Announcement of Board Candidates

The 26-member ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors-at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

During the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Regional Caucuses and Meetings, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions. Three directors are elected at large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Sunday, February 9, to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed to the right.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region

The following is the slate of nominees:

Central Region – James Cooksey*
Moberly Area Community College, MO

Northeast Region – Sheetal Ranjan*
Bergen Community College, NJ

Pacific Region – John Leal*
State Center Community College District, CA

Southern Region – Tim Hardy*
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

Western Region – Rose Benavidez*
South Texas College, TX

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

Amanda Howland*
College of Lake County, IL

John Lukas*
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

Gilbert Wong*
Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2020 in order to appear in the fall 2020 issue of Advisor.

Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committee.

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.
2021 Board/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION

James Cooksey
Moberly Area Community College, MO

I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote for re-election to the ACCT Board of Directors. As with all trustees and the experience they bring, I believe that my career for over two decades as a state trial court judge enables me to provide a unique perspective.

During my time on the bench I have presided over cases in rural areas and metropolitan St. Louis, involving adults primarily ages 21 to 35 and juveniles. I currently have over 170 children ranging from 1 week to 21 years of age under my care, most a direct result of abuse and neglect in their family environment. During this time working with these individuals and families in the court system, I have become acutely aware of the benefits for them, of both associate degrees and certificates, and working within these programs for success.

My commitment is shown by my ten years as a trustee at Moberly Area Community College, sixth year as Board President, having attended ten ACCT Leadership Conferences and State Trustee Conferences, eight Legislative Summits, a Higher Learning Commission Conference, and I currently serve as Vice Chair of the ACCT Board with prior service as Secretary/Treasurer of the ACCT Board of Directors.

Additionally, I have served as chair of the Member Communications and Education Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, and as a member of the Governance and Bylaws Committee.

NORTHEAST REGION

Sheetal Ranjan
Bergen Community College, NJ

I believe that education is the most powerful investment in our future and makes smart economic sense. Research shows that on average, each additional year of education boosts a person’s income by 10 percent and increases a country’s GDP by 18 percent while reducing the Gini coefficient (an indicator of income inequality) by 1.4 percentage points. Throughout my career, I have sought every avenue to drive this message home at the national, state, and local levels in various capacities.

As a tenured full professor at a state university and bring my leadership, strategic vision, and hard work to all that I do. My unique ability lies in connecting the dots between research, advocacy, and policy.

I bring these skills to my work as a trustee of Bergen Community College and a member of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. Additionally, I have served on the Education Transition Committees for the Governor of New Jersey and the County Executive of Bergen County. I am a member of the Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment Working Group of the Secretary of Higher Education of New Jersey. As an ACCT board member, I would like to make a compelling case for investment in community colleges to our federal and state legislators and expand enrollments of international students in American community colleges.

PACIFIC REGION

John Leal
State Center Community College District, CA

I understand the struggles of community college students. Born into an immigrant family where English was my second language, I became the first in my family to graduate college. I am a proud graduate of Fresno City College (A.A.), Fresno State (B.A.), and Fresno Pacific University (M.A.). I currently serve as the Board President of State Center Community College District.

My 39 years in education with 22 of those years in administrative leadership positions has prepared me to be student-centered and focused on student access, persistence and success. Active both nationally and statewide, I currently serve as an ACCT Board Member, the ACCT Pacific Regional Chair, and as a Latino Caucus board member.

I have previously served as a California State Coordinator, and ACCT Nominating Committee member. I have also served as a CCLC Latino Caucus Officer. Active in the community, I also spend time mentoring students. I regularly visit elected officials to advocate on behalf of community colleges and have assisted in the passage of a $485 million facilities bond.

SOUTHERN REGION

Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

Tim Hardy is the past chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana Community & Technical College System (LCTCS), having served on the Board since 2010. He was elected to the ACCT Board of Directors in 2016. He previously served on both the ACCT Board of Directors Governance and Bylaws Committee and the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.
Committee and the ACCT Public Policy & Advocacy Committee. An environmental attorney by trade, he holds high the value of community and technical colleges throughout the country. In addition to serving as chairman of the LCTCS Board, he also served in the roles of first and second vice chair and is currently the chair of the Personnel Committee. He was the point person for multiple chancellor searches as well as a presidential search for LCTCS. He has been instrumental in helping to secure more than $300 million in funding for 29 new workforce development facility projects and supported board action that led to record numbers of graduates and other policies that helped to grow enrollment and foundation assets. He is a native Louisianan and understands the positive impact of community and technical colleges on the state’s residents, communities, and economy.

WESTERN REGION

Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX

Motivated by the power of education and the spirit of public service, I respectfully seek re-election as an ACCT Western Regional Director. I have been privileged to serve as past chair and current vice chair of the South Texas College Board of Trustees, current vice chair of the Association of Latino Community College Trustees (ALCCT), past ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair, current ACCT Board Member and newly elected ACCT Board Secretary-Treasurer. I hope to further build opportunities for collaborative success that ensure our students’ educational needs are always met and exceeded. As a native of Starr County, Texas and president of the Starr County Industrial Foundation, I have witnessed the challenges involved in overcoming high unemployment and poverty levels. To that end, I have worked to reduce many of these obstacles by dedicating my professional career to developing our local economy, improving access to education and creating job opportunities for our region.

I would be honored to continue to be a voice for those in our community college family that often face a lifetime of disadvantage and help maintain the shared effort of offering them an accessible lifeline to achievement through the invaluable platform provided by this transformational organization.

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE

Amanda Howland
College of Lake County, IL

Now that my term on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is at an end, I look forward to continuing to serve within ACCT. The ideals and goals of this organization are paramount to the future of education. In our current trying times it is more important than ever that we recognize and support the needs that community colleges meet in providing society with an educated and skilled population regardless of socio-economic status, race, or other potentially limiting factors. I strongly believe that community colleges will continue to become increasingly important as we continue moving to a more technology-driven world. We provide the gateway to an affordable education for all.

I have served on the College of Lake County board for 11 years, with 2 years as chairman. I am a former special education teacher and elementary school administrator and have been an attorney for 23 years.

I would be honored to serve as Director at Large. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my nomination.

John Lukas
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

John Lukas has served on the Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) Board of Directors in several capacities since July 1, 2001. As the immediate past board chair, he led a successful presidential search, oversaw the relocation of two campuses, oversaw expanded dual-enrollment partnerships, saw the college become a Bellwether finalist in workforce development

Announcement of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidates

The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee consists of 10 elected members, two from each region. Committee members serve staggered two-year terms. During the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Regional Caucuses and Meetings, one member is elected from each of the five regions. Regional Nominating Committees met during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Sunday, February 9 to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

2021 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

(1) Two-Year Term in Each Region
The following is the slate of nominees:

CENTRAL REGION
No Nominees

NORTHEAST REGION
Diane Dixon-Proctor*
Anne Arundel Community College, MD

PACIFIC REGION
Richard Fukutaki*
Bellevue College, WA

Sam Lieberman*
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

SOUTHERN REGION
No Nominees

WESTERN REGION
Carolyn Thomas Morris*
Navajo Technical University, NM

Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committees.
for the first time, and oversaw the college’s strategic planning process.

Lukas recently retired as the co-owner and Vice President of LDJ Industries in Manitowoc, WI, a position he has held since 1993. For the past 26 years, he coordinated and oversaw seven different State Indentured Apprenticeship Programs at LDJ. Through LDJ, he sponsored K-12 Youth Apprenticeship programs for 20 years and LTC Adult Apprenticeship students for 26 years.

In addition, Lukas is active with the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (DBA), having served as president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer over the years. He is the only individual to be named Wisconsin Board Treasurer over the years. He is the only member of the Association of Community College Trustees, Lukas has served on the Member Communications and Education Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, and currently serves on the ACCT Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. Additionally, he served as Central Regional Chair in 2019.

I am an elected trustee of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District in the heart of Silicon Valley which is known for its technology and innovation. I am a proud graduate of West Valley Community College in Saratoga, California with an associate degree, and first in my family to graduate from college. I have served as Director-at-Large since 2017 and as a member of the Public Policy and Advocacy Finance and Audit Committees. Also, I have served as co-president since 2017 of the ACCT’s Asian Pacific Islander and Native American Trustee Association. I want to celebrate our diversity and make sure we are inclusive of our communities of interest.

As a college board trustee, former Cupertino, California mayor, and education advocate, I am well prepared for the responsibilities as a board member with my leadership and experience. I will focus on educational excellence, access, fiscal responsibility, innovation and technology. On the Hill in D.C., I have been advocating ACCT’s goals as well as more funding for the Pell Grants, and passage of the DREAM Act and the College Promise program. I respectfully ask for your vote for Gilbert Wong for Director-at-Large.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

NORTHEAST REGION

Diane Dixon-Proctor
Anne Arundel Community College, MD

I have served on the Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) Board of Trustees for over a decade in various capacities. While serving as chair, AACC won the ACCT Regional and National Equity Award in 2015. As vice chair of AACC, I developed a passion to see diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) manifested at the college and trustee levels. My commitment to social justice has impacted my work on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee where I was elected to the Northeast Region in 2018. I also served as Nominating Committee Chair and Maryland Regional Representative for the Northeast region.

I am dedicated to changing the climate of racism and inequality. I have dedicated my work as a pastor, coach and educator to be a voice of change, empowering people to become their best. My experiences as a black professional woman have allowed me to lead others to make cultural shifts to understanding the importance of inclusion, particularly in education. I will continue to support the chair and the committee as we introduce solid guiding principles of DEI to promote equality for all.

PACIFIC REGION

Richard Fukutaki
Bellevue College, WA

Rich Fukutaki consistently demonstrates a keen sense of creative problem-solving and a deft ability to listen and collaborate across stakeholder groups. He enjoys addressing complex issues to discover what is possible versus being tethered to what has been done in the past. Smarterville, Kinetic City (AAAS), Franchise Basketball are examples of innovative education programs Rich helped introduce to encourage STEM learning in underrepresented groups. Fukutaki currently serves as the chair of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees and on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. Recently, Fukutaki was selected as the trustee representative on the WA state workgroup to craft a new vision statement that places racial equity at the forefront of everything the system does. Fukutaki also serves in several capacities for the Washington State Association of College Trustees on the Finance Committee, Awards Committee (Chair), and Visioning Committee.

Sam Lieberman
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

For over two decades, I have exemplified ACCT’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee values by promoting respect for and acceptance of diverse and underrepresented individuals in higher education. As a Nevada Regent and Chair of the Nevada System of Higher Education’s (NSHE) Cultural Diversity Committee, I recently worked to update our accessibility policy. I led this effort not only to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to education, but to make sure that such students felt included in—not excluded from—our higher education community in Nevada.

Moreover, as vice chair of NSHE’s Community College Committee, I have guided the implementation of enrollment
platforms and tools that support student success for underrepresented populations. Because of my own life experience as a person living and thriving with a disability, I am eager to bring these skills and life history to the ACCT arena.

**WESTERN REGION**

Carolyn Thomas Morris  
*Navajo Technical University, NM*

Carolyn Thomas Morris, Ph.D. is a member of the Navajo Technical University (NTU) Board of Regents. Appointed to the NTU Board of Regents in 2012, Morris was instrumental in guiding the institution through the transition from a two-year college to a university offering bachelor’s and postgraduate degrees.

Morris is of the Red Streak Clan and born for the Tangle People, and was born and raised near Red Valley, Arizona, on the Navajo Nation Reservation. She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and is one of the few practicing psychologists fluent in the Navajo language. From her experiences in health and education, Morris has strong insight regarding the goals of American Indian students, and the barriers they and their families face in securing a successful education. During her tenure as president of the Society of Indian Psychologists, she helped guide that organization in its mission to support American Indian students preparing for careers as psychologists. Years spent working in the private sector to reduce health disparities through effective health insurance and healthcare finance have taught her what it takes for students to be successful in the world of business.

Morris is exceptionally qualified to help ACCT fulfill its vision of promoting high quality and affordable higher education, leading cutting-edge workforce development, and fostering student success so individuals can achieve economic self-sufficiency and security. Dr. Morris will be a strong voice for Native American values and student learning at ACCT.

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**DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Although Directors-at-Large may run from the floor during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Senate Meeting, there are distinct benefits to submitting nominations by the July 1 deadline.

**Benefits include the following:**

1) Official candidate nomination materials, including a photo and short biography, will appear in the pre-Congress issue of *Advisor*. This issue is used as a reference during elections held at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

2) Individuals who declare their candidacy by the July 1 deadline will receive election-related reminders from ACCT and will receive 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, contact information for their use in campaigning.

3) Those nominated prior to the deadline will have the opportunity to appear at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held on Thursday during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, to campaign prior to the election during the Senate Meeting on Friday.

*For these reasons, ACCT strongly recommends that those who wish to run for a Director-at-Large position submit their nominations by the July 1 deadline.*

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**All elections and amendments will take place during the Annual Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois.**

To vote, you must be a voting delegate.

Please contact acctinfo@acct.org for more information.
# HOW TO JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Declaring your candidacy for a seat on the ACCT board of directors indicates that once elected, you will honor your commitment as a board member to attend and participate in all committee and board meetings. These meetings are held during the annual ACCT Leadership Congress, the National Legislative Summit and the Annual Summer Board Retreat; and when necessary, via teleconference between these three annual meetings if and when required to transact the business of the association. Your declared candidacy also serves as confirmation that your institution is willing to financially support your expenses related to travel and hotel accommodations during these meetings.

There are two ways to run for a seat (Regional Director or Director at-Large) on the ACCT Board of Directors:

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<td>• Be a trustee in good standing at an ACCT member college.</td>
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<td>• Submit a one-page resume that emphasizes community college-related service and other civic activities. Information about professional history and education may also be included.</td>
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If you wish to run for a seat in Chicago during the 2020 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the Advisor, you are required to notify the ACCT President at the Washington, D.C. office in writing of your intent to run.

Your notification must be received with a postmark date of July 1, 2020, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on July 1, 2020. The president will send candidate information received within 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Any candidate who declares their intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors up to 30 days prior to the election will automatically receive from the appropriate ACCT staff all the same information provided to candidates who declared their candidacies by the July 1 deadline.

Please e-mail your nomination materials to nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Senior Vice President Jee Hang Lee 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, DC 20036.

**NOTE:** 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. Per the ACCT Bylaws, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

**NOTE:** Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.

*The process for running for an elected seat on the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee is the same as running for a seat on the board. All trustees interested in serving as an elected member of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee should use the same instructions listed above. Inclusion Committee should use the same instructions listed above.*
**Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**

According to Article XIV of the ACCT 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 Directors’ 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 Directors’ 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 that 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.

**PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS**

According to Article V, Section 7 of the ACCT Bylaws, resolutions to be voted on by the ACCT Senate may be submitted in the following ways:

a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Governance and Bylaws Committee 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 by the Governance and Bylaws Committee.
b. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall study all proposals received and shall forward with comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. Such report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 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.
Regional Nominating Committee

ACCT Regional Chairs invite member trustees to serve on Regional Nominating Committees. The commitment of Nominating Committee members in carrying out their duties helps to ensure that the Association's future leadership is comprised of member trustees who have demonstrated quality leadership in community colleges. Nominating Committee members interview and nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT's vision — Community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation’s community college system.

Responsibilities
Regional Nominating Committees are the key to a successful election process for the ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating person(s) for Regional Director and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee membership. Nominating Committees may also support Director-at-Large candidates.

Election/Composition/Terms
Each of ACCT’s five regions elects nominating committee member(s) from the Voting Members of that region at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Nominating Committees are composed of five members each. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Nominating Committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms. They may serve more than one term, but terms may not be consecutive. The chair of each Nominating Committee shall be elected by the members of the respective Nominating Committee at the close of each Regional Caucus.

Committee Meetings (Interviews)
Regional Nominating Committee meetings are scheduled annually in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit that takes place in Washington, D.C. Committee members receive interview schedules and candidate information prior to the meeting(s). All expenses related to attending the meeting are the college's responsibility.

Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2020 ACCT Leadership Congress in Chicago, IL during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 1 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. Please note that terms ending in 2020 will expire upon the conclusion of the Regional Caucuses and Meetings. Only newly elected and sitting committee members will vote for the chair of the Committee at the close of the meeting.

CENTRAL REGION (2 seats expire in 2020)

• Doris Graham, Committee Chair
  St. Louis Community College, MO
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

• Betty Bruski Mallek, Mid-State Technical College, WI
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

• Bruce Clark, Hawkeye Community College, IA
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

• Joan Gebhardt, Schoolcraft College, MI
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

• Joan Looney, Black Hawk College, IL
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

NORTHEAST REGION (3 seats expires in 2020)

• Cathy Guild, Committee Chair
  Bunker Hill Community College, MA
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

• Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Montgomery College, MD
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

• Jorge Gardyn, Nassau Community College, NY
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

• Cynthia Jetter, Delaware County Community College, PA*
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

• Betti Singh, Warren County Community College, NJ
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

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If you are interested in serving on a Regional Nominating Committee, please email nominations@acct.org or contact your Regional Chair:

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Southern Regional Chair
Tamela Cullens
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Western Regional Chair
Dan Mims
Dmims@sbcglobal.net

PACIFIC REGION (3 seats expire in 2020)

- Tamra Jackson, Committee Chair
  Wenatchee Valley College, WA
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Carol Del Carlo, Nevada System of Higher Education, NV
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Mark Hanna, Pima County Community College District, AZ
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Jim Osterling, Pasadena Area Community College District, CA
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

- Leanavaotua Sekuini Seva’aetasi, American Samoa Community College, AS
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

SOUTHERN REGION (3 seats expires in 2020)

- Mac Sherrill, Committee Chair
  Randolpb Community College, NC
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

- Steve Cousins, South Arkansas Community College, AR
  Term Expiration: 10/2021

- Sandra Jackson, Midlands Technical College, SC
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- John Mitten, Pasco-Hernando State College, FL
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Hong Xu, Northern Virginia Community College, VA
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

WESTERN REGION (5 seats will expire in 2020)

- Austin Miller, Central Community College District, NE
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Arlen Leiker, Colby Community College, KS*
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Steven Peck, Central Wyoming College, WY
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Gene Sprague, Alamo Colleges, TX
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

- Patty Theobald, Colorado Mountain College
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

*One-year partial term to fill a vacancy and is therefore eligible for reelection

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ACCT Board Committees

Seek New Members for 2021

Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees has expanded membership participation in the governance of the Association while bringing new ideas and expertise to committee deliberations. Committees for 2021 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are asked to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by November 1, 2020. Those interested in serving should submit the 2021 Committee Interest Form indicating committee preferences. (If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may not be placed on another committee unless a second and third choice is stated.) Each request must have a letter of nomination from the individual’s board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee. The ACCT Chair will appoint members to the following committees:

• Governance and Bylaws — The Governance and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the Association, amendments to the Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent the member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.

• Member Communications and Education Committee — The Member Communications and Education Committee is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to strengthen the Board’s links with the membership; identifying issues that require member input; and recommending strategies to gather input. Additionally, it evaluates and makes recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education. The committee also assists in identifying Regional Nominating and Regional Award Committee members.

• Public Policy and Advocacy — The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is charged with reviewing public policy issues and recommending positions to the Board of Directors.

ACCT Board Policy states that the ACCT Chair will appoint committee members. In making appointments, the ACCT Chair will consider regional representation, gender, and diversity. Each committee chair shall be a member of the ACCT Board of Directors.

Associate members may be selected for committee membership under the following conditions:
1. They shall be selected from Voting Members.
2. They may serve three consecutive one-year terms per committee.
3. No more than one associate member from a college shall serve on any one board committee.
4. All related expenses are the responsibility of their college.
5. They have full voting rights.
6. They shall have a letter of nomination from their board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

Please Note: ALL CURRENTLY APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVING IN 2020 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2021. Colleges may submit a letter of support covering two years of service, but the Committee Interest Form must be filled out each year. Your application will be considered incomplete and will NOT be processed without the letter of support from your institution.

ACCT committees will meet in 2021 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 7-10, 2021 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California on October 13-16, 2021. Committee work may also be done through e-mail and postal mail.

If you are interested in serving and your board has agreed to send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance at the events above, please submit the following:
1. 2021 Committee Interest Form (see page 15); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

These documents must be received at ACCT by November 1, 2020. Send to the ACCT Chair, via https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form or by email at assocmemb@acct.org.
HOW TO GET INVOLVED
The State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the association by linking the Board of Directors and staff directly to the membership. Coordinators, appointed by the ACCT Regional Chairs, are the voices and faces of ACCT in their local communities, and a primary source of information from their communities back to the ACCT Board and staff.

Coordinators are expected to attend the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and the Community College National Legislative Summit. Coordinators are appointed to three-year terms with no limit on the number of terms they may serve, and are reappointed with the approval of the ACCT Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COORDINATOR:

- Serves as the communications link between the Regional Chairs and ACCT member college boards
- Secures and retains ACCT member institutions
- Shares feedback regarding the association’s products, services, and activities

For more information, please visit https://www.acct.org/page/governance
BOARD COMMITTEES
Board committees communicate with the membership and inform the Board of Directors about membership values, interests, and challenges.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
- Member Communications and Education Committee
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS
The Advisory Committee of Presidents provides presidential perspectives to the chair of ACCT on the services, policies and positions of the Association. Committee members are CEOs of ACCT member institutions and are appointed to the committee by the ACCT Chair.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Regional Nominating Committees are composed of five members and responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Student Trustee Advisory Committee provides a forum for the exchange of information regarding students’ interests and priorities with ACCT Board, staff and community colleges on the national level.

TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Trustee Advisory Committee provides expert guidance and historical perspective on ACCT trustee education programs and services. Committee members are comprised of former members of the ACCT Board.

For more information, please visit https://www.acct.org/page/governance
The 26-member Board of Directors includes 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. All occur during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

The Board of Directors meets three times per year: prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., a day or two before the Annual Leadership Congress, and during the Summer Board Retreat. Work is also done through telephone, e-mail, and postal mail.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors establishes policies that supervise, control, and direct the affairs of the Association within the limits of and consistent with the Bylaws and Resolutions promulgated by the Senate.

The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout ACCT’s membership territory, which currently includes the United States and several outlying territories, as well as some Canadian provinces.
2021 Associate Committee Interest Form

Please rank the committees in your preferred order of service (1=Most Preferred; 5=Least Preferred).

- If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may NOT be placed on another committee.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
- Member Communications and Education Committee
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

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PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF

| NAME | PHONE | E-MAIL |

☐ Letter of nomination from your board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee enclosed

COMMENTS:

This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by November 1, 2020.
You can also fill out the form online at https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form.
ACCT DEADLINES

- Regional Awards Nomination Submissions
  June 15, 2020
- ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions
  July 1, 2020
- Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations
  July 1, 2020
- Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws
  July 1, 2020
- Submitting Senate Resolutions
  July 1, 2020
- Chicago Congress Early Bird Registration Ends
  July 24, 2020
- Chicago Congress Hotel Reservations Deadline
  September 7, 2020
- Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2021
  November 1, 2020

ACCT has a toll free number! Contact us at 866-895-ACCT (2228) or fax us at 866-904-ACCT (2228)

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