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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.

ON THE ROAD

ACCT PRESIDENT AND CEO J. NOAH BROWN HAD THE HONOR OF ADDRESSING THE PHI THETA KAPPA student honorees from across the state of Kansas while in Topeka on February 14, during their annual awards luncheon. In the audience were trustees and presidents from Kansas, the Kansas Board of Regents, and members of the Kansas Legislature.

NOAH GAVE THE BOB DEMATTEIS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20 at the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. The speech, *Using Your Board as a Creative Force* was delivered to over 300 attendees. Following the keynote address, Noah and ACCT Director of Marketing and Communications, Liz Henkin, led an Idea Exchange based on the topic: *What Trustees, PR Professions and Marketers have in Common*.

NOAH HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK TO THE COLLEGE BOARD'S National Commission on Community Colleges on April 30, during their meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. He will share information regarding community college boards and the policy challenges they confront as they work to lead their institutions into the future.

NEXT UP FOR NOAH:

April 13-17
American Association of Community Colleges
Tampa, FL

MAY 17-19

Washington Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges
Spokane, WA

MAY 24-26

Missouri Community College Association Conference
Lake of the Ozarks, MO

NOAH HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY AND EDUCATION COUNCIL, overseeing the community college summit initiative program, under the auspices of the Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. (CCID). The program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and will meet twice a year to oversee and monitor activities to help trustees and presidents learn about international exchanges and cooperation.

NOAH WILL BE SERVING ON THE NATIONAL AWARD REVIEW PANEL FOR THE 2008 *MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Award*. The award has been presented every two years since 2002 and is given to two community colleges that have adopted policies and practices that result in greater postsecondary success for low-income, minority and first-generation college-going students.

ACCT WILL SPONSOR PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES (AACCC) annual meeting on April 13 and 14 in Tampa, FL, to assist aspiring presidents. The session will focus on learning to work with Boards of Trustees and how to be an effective candidate.

ADVOCACY

The Community College Caucus in the U.S. House Representatives has over 140 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.

2007 NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

This year's National Legislative Summit was the largest in history. The NLS serves as a catalyst for community college trustees and leaders to come together to advocate for critical issues before Congress and the Administration. While your attendance at the NLS is critical, it is just as important for trustees to continue to be strong advocates at home. Thank you for doing your part in supporting the community college mission.

ACCT LEADERSHIP ATTENDS HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT

ACCT Executive Committee members attended the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Summit on March 21 and 22 in Washington, D.C.. The Summit, *A Test of Leadership: Committing to Advance Post-Secondary Education for All Americans*, was attended by ACCT Chair, Kitty Boyle; Vice-Chair, Arthur Anthonisen; Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas Bennett; Immediate Past Chair, Ken Burke and President and CEO, J. Noah Brown. The Summit included over 300 education, business and policy leaders who worked in groups to identify strategies for addressing higher education issues raised by Secretary Spellings' Commission on the Future of Higher Education. Regional summits are being planned for this summer, and ACCT will continue to be involved in helping to focus attention on the needs of community colleges and the many ways those colleges can help address the Commission's focus on quality, accessibility and affordability in higher education.

HOUSE PASSES H.R. 990

In February, the House of Representatives passed by voice H.R. 990, "Pell Grant Equity Act of 2007." The bill eliminates the "tuition sensitivity" provision of the Higher Education Act that discriminates against the neediest community college students by reducing their Pell Grant award based on the students' attendance at a lower-cost college. Over two hundred thousand students are subject to this provision. The Senate is expected to consider the bill. Also, the U.S. Department of Education's FY2008 Budget request stated its support for eliminating tuition sensitivity.

CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORS INTRODUCE THE DREAM ACT

House and Senate sponsors introduced the DREAM Act. The DREAM Act permits states to allow undocumented students to receive in-state tuition benefits. Additionally, the bill creates a pathway to citizenship for these students based on their attendance in a higher education institution or military service. The bill will likely be considered as part of a comprehensive immigration reform bill.

ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Nominations for Director-at-Large to the ACCT Board will be accepted until July 1, 2007. If you wish to run for a director-at-Large seat in San Diego 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 the ACCT membership in August. Please see the Spring 2007 issue of *The Advisor* for submission instructions or to read about members who are currently running for these positions.

REGIONAL, STATE AND PROVINCE CHAIRS NETWORK

At the NLS in February, the Ad Hoc Regional, State and Province Chairs Network Review Committee suggested improvements or changes to its composition, structure and process. The goal of the Network is to serve as a link between ACCT and member boards. Chaired by Richard N. Adams, former ACCT Chair and trustee at Edison Community College, OH, the Ad Hoc Review Committee presented its final report to ACCT's Board during the 2007 NLS board meeting. The board will discuss the report at its summer retreat with the goal to begin implementation of the recommendations at the San Diego Congress.

TRUST FUND BOARD GRANT OPPORTUNITY

ACCT's Board of Directors established the Trust Fund Board Grant to finance projects pertaining to the education and training of community college governing board members. The Trust Fund Board, with ACCT Board approval, created a program to award one or more annual grants, not to exceed 5% of the Trust Fund Board assets, up to \$10,000. The purpose of the grant is to fund projects that focus on programs and/or activities of national interest to ACCT member boards and individual trustees. Eligible recipients will be non-profit organizations with knowledge of the educational needs of community college trustees. Grant instructions and requirements will be released this year.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN (NCRW) CELEBRATED IS 25TH ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 7. Vice President for Board Leadership Services, Narcisa A. Polonio, Ed.D., member of the Presidents Circle of Supports, represented ACCT. The NCRW is an alliance of 110 leading research, advocacy and policy centers located in universities and colleges throughout the nation.

NARCISA HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN A NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP, sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership, Washington, D.C. The Lumina Foundation has funded a two-year study of the Institute's Policy Fellowship Program and how best to identify and prepare the next generation of educational leaders.

LIZ HENKIN PARTICIPATED AS ONE OF TWELVE JUDGES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S (UCEA) Marketing and Publications Awards. The awards recognize the best marketing practices and promotional pieces in the field of continuing education. UCEA Award winners will be recognized and celebrated at their Association's 2007 Conference in Vancouver.

ACCT'S GENERAL COUNSEL, IRA M. SHEPARD WAS NAMED AS ONE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.'S SUPER LAWYERS. The selection as a *Super Lawyer* is a process directed at casting a wide net and evaluating objective criteria. The criteria for selection include a survey of lawyers, an independent candidate search, evaluation of candidates, peer evaluation by practice area and the final selection. The Washington DC's *Super Lawyers 2007* is published as a supplement to the *Law and Politics Magazine*.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2007 COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

ACCT's Community College Leadership Congress will take place September 26-29 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. This year's theme is *Securing Future Economic Prosperity: The Role of Community College Trustees*. Meeting registration and hotel reservations will open on April 16, 2007.

CHANGES TO ACCT'S REGISTRATION AND HOUSING POLICY

Beginning this year with ACCT's Congress in San Diego, participants must first register for the Congress in order to be eligible for a hotel room at ACCT's headquarter hotel. The ACCT Board hopes this new policy will alleviate the overbooking of sleeping rooms. Congress registration and hotel reservations will open on April 16. Please contact Lila Farmer, Coordinator for Membership & Meeting Logistics at lfarmer@acct.org if you have any questions on the new policy.

ACCT'S GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TO BE HELD IN RENO, NEVADA

ACCT's second Governance Leadership Institute of the year: The Crucial Leadership Role of the Chair and the Executive Committee of the Board - Public Speaking and Handling the Media, will take place July 13-15. The Leadership Institute for trustees and CEOs will be held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort in Reno, Nevada. Learn best practices, the 8 Principles of Effective Board Leadership, and much more!. View a detailed agenda and registration information at www.acct.org. The Spring 2007 *Advisor* also contains detailed information about the event and a registration form.

ACCT'S BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES IS ASSISTING THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCHES:

Chippewa Valley Technical College, WI
North Idaho College
Eastern Wyoming College

RETREATS:

Rockland Community College, NY
North Harris Montgomery College District, TX
Rich Mountain Community College, AR
Santa Monica College, CA
San Joaquin Delta Community College, CA
Northcentral Technical College, WI
New Hampshire Community Technical College
Northern Wyoming Community College District

PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION OR BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT SERVICES:

North Central State College, OH
Baltimore City Community College, MD
Tulsa Community College, OK
San Joaquin Delta Community College, CA
Northern Wyoming Community College District

INTERIM PRESIDENT SERVICES

North Idaho College

ACCT IS NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2007 REGIONAL AWARDS

ACCT is pleased to announce its 2007 Awards program. The Annual Awards brochure containing specific criteria and a nomination form was mailed to ACCT's membership in January. Complete nomination information and procedures are also available at www.acct.org.

ACCT is requesting nominations for the following Regional Awards:

- * Trustee Leadership
- * Chief Executive Officer
- * Equity
- * Faculty Member
- * Professional board Staff Member

The Regional Award recipients are automatically nominated for the appropriate Association Award. Both the Regional and Association Awards will be announced during ACCT's Leadership Congress in San Diego, California, September 26-29, 2007. The deadline for submission is May 7, 2007. If you need additional assistance with your nomination packet, please contact ACCT 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, May 7. Please nominate
an outstanding leader or college in your community!



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