



Lynda Stanley, Chair

J. Noah Brown, President & CEO

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 WAS NAMED TO THE U.S. - DENMARK STEERING COMMITTEE. Assistant Secretary for Adult and Vocational Education, Troy Justesen appointed Noah to the U.S. - Denmark Steering Committee. The committee advises the U.S. Department of Education on its collaborative agreement with the Education Ministry of Denmark to link U.S. community colleges with Danish businesses and technical colleges to promote student exchanges that combine academics with work experiences. Noah traveled to Denmark on October 6, with Assistant Secretary Justesen and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges Pat Stanley, and others, to participate in meetings and site visits in and around Copenhagen.

NOAH ATTENDED AND LED A SPECIAL SERIES FOR TRUSTEES AT THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF TWO-YEAR COLLEGES CONFERENCE, October 14-15, in Hot Springs, AR. He then traveled to Columbus, OH, to speak at the Ohio Association for Community Colleges Conference, October 18-19. Noah will then visit Tucson, AZ, October 26-27 to attend the Arizona Community College Association Annual Fall Conference.

NOAH AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY JEE HANG LEE ATTENDED THE JOBS FOR THE FUTURE "Doubling the Numbers" conference, October 4-5 in Washington, DC. Supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the conference focused on identifying collaborative strategies between the secondary and postsecondary education sectors to "double the numbers" of low-income students graduating from high school and attending the nation's colleges and universities.

NARCISA A. POLONIO, Ed.D., VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND BOARD LEADERSHIP SERVICES, was invited to present at the Annual Conference for the National Community College Hispanic Council, September 21, 2007, "A New Vision for Community College Latinos in Leadership." Narcisa participated in a three hour session on understanding the search process.

DURING ACCT'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CONGRESS IN SAN DIEGO, CA, new officers and Board Members were announced.

ACCT's Executive Committee:

LYNDA STANLEY, CHAIR

Brunswick Community College, NC

ARTHUR ANTHONISEN, CHAIR-ELECT

Orange County Community College, NY

THOMAS M. BENNETT, VICE CHAIR

Parkland College, IL

PETER E. SERCER, SR., SECRETARY-TREASURER

Midlands Technical College, SC

KITTY BOYLE, IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Dallas County Community College District, TX

Regional and Director-at-Large Board Members:

Pacific Region Directors

ROBERTO URANGA

Long Beach Community College District, CA

ELIZABETH Y. CHEN [Two-Year Partial Term]

Highline Community College, WA

Western Region Directors

KEN BARTLETT

Rose State College, OK

DORIS DEWTON [One-Year Partial Term]

Colorado Mountain College

Directors-At-Large

DONALD L. SINGER

San Bernardino Community College District, CA

DOROTHY "DOTTIE" SMITH

State Center Community College District, CA

CELIA TURNER

Mott Community College, MI

Diversity Committee Chair

JAMES POLK

Illinois Central College

For the complete list of newly elected and re-elected ACCT Board and Diversity Committee members, please look for the Fall *Advisor* that will be mailed to the membership in October.

ADVOCACY

The Community College Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives has more than 150 members and the Senate Caucus now has 19 members. Are your Representatives and Senators members? To check, visit www.acct.org and click on Advocacy. If they are not, visit ACCT's Legislative Action Center and send an e-mail to your Representatives and Senators encouraging them to join.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL INCREASING PELL GRANTS

In late September, President George W. Bush signed H.R. 2669, the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 into law. H.R. 2669 provides an infusion of over \$11 billion for Pell Grant funding. This bill will increase the Pell Grant maximum by \$490 in 2008-09 and 2009-10, \$690 in 2010-11 and 2011-12, and \$1,090 in 2012-13. For more information, or to see the bill, visit: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/R?cp110:FLD010:@1\(hr317\)](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/R?cp110:FLD010:@1(hr317))

CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT WORKING TO FINALIZE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Prior to the end of the federal fiscal year, Congress and the President moved a continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded until November 16. The Senate is expected to begin floor consideration of its Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill. Overall, Congress and the President need to finalize and pass 12 appropriations bills. With Congress and the President very far apart on the funding levels in these bills, Congress will probably work until late December, or even early next year before they are finalized.

SHARE YOUR EXAMPLES ON THE PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

ACCT recently created a public policy forum in the Advocacy section of its website. The forum allows trustees to share and communicate with each other about specific issue areas. To participate in the forum, visit: <http://www.acct.org/Template6.asp?bid=4321>

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT 2008: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

Charlie Cook and Stuart Rothenberg will offer the keynote address during the National Legislative Summit General Session luncheon on Monday, February 11, 2008. Cook and Rothenberg are the leading political analysts on political elections and will provide their insights on the upcoming Presidential and Congressional races.

NLS Event registration and hotel reservations are now available by visiting www.acct.org or by contacting ACCT at 866-895-2228. We hope to see you in Washington, DC!

ACCT IS PLEASED TO WELCOME NEW MEMBER COLLEGES

Barstow Community College District, CA; College of Marin, CA; Cuesta College, CA; Flint River Technical College, GA; Henry Ford Community College, MI; Central Oregon Community College; Treasure Valley Community College, OR; Northeastern Technical College, SC; Danville Community College, VA.

We are so pleased to have these colleges as new ACCT members.

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2007 ANNUAL CONGRESS

With record high participation, timely sessions and a wonderful location, the 2007 Community College Leadership Congress was extremely successful. Thank you for your attendance and support. As a result of the meeting, ACCT received a number of very positive reviews from local and national higher education publications. To read these articles please visit www.acct.org and click on "Congress Event Recap." Additionally, selected session handouts are available to download from www.acct.org.

CONGRATULATIONS ACCT NATIONAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

M. DALE ENSIGN TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

Harold L. Brock, Hawkeye Community College, Iowa

WILLIAM H. MEARDY FACULTY MEMBER

Glenda Boling, Danville Area Community College, Illinois

MARIE Y. MARTIN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Constance M. Carroll, San Diego Community College District, CA

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF MEMBER

Janet Dale, Northern Wyoming Community College District

CHARLES KENNEDY EQUITY

Portland Community College, OR

ACCT BOARD APPROVES NEW VISION STATEMENT

In a continuing effort to monitor ACCT Board Policies, the ACCT Board of Directors approved the following new Vision Statement during the San Diego Congress. The new Vision Statement will replace the current Ends Policies (E1-E3) and will be used to refocus the ACCT website development and structure, membership recruitment materials, sponsorship solicitations, board leadership services and education efforts, publications, etc.

NEW ACCT VISION STATEMENT

CORE VALUES:

The ACCT Board of Directors believes that effective community college governance is a vital component for helping meet the educational, economic, workforce, and social needs of the nation's communities, employers, and students.

OUR VISION:

To generate an environment that leads to the practice of exemplary governance and greater involvement and influence by community college boards as leading policy making entities working on behalf of their communities.

OUR MISSION:

To foster greater understanding of and appreciation for community college boards in their efforts to develop public policies focusing on meeting community needs; help build board governance leadership and advocacy capacity through in-service education and training programs; and support boards through specialized services and programs.

STRATEGIC GOALS:

Representation: Assure a greater voice in the highest levels of government policymaking by helping boards position themselves as leaders on key public issues, enabling them to affect outcomes at the local, state, and federal levels by providing information, strategic tools, and appropriate public forums.

Leadership Development/Education: Help boards achieve greater levels of effectiveness as leadership organizations within their communities and states by providing high-quality inservice education and training programs to support policymaking and enhance advocacy capacity.

Service: Support boards as employers, fiduciaries and accountable entities by providing high-quality board support services and knowledge-based and applied community college governance literature and research - in effect making boards model citizens within their communities.

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 NARCISA WAS INVITED TO BE THE FIRST SPEAKER FOR THE 2008 MEET THE LEADERS SERIES, AT THE GEORGE

Washington University, School of Education. The program was attended by graduate students from the doctoral program in higher education.

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Regional Nominating committees will meet in February 2008, during the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, to interview and select nominees for the ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity Committee. If you are a candidate who plans to come before your nominating committee, you are required to notify the ACCT President in writing of your intent to run by January 9, 2008. Please visit www.acct.org for submission guidelines and election process information.

TRUST FUND BOARD GRANT IS NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Trust Fund Board has launched a grant program to fund projects that focus on trustee education programs of national interest to ACCT member boards and individual trustees. The Trust Fund Board will award one or more grants totaling up to \$10,000 per year. Eligible recipients will be not-for-profit organizations with knowledge of the educational needs of community college trustees. Please visit the ACCT website at www.acct.org for detailed grant instructions and requirements. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, November 2, 2007.

ACCT's Board Leadership Services Update

ACCT's Board Leadership Services has been asked by the following boards to assist with their presidential searches:

- Northwest College, WY
- Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, PA
- Truckee Meadows Community College, NV
- Moorpark College, Ventura Community College District, CA
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Mt. Hood Community College, OR
- Macomb Community College, MI

ACCT is in the final stages of assisting the following colleges with presidential searches:

- Community College of Allegheny, PA
- Las Positas College, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, CA
- Gloucester County College, NJ

ACCT's Board leadership Services facilitated retreats for the following Boards:

- Elgin Community College, IL
- St. Louis Community College, MO
- Gulf Coast Community College, FL
- Oklahoma City Community College

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 username and password. You will have direct access to the information ACCT currently has about you, your board members, and your institution. You can update your mailing and e-mail addresses, while your professional board staff can also 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, contact the ACCT office for assistance.



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