
- April 4 ICCTA West Central Region meeting, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg
- April 9-12 [American Association of Community Colleges convention](#), Chicago, Illinois
- April 19 [Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois awards banquet](#), President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield
- April 20 [Student Advocacy Day](#), State Capitol, Springfield
- April 21 [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
- April 29 [Illinois Board of Higher Education board retreat](#), Chicago (contingent on budget)

MAY 2016

- May 3 [ICCTA committee and board meetings](#), Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- May 4 [ICCTA Lobby Day](#), INB Conference Center and State Capitol Complex, Springfield
- May 31 Scheduled adjournment of the Illinois General Assembly, State Capitol, Springfield

JUNE 2016

- June 2 Illinois Council of Community College Presidents meeting, Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield
- June 3 [Illinois Community College Board meetings](#), Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield
- June 3 - 4 [ICCTA annual convention](#), Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield
[Student Leadership Institute](#), Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield
- June 9 - 10 [State Universities Retirement System meetings](#), location TBA
- June 21 [Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting](#), Illinois State University, Normal
- June 30 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission meetings](#), Chicago

The next [ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting](#) will take place on Tuesday afternoon, May 3, 2016, at the Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center in Springfield. Contact ICCTA at 1-800-454-2282 or iccta@communitycolleges.org for more information.

