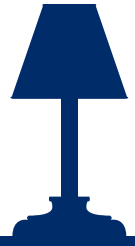




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From The Desk of ACCT



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

ON THE ROAD

ACCT PRESIDENT & CEO J. NOAH BROWN continues to visit and speak to trustees. On April 21-25, he was in Long Beach, CA for the AACC Annual Convention, and on May 5-6 he spoke to members of the Community College League of California on Advocacy and ACCT initiatives, including ACCT Board Members Paul Gomez and Paul Fong. Noah also traveled to Pittsburgh, PA on May 11 to participate in a fundraising seminar at the invitation of Corporate Council member Ketchum.

NEXT UP: Noah will travel to the state of Washington May 18-20, Wisconsin on July 14 and Michigan on July 22 to address member trustees at their State Association meetings. Noah would be pleased to have an opportunity to visit with you in your state or speak to your board. If you are interested, please contact Liz Henkin at ehenkin@acct.org.

STAFF NEWS

PLEASE WELCOME THREE NEW EMPLOYEES TO THE ACCT STAFF. Jee Hang Lee, Director of Public Policy began on May 1 and can be reached by e-mail at jhlee@acct.org. Adonia Calhoun Coates, Coordinator for Education Services and Outreach started with ACCT on May 9 and can be reached by e-mail at acoates@acct.org. Aisha Payne, Membership Services Assistant began on May 15 and can be reached by e-mail at apayne@acct.org. Aisha replaces Andrea Bristol, who relocated to North Carolina. In addition, Liz Henkin, ACCT Marketing and Communications Specialist, was promoted to ACCT Director of Marketing and Communications.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE OPENINGS FOR ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THERE WILL BE THREE OPENINGS FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS AS DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE to be elected at the Senate meeting during the 2006 ACCT Annual Community College Leadership Congress in Orlando, Florida, October 11-14. For more details, visit the ACCT website and click on "**Board Election Process**" under Board of Directors. Nominations for Director-At-Large will be accepted until July 1, 2006.

WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE?

ACCT IS STILL ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS for the 2006 Regional Awards. Please encourage your college to submit nominations! Details can be found on www.acct.org. Nominations for ACCT's 2006 Regional & Association Awards are due on **May 19, 2006**. Please contact Catherine Reid at creid@acct.org if you need assistance. **Submissions after the May 19 deadline may still be considered.**

NEW MEMBER COLLEGES

ACCT IS PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS. Both **H. Lavity Stoutt Community College**, British Virgin Islands and **Bermuda College**, Bermuda joined ACCT this spring. Welcome to our new international colleagues!

ACCT IN LONG BEACH, CA

ACCT SPONSORED A PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING PROGRAM ON WORKING with a board and being an effective candidate during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA. Narcisa Polonio, ACCT Vice President for Board Leadership Services, worked with over 35 senior administrators poised to rise to the college presidency. This program is part of ACCT's effort to identify the next generation of community college leaders.

ADVOCACY

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS OVER 100 MEMBERS! Is your representative a member? 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 Representative encouraging them to join.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES CHANGES

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH ANNOUNCED THE NOMINATION OF TROY R. JUSTESEN to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education at the Department. Justesen currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Deputy Assistant Secretary Beto Gonzalez has been serving as Acting Secretary. President Bush also announced his designation of James Manning, to serve as Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education. Manning served as Chief of Staff at Federal Student Aid and as Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Manning replaces Sally Stroup who left the Department to return to Capitol Hill. For more information, visit www.ed.gov.

KEY STAFF CHANGES ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, REP. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON, announced that Vic Klatt would be the Committee's new staff director. Klatt was the vice president of Van Scoyoc Associates and served as a senior staffer for the Committee in the 1990's. Additionally, Sally Stroup was named the Committee's new deputy staff director. In her previous position, Stroup was the assistant secretary for the office of postsecondary education at the Department of Education. For more information, please visit <http://edworkforce.house.gov>.

DEPT. OF EDUCATION CONVENES COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKING GROUP

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNDER THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, convened the American Competitiveness Community College Working Group meeting on May 11 in Washington, D.C. ACCT's Jee Hang Lee joined other stakeholders to discuss and showcase the innovative ways community colleges are educating and preparing students for the 21st Century. This meeting is a continuation of Community College Working Group Meetings that began under former Community College Specialist Joan Athen's leadership.

EDUCATION SECRETARY SPELLING HOLDS FIRST NCLB INVITATIONAL FORUM

ACCT PRESIDENT & CEO J. NOAH BROWN WAS ONE OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONAL leaders to attend the first Invitational Forum focusing on the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, held in Philadelphia, PA on April 27. The Forum focused on preparing teachers and their impact on academic performance. Secretary Margaret Spellings plans additional Forums in other cities over the next year.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS SEND LETTER TO CONGRESS

ACCT SIGNED-ON TO A LETTER AUTHORED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING and the Coalition for Health Funding calling for increases in funding for domestic programs. In total, ACCT joined 785 organizations in support of increasing the allocation for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations by \$7 billion. Last year, the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill sustained deep cuts and its total funding was reduced by \$1.6 billion.

ACCT & EthicsPoint: Assess Risk on Campus

ACCT is pleased to join with Corporate Council member EthicsPoint, Inc., to bring you an exclusive three-part Webinar series that focuses on risk assessment on college campuses. The first Webinar, **The Current Landscape and How to Create a Risk Conscious Campus**, will be held on Tuesday May 23, at 1 p.m. EST (10 a.m. Pacific) and will last one hour. There is no cost to participate in this event. The Moderator will be Sharene Rekow, CAE, MSED, MIM, Education Channel Director, EthicsPoint, Inc. The Presenters are Joe Freiburger, Associate Director, Protiviti and Lynda Ramirez-Blust, Associate Director, Protiviti. For more information and to register for this new interactive learning opportunity, please visit www.acct.org/Template3.asp?bid=3305.

Orlando Congress Update

ACCT is busy planning for an exciting Congress in Orlando! This year's theme is **The Mandate for Trusteeship: The Changing Landscape**. Join us October 11-14 at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center. Register online, by mail or fax. The early bird deadline is August 30, 2006. Look for the Orlando Congress brochure in your mailbox to get all the details you need to plan your ACCT Congress experience. Please visit www.acct.org for updated program details and information.

For more information on planning activities while in Orlando, please visit the Orlando Visitors Center website at www.orlandoinfo.com.

Board Leadership Services Update

ACCT is assisting with **presidential searches** at
San Jose City College, CA
San Jose/Evergreen Community College District, CA
College of San Mateo, CA
San Mateo County Community College District, CA

Oakton Community College, IL
Galveston College, TX
Blinn College, TX

ACCT is facilitating **retreats** at
Lincoln Land Community College, IL
Oklahoma City Community College, OK
College of DuPage, IL

ACCT was asked to assist with **board-self assessment and/or presidential evaluation** by Clark State Community College, OH and Kirkland Community College, MI.

For information on ACCT retreat, search or evaluation services please contact: Narcisa at npolonio@acct.org or 202-276-1983.

Workshop/Seminar

ACCT and EntreWorks Consulting hosted the second program in their joint series that focuses on innovative community college approaches to economic and workforce development entitled **The 360° of Economic Development: The Experience of Cuyahoga Community College, OH**.

Over 20 educational leaders participated in a presentation by Ann Hach, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Community College's Key Entrepreneur Center. She discussed her experience in developing the Corporate College at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio and shared her perspective on how community colleges can become key players in local efforts to spur economic development and entrepreneurship. For more information please contact J. Noah Brown at nbrown@acct.org.

Website/Membership Database Update

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ACCT'S website for program and event information. We frequently update our membership database and e-mail addresses. If we do not have your most recent e-mail address, please send it to us at: acctinfo@acct.org

If you wish to update your address go to: www.acct.org and click on **Membership**, then click on **Update your Member Profile** to gain direct access to the current information ACCT has about you, your board members and your institution. If you are unable to access or update your information, please contact us by e-mail: acctinfo@acct.org, or by phone 202-775-4667 or 1-866-895-ACCT (2228). We look forward to hearing from you.

REGISTER FOR ACCT'S GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Chairing the Board: the Crucial Leadership Role of the Chair and the Executive Committee of the Board

ACCT is pleased to announce a cutting-edge Governance Leadership Institute specifically geared toward current chairs, vice chairs and trustees in line to become chairs of the board, officers of the board, members of the executive committee of the board and presidents.

The Institute will focus on Best Practices and the Eight Principles of Effective Board Leadership:

1. The chair as an effective leader: Chair's roles and responsibilities
2. The right chemistry and being productive: The Chair/CEO relationship
3. Leading by example: How to organize and run an effective meeting
4. Building trust and demonstrating integrity: Code of ethics
5. Being consistent and following parliamentary procedure: By-laws, annual calendar and leadership succession planning
6. Big picture focus: Board self-assessment and presidential evaluation
7. The importance of debates: Handling difficult and controversial issues
8. Teambuilding: Understanding the important role of the executive committee and the chairs of the board's committees.

To register and for a detailed agenda, please visit: www.acct.org/Template3.asp?bid=3166 or contact **Liz Henkin** at ehenkin@acct.org for more details.



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