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FROM THE DESK OF ACCT is an information briefing for the members of ACCT. This newsletter is designed to inform you of key activities and initiatives taking place at your Association.

EVENTS NOT TO MISS

THE FIRST GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF 2008

ACCT staff is preparing for the Governance Leadership Institute in San Antonio, TX, April 13-15, 2008. Currently more than 66 trustees are registered with 12 colleges sending teams of trustees and presidents. The Alamo Community College District will host a reception for participants. The Institute is a valuable opportunity for trustees to participate in an innovative learning opportunity on key indicators of effective boards, running effective meetings and handling difficult and controversial issues. There is still time to register and attend this exciting and interactive learning event. Visit www.acct.org for details and registration information.

The next Governance Leadership Institute will be held June 20-22 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. We encourage you to attend these highly interactive and unique learning opportunities. Register today at www.acct.org.

ACCT NEW YORK CITY CONGRESS UPDATE

Planning is underway for the 2008 Leadership Congress in New York. The Congress will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. We are thrilled by the number of high-quality requests for presentations that were submitted by our membership. The ACCT Congress Program Review Committee will review the submitted proposals. Staff will notify accepted concurrent and roundtable sessions participants in early May.

The Congress sessions will focus on one of five tracks:

1. Student Access and Educational Success
2. Workforce Development and Economic Vitality
3. Addressing the Equity Gap
4. Institutional Quality and the Campus of the Future
5. Effective Governance

ACCT appreciates the assistance provided by: Kathleen M. Pesile, member of the CUNY Board of Trustees; Jay Hershenson, Senior Vice Chancellor University Relations; and Messerlian Hourig, Deputy to the Secretary. With their help, we are busy organizing campus tours and other activities as part of the Congress. ACCT is also working with CUNY to schedule tours of local community colleges for Congress participants.

START PLANNING FOR NEW YORK

ABOUT NEW YORK CITY (NYC)

New York City covers over 300 square miles with a population of more than eight million in the city and 21 million in the metropolitan areas. New York, "the city that never sleeps," is exciting and vibrant with many attractions: museums, art, festivals, theaters, parks, gardens, historical landmarks, diverse architecture, and sports. All of these elements make it THE place to visit and tour all year long. NYC consists of Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island.

ACCT'S HEADQUARTER HOTEL

The New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, in the Times Square theater district of midtown Manhattan, is a world-class New York City hotel with newly renovated hotel rooms, high speed elevators, and six hotel restaurants and lounges. The New York Marriott Marquis Hotel is within walking distance of the Broadway theater district, Fifth Avenue/Madison Avenue shopping, Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center & NBC studio tours, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and Central Park/Zoo. Also nearby are Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, United Nations, and the Empire State Building.

REGISTER FOR CONGRESS TODAY

Online and Mail or Fax Congress Registration will open on March 31. Visit www.acct.org to download the forms or complete online registrations.

2008 U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 U.S. Professors of the Year Awards. The program, sponsored by CASE and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a great way to draw attention to outstanding teaching at community colleges. Now in its 27th year, this is the only national initiative that focuses solely on excellent undergraduate teaching and mentoring. The program is open to educators at four-year and two-year institutions. Nomination materials and information on the awards program are available at www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org. The deadline for all entries is Friday, April 18, 2008.

ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Nominations for Director-at-Large to the ACCT Board of Directors will be accepted until July 1, 2008. If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in New York during the Community College Leadership Congress, you are required to notify ACCT's president in writing of your intent to run. The president will send candidate information received by the deadline to ACCT's membership in August. Please see the Spring 2008 issue of the *Advisor* for submission instructions or to read about members who are currently running for these positions.

STATE, PROVINCE AND TERRITORY COORDINATORS NETWORK UPDATE

The Coordinators Network held its first orientation during the National Legislative Summit on Sunday, February 11, in Washington, D.C. The orientation/network meeting was facilitated by ACCT Vice-Chair Thomas M. Bennett, and included opening remarks from ACCT Chair Lynda Stanley. Each regional chair gave a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the coordinators and then separated into regional meetings to identify short-term goals.

For the current list of State, Province and Territory Coordinators, please visit www.acct.org and click on 'Governance.'

If you would like to know more about the Coordinators Network or are interested in becoming a State, Province or Territory Coordinator, please e-mail coordinators@acct.org or contact your Regional Chair:

CENTRAL REGION CHAIR: Dave Maguire, dmaguire@macomb.com

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WESTERN REGION CHAIR: M. Thomas Perkins, ctperkins@wncc.net

DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AWARDED \$10,000 GRANT

The Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) received the first ACCT Trust Fund Grant award for \$10,000. The Trust Fund Board was established by the ACCT Board of Directors for the purpose of financing projects pertaining to the education and training of community college and technical institution governing board members. In fulfilling its purpose, the Trust Fund Board has instituted an annual Trust Fund Grant and will award one or more grants totaling up to \$10,000 per year, up to 5 percent of Trust Fund Board assets.

Trust Fund Board members were interested in receiving submissions with a focus on board and trustee development and on advancing effective governance. The Trust Fund Board also sought submissions that were both innovative and worthy of national recognition and dissemination. Trust Fund Board members reviewed submitted proposals and evaluated each on a point scale measurement process. The submission by DCCCD was extremely well received and eloquently addresses both the criteria and spirit of the grant award.

ACCT will formally recognize DCCCD during the 2008 Annual Leadership Congress in New York City, October 29-November 1, 2008. DCCCD will also conduct a concurrent session during the Congress explaining its Trust Fund Grant activities and programs.

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE FOR 2008-09

On behalf of the ACCT Board of Directors, ACCT staff would like to express sincere appreciation for the consistent support that member boards and individual trustees give. Member college support has allowed ACCT to maintain a vanguard reputation in Washington for representing community college interests and as a force in helping to lead community colleges forward in the future.

Membership dues invoices will be mailed for the 2008-2009 fiscal year beginning on July, 1 2008. Invoices will be sent to your institution's CEO and should be promptly returned along with the FY09 dues payment. Membership dues are based on a sliding fee scale using institutional fall 2007 enrollment figures.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS IS LEAVING ACCT

After more than six years of service for ACCT, Liz Henkin, Director of Marketing and Communications, will pursue another professional opportunity. Liz will be working as Director of Strategic Marketing, Managed Services, for SunGard Higher Education in Philadelphia, PA. In her new role Liz will remain connected to higher education and likely will still have a close relationship with ACCT through SunGard. Liz will be working for ACCT until April 3.

YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK

THE AIRLIE HOUSE RETREAT

ACCT Chair Lynda Stanley and ACCT President and CEO Noah Brown were among the invitees for a retreat on global education and community colleges, March 9-11, hosted by the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID). The Retreat, "Thinking Again, and Anew, about Global Education in the 21st Century," brought together 20 community college leaders to the Airlie House Conference Center in Warrenton, VA. The retreat reprised the 1996 conversation - under the auspices of the Stanley Foundation - regarding the increasingly important role played by community colleges in helping to prepare individuals for the global economy. A white paper including the discussion and recommendations of the Airlie Retreat will be available in early summer. Recommendations regarding the role of trustees in fostering global competence will be a part of the white paper, which will be disseminated to ACCT members. For more information on CCID, visit <http://www.ccid.cc>.

NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

A recent report, *Winning the Skills Race and Strengthening America's Middle Class: An Action Agenda for Community Colleges*, highlights the essential but sometimes overlooked role of community colleges in securing the nation's economic and cultural future. An electronic version of the report can be obtained at: <http://www.collegeboard.com/communitycollege>.

Winning the Skills Race represents the culmination of a yearlong study of community colleges initiated by the College Board's Center for Innovative Thought by the National Commission for Community Colleges. The report identifies four challenges that must be addressed to leverage the full potential of community colleges: the rising costs of a college education; the mismatch between what is expected of community colleges and the resources provided to them; the need to emphasize and measure student success; and the challenge of monitoring institutional outcomes.

The College Board and ACCT are working together to promote this report. We urge you to study the commission's findings and recommendations and to contact Noah Brown (202-775-4667, nbrown@acct.org) or Ronald Williams (202-741-4720, rwilliams@collegeboard.org) with your suggestions regarding the ways we can use *Winning the Skills Race* at the local level to advance the mission of America's community colleges.

BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES

ACCT is pleased assist the following colleges and districts with new CEO searches:

- City College of San Francisco, CA
- Community College System of New Hampshire
- Riverside Community College District, CA
- Macomb Community College, MI
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, OH
- Lake Tahoe Community College, CA
- Ohlone College, CA
- Northeast Higher Education District, MN
- North Central State College, OH
- Long Star College System-Kingwood College, TX
- Hennepin Technical College, MN
- Moreno Valley College, Riverside Community College District, CA
- Prairie State College, IL
- Fox Valley Technical College, WI
- Rich Mountain Community College, AR
- MiraCosta College District, CA
- Chabot College, CA
- Truckee Meadows Community College, NV
- Mt. Hood Community College, OR
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

HOUSE PASSES HEA REAUTHORIZATION

In February, the House of Representatives passed the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, (H.R. 4137), which is its version of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, by a 354-58 vote. The House and Senate, which passed its bill last year, are working to conference their two bills and pass a final bill by the end of April. Please visit www.acct.org and click on "Latest Action in Washington" for the latest updates on this legislation and others.

HOUSE AND SENATE BEGIN PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE FEDERAL BUDGET

The House and the Senate are now working to craft a federal budget which will ultimately provide guidance to the Congressional Appropriators in crafting appropriations bills. It is early in the process and it is unclear what the final picture will be. From the discussions in Congress, we expect that Congress will provide more funds for education programs than what was initially proposed by the Administration in budget request for Fiscal Year 2009.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUSES

The community college caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives has 191 members! The Senate Community College Caucus has 29 members. Are your Representatives or Senators members? To check, visit www.acct.org and click on 'Advocacy.' If not, visit ACCT's Legislative Action Center and send an e-mail to your Representatives and Senators encouraging them to join.

Accepting Nominations for the 2008 Regional and Annual Awards Program

ACCT is pleased to announce its 2008 Regional and Annual Awards program. The Annual Awards brochure containing specific criteria and a nomination form was mailed to ACCT's membership last month. Complete nomination information and procedures are also available at www.acct.org.

ACCT invites you to submit nominations for the following Regional Awards:

- * TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP
- * EQUITY
- * CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- * FACULTY MEMBER
- * PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

Regional Award recipients are automatically nominated for the appropriate Annual Association Awards. Regional Award recipients will be notified in August 2008. Regional and Association Award recipients will be honored during a General Session at ACCT's Leadership Congress in New York City, October 29 - November 1, 2008. The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, July 11, 2008. If you need additional assistance with your nomination packet, please contact ACCT's Awards Department by e-mail: awards@acct.org or call 866-895-2228. Awards nominations will be accepted online and by mail. Visit www.acct.org to submit a nomination today.

**The deadline for submission is Friday, July 11, 2008.
Please nominate an outstanding leader or college in your community today!**

Does ACCT Have your Address and E-mail Information?

ACCT is pleased to provide a new and improved on-line membership directory. Visit www.acct.org and click on the 'Member Login' icon to enter your unique login number and password. You will have direct access to the information ACCT currently has about you, your board members, and your institution. By using the information contained in your ACCT membership card — sent to members in January — you can update your mailing and e-mail addresses, while your professional board staff can add new board members and remove those no longer serving. We hope you enjoy this new database and thank you in advance for keeping your records up to date. If you forget your username or password, please refer to your membership card, or contact the ACCT office at 866-895-2228 or acctinfo@acct.org for assistance.



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