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New ACCT Executive Committee and Board Members

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair
Robin M. Smith
Lansing Community College, MI

Chair-Elect
Roberto Zárate
Alamo Colleges, TX

Vice Chair
Bakari Lee
Hudson County Community College, NJ

Secretary-Treasurer
Emily Yim
Edmonds Community College, WA

Immediate Past Chair
LeRoy W. Mitchell
Westchester Community College, NY

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Tamela Cullens
South Florida State College, FL

Dennis Troy
Bladen Community College

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Norwood Ogé
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

Robert Proctor
Lansing Community College, MI

2014 – 2015 Board of Directors

Robin M. Smith, Chair
Lansing Community College, MI

Roberto Zárate, Chair-Elect
Alamo Colleges, TX

Bakari Lee, Vice Chair
Hudson County Community College, NJ

Emily Yim, Secretary-Treasurer
Edmonds Community College, WA

LeRoy W. Mitchell, Immediate Past Chair
Westchester Community College, NY

Diane Gallagher, Central Regional Chair
Highland Community College, IL

William E. Coleman, Jr., Northeast Regional Chair
Mercer County Community College, NJ

Jane Straun, Pacific Regional Chair
Cochise College, AZ

Randall Jackson, Southern Regional Chair
Midlands Technical College, SC

Robert Felt, Western Regional Chair
Southeast Community College, NE

Tamela Cullens
South Florida State College, FL

Kirsten Diederich
North Dakota University System, ND

Stanley Edwards
Halifax Community College, NC

Mary Figueroa
Riverside Community College District, CA

Jim Harper
Portland Community College, OR

Connie Hornebeck
Iowa Western Community College, IA

Vernon Jung
Moraine Park Technical College, WI

Greg Knott
Parkland College, IL

Jeffrey A. May
Joliet Junior College, IL

Kent O. Miller
Mid Plains Community College, NE

Norwood Ogé
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

Clare Ollayas
Elgin Community College, IL

Hector Ortiz
Harrisburg Area Community College, PA

Robert Proctor, Diversity Committee Chair
Lansing Community College, MI

Dennis Troy
Bladen Community College, NC

Rafael Turner
Mott Community College, MI
2015 Board and Diversity Committee Election Process and Deadlines

Each member of the Board of Directors and Diversity Committee at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions. No more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member of the ACCT Board of Directors (or Diversity Committee) at the same time.

Candidates who plan to come before a nominating committee are required to submit written notification of their intent to run to the ACCT President & CEO at the Washington, D.C. office. Notification must be received by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on Friday, January 16, 2015, or by mail with a return receipt on January 16, 2015.

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:
- A letter of declaration to run for office;
- A letter of support from the individual’s board;
- A one-page resume that should focus on community college-related service and other civic activities and may include brief information on education and occupation;
- A narrative statement, not to exceed 150 words, on qualifications (for inclusion in voting materials to be printed);
- A 5” x 7” head-and-shoulders photo, preferably in color. Submit by e-mail (preferred) or by mail (print photos will not be returned). Photos submitted electronically should be 300 DPI or higher resolution; and
- An optional single letter of support from an ACCT member board. This letter of support must be limited to one page.

The ACCT president will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to each member of the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee by February 1, 2015.

Please e-mail nominations to: nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via return e-mail within three working days. Please contact Jee Hang Lee, Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations, at jhlee@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days. Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Note: The ACCT Bylaws provide for nominations from the floor for all elections. Nominations must be made by a voting delegate from each candidate’s respective institution. The voting delegate making the nomination must make the nomination on behalf of the member board and provide a letter affirming the member board’s support at or before the nomination.

Openings for ACCT Board of Directors

There will be one opening for a three-year term as Regional Director in each ACCT region. Listed below are the ACCT Board Members who currently hold these positions. *(eligible for re-election)*

Central Region
Diane Gallagher*
Highland Community College, IL

Northeast Region
William E. Coleman, Jr.
Mercer County Community College, NJ

Pacific Region
Emily Yim*
Edmonds Community College, WA

Southern Region
Randall Jackson*
Midlands Technical College, SC

Western Region
Robert Feit
Southeast Community College, NE

Openings for ACCT Directors-at-Large

There will be three openings for three-year terms as Directors-at-Large. Listed below are the ACCT Board Members who currently hold these positions. *(eligible for re-election)*

Stanley Edwards*
Halifax Community College, NC

Jeff May
Joliet Junior College, IL

Rafael Turner*
Mott Community College, MI
Director-at-Large Election Process

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until July 1, 2015.

Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions. No more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member of the ACCT Board of Directors (or Diversity Committee) at the same time.

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in San Diego, California during the 2015 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and want to appear in the Fall Advisor, you are required to submit written notification of your intent to run to the ACCT President & CEO at the Washington, D.C. office. Your notification must be received with a postmark date of July 1, 2015 or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on July 1, 2015. The president will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to the ACCT membership in September.

Note: If you would like to seek the support of your regional nominating committee, your nomination materials must be received with a return receipt postmark date of Friday, January 16, 2015 or by electronic mail (preferred method) by the close of business on Friday, January 16, 2015.

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:
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2015 ACCT REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CENTRAL REGION
Janice Lund, Chair
Iowa Lakes Community College, IA
Tammie DeVooght Blaney
Fox Valley Technical College, WI
Dawn Erlanson
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN
David Harby
Danville Area Community College, IL
Larry Meyer
Lansing Community College, MI

NORTHEAST REGION
Jeremiah White, Jr., Chair
Community College of Philadelphia, PA
Laura Bohm
Geneseo Community College, NY
Diane Dixon-Proctor
Anne Arundel Community College, MD
James Ridley
North Shore Community College, MA
Maria Ivette Torres
Atlantic Cape Community College, NJ

PACIFIC REGION
John Leal, Chair
State Center Community College District, CA
Tony McCown
Lane Community College, OR
Vicki Orrico
Bellevue College, WA
Sekuini Seva’aetasi
American Samoa Community College, AS

SOUTHERN REGION
Carolyn Williams, Chair
Palm Beach State College, FL
Robert Brown
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA
Dallas Freeman
Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC
Susan Hunt
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS
Robert J. Reid
Trident Technical College, SC

WESTERN REGION
Allen Benson
Murray State College, OK
Robert Browder
Temple College, TX
Mary Ann Flunder
Kansas City KS Community College, KS
Roger Garcia
Metropolitan Community College, NE
Jim Vogt
Northwest College, WY
Openings for ACCT Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee ensures leadership for the involvement of historically underrepresented populations within the governance activities of ACCT. It promotes respect for and acceptance of diverse individuals and promotes awareness and educational opportunities for underrepresented populations. The Diversity Committee advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

There will be one opening for a two-year term in each ACCT region. Listed below are the Diversity Committee members who currently hold these positions. (*eligible for re-election)

Central Region
Victor Gonzalez*
Blackhawk Technical College, WI

Northeast Region
VACANCY

Pacific Region
Diane Noriega*
Mt. Hood Community College, OR

Southern Region
Robert Chester*
Albany Technical College, GA

Western Region
Jimmy Sandoval*
Mesalands Community College, NM

Your Board and Committees at Work

The ACCT Board of Directors and Committee members participated in the 2014 Invitational Symposium October 21 and 22 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The day-and-a-half long symposium focused on income inequality and the education divide, and featured interactive presentations by high-profile education and policy leaders, as well as group sessions, which asked all participants to collaborate on the creation of an ACCT Equity Action Agenda document, to be published and released in 2015.

The board met in Westchester, NY for the summer board retreat, and twice in Chicago, IL during the 2014 ACCT Leadership Congress. ACCT Board Committees also met on October 21 and 22, in advance of the 45th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

Summer ACCT Board of Directors Meeting

• Reviewed recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committees on Vision and Strategic Planning and Board Development and Education;
• Conducted an in-depth discussion regarding the formation of a new Trustee Advisory Committee to replace the Trust Fund Board, which has fulfilled its mission.

Annual 2014 ACCT Leadership Congress
October 22 Board meeting:
• Formally approved the creation of new Trustee Education Advisory Committee;
• ACCT travel per diem raised from $50 to $100, relative to peer organizations;
• ACCT business insurance amended to include cyber insurance coverage.
• Special guests present: U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education Mark Mitsui, Association of Colleges (United Kingdom) Chair Carole Stott and Vice Chair Mark White, Abdul Rahman A. Al-Arfaj, Dean, Dammam Community College (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), and American Association of Community Colleges Chair Ken Atwater and President & CEO Walter Bumphus

October 24 Board meeting:
• Newly elected board members took the oath of office;
• Executive Committee elections held.

Board Committees:
• The Governance and Bylaws Committee approved the addition of gender expression and gender identity to the Diversity Committee mission statement;

• The Finance and Audit committee accepted the FY2013 audit as presented;
• The Public Policy Committee approved the 2015-16 community college legislative priorities agenda;
• The Member Communications and Education Committee discussed investigating means by which to strengthen the members-only section of the ACCT website, including posting committee agendas and other materials to the site for members;
• The Diversity Committee created an ad-hoc committee to consider revising the ACCT Equity Award criteria language to clarify that the category addresses a broad variety of diversity-related concerns.

The Board of Directors, Board Committees, and the State Coordinators Network will next meet on February 9, 2015, in Washington, D.C., immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit. For more information about how to get involved with any of these groups, go to www.acct.org/committees or email acctinfo@acct.org.
Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the Bylaws

According to Article XIV of the Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

Section 1. Origination
Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing by: the Executive Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or at least five Voting Members.

Section 2. Procedure
a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than July 1 of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee, through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Director’s recommendations.

b. If the Governance and Bylaws Committee recommends modification of a proposal and the Board of Directors approves the modification or approves an alternative modification, the sponsor shall be so notified of the proposed modification. Should the sponsor find the modification unacceptable, the original proposal, together with the Board of Director’s recommendation, shall be submitted to the Senate for action.

c. Written notice of the proposed change shall be sent to each Voting Member at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

d. The Senate shall consider all proposed amendments which meet the requirements, and any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be adopted.

e. An amendment becomes effective at the close of the Senate meeting at which it was adopted.

f. Proposed amendments not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate if the Senate votes to suspend the rules to consider the amendment by a two-thirds vote. The amendment shall require a two-thirds vote to be adopted.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING SENATE RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7, of the Bylaws, resolutions may be submitted in writing to the governing body of the Association. The resolution shall include the following:

a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the governing body of the Association, through the president, no later than July 1 of that year. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by a Voting Member, the Board of Directors, or the governing body of the Association.

b. The governing body of the Association shall study all proposals received and shall forward comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. This report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than thirty days in advance of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.

c. Proposed resolutions following the process of paragraphs a. and b. above must have a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be adopted.

d. Proposed resolutions not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate under the following procedure:

1. The proposed resolution must be submitted to the president in writing, signed by the voting delegates of at least five Voting Members, prior to the Senate meeting.

2. The Senate must suspend the rules, without debate, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.

3. The proposed resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.

e. Resolutions adopted by the Senate shall expire on the termination date set in the Resolution, or, if there is not a termination date, three years after the date of adoption, unless re-authorized by the Senate.
Election Process — 2015 ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity Committee Inside.

ACCT DEADLINES

 ► National Legislative Summit
   Early Bird Registration – December 19, 2014
 ► National Legislative Summit
   Hotel Registration – January 16, 2015
 ► Board of Directors Candidate Nominations
   January 16, 2015
 ► Diversity Committee Candidate Nominations
   January 16, 2015
 ► Amendments to ACCT Bylaws
   July 1, 2015
 ► Submitting Resolutions
   July 1, 2015

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