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Candidates for the 2021 Board of Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region
Following is the slate of nominees as of July 1, 2020.

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

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

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all elections.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms
Following is the slate of nominees as of July 1, 2020.

Amanda Howland*
College of Lake County, IL

John Lukas*
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

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

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 ACCT chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

At the Annual ACCT Congress, one director is elected from each of the five regions during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and three directors are elected at-large during the Senate meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the 2020 National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Sunday, February 9, to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed above.



2021 Board 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 Congresses 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. I am 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 been a strong voice in the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee of ACCT. I have served on the Education Transition Committees for the Governor of New Jersey and the County Executive of Bergen County. I am part 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 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 for the first time, and oversaw the college's strategic planning process.

Lukas recently retired as the co-owner and Vice President of LDI 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 LDI. Through LDI, he sponsored K-12 Youth Apprenticeship students 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 Member of the Year three times by the DBA on three different occasions. As an active 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.



Gilbert Wong
Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA

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 and Finance and Audit Committees. Also, I have served as co-president of the ACCT's Asian Pacific Islander and Native American Trustee Association since 2017. 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

CENTRAL REGION



Stacey Gannon
Delta College, MI

Courage, a collaborative spirit, effective listening skills, cultural awareness, and a passion for strength through diversity are all characteristics I exemplify and desire to bring to the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. I have extensive executive leadership experience in both the private and non-profit sector to include oversight of enterprise-wide diversity programs. Today, more than ever, as education leaders we must equip our students, administration, faculty,



and staff with the tools to succeed not only in the workplace but to create a stronger community. Embracing and encouraging inclusion empowers us as a person, an institution, and a society to reap the rewards of an exponential return on our investment. I believe my education in performance improvement, my years of leadership experience and my role as a Trustee at Delta College will provide valuable insight as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee member for the Association of Community College Trustees.



Zaida Hernandez-Irisson
Gateway Technical College, WI

As an immigrant, I first learned to speak English at my local technical college. I turned to that same school to begin my college education. What I gained is invaluable and why I advocate. As an engineer, I'm often in situations where I'm the only minority and woman in the room. I don't shy away. It's where I start the conversation advocating for diversity, equality, and inclusion. It's where I promote an inclusive view on diversity from within the construct's minorities see as a barrier. As a minority, I've been able to monitor the sentiment of equality within the community. Being a leader in my community, I know the need to implement programs that promote diversity in leadership. I've gained insights through struggles and successes, family and community. I'll bring the perspective of a person who isn't only a success from community colleges, but a member of a diverse community.



Fritz Larsen
Black Hawk College, IL

I'm a proud alumnus and advocate of the community college system. I'm dedicated to ensuring that everyone has access to quality, affordable education. I work for our nation's most diverse organization, the Army. I was privileged to help form the Minority College Relations Program. This

program serves to cultivate relationships with Historically Black Colleges, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and provides internship opportunities to the underrepresented.

I'm currently an associate member on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. I'm results driven and will work to build coalitions which ensure equitable and open access to affordable higher education. It's imperative that further leadership be applied to bridge the gap of those underrepresented diverse populations to make education accessible as a pathway for both student and economic success.

I'm committed to action that leads to positive progress change. Might I please seek your vote for my candidacy on the DEI committee?



Angela Mathews
Lansing Community College, MI

ACCT has been very instrumental in providing me detailed information and training during the onboarding session of the New Board Trustee training program. This cemented my foundation with the goal to become the best trustee I can be for Lansing Community College (LCC) students, faculty, staff, community and my constituents.

ACCT is vital to the success of community college trustees. I have been advised by my colleagues from LCC and other institutions to continue to take full advantage of the learning opportunities ACCT provides through its myriad of outreach efforts filled with information such as podcasts and Trustee Quarterly. As community college trustees, our focus is student success. ACCT provides us with forums that bring trustees committed to doing this work together so that information is shared, and new ideas emerge regarding ways to assist all of us in this work.

It is my desire to be a part of and contribute to the on-going success of ACCT. By serving as a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, my capabilities will be an asset to this esteemed organization. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

PACIFIC REGION



Barbara Calhoun
Compton Community College District, CA

As a former community college student, I understand the struggles of community college students. I attended Los Angeles Trade-Tech College. I currently reside in the City of Compton and retired after more than 34 years of service to the City of Los Angeles. Since 2014, I have served as a proctor for the State Bar of California's Committee of Bar Examiners. I have served as a council member for the City of Compton, from 2003 through 2011. From 2001 through 2003, I served on the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees. In 2018, I was elected to serve on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, and I am currently the Board Clerk.

My experience and education have prepared me to serve on this committee. I am committed to addressing the many inequities our students are facing as they work toward completing their educational goals at our institutions.



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.



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.

Voting Delegate Information

ACCT will notify voting members via email to when they can register their voting delegates. If the institution has not received the emailed notification, please contact ACCT at nominations@acct.org.

Eligibility requirements for voting delegate(s) include:

- Fiscal year ACCT membership dues **MUST** have been received and verified at the time of the election.
- Only voting members of governing boards may serve as voting delegates.
 - a. Ineligible individuals *i.e.*, *Chancellor/President, Professional Board Staff, and "Trustee Emeritus"* may not serve as voting delegates.
- Voting delegate(s) **MUST** be determined by the Board Chair or the Board before registering as a voting delegate. **ACCT staff CANNOT be involved in the selection of ANY Voting Delegate(s.)**
- Voting delegates must register and receive a confirmation of their voting delegate credentials from ACCT. You must register as a voting delegate by **September 28, 2020** to ensure sufficient time before the elections to receive your voting credentials. Register here: <https://www.acct.org/form/voting-delegate-registration>.

Please note the following:

- Online ballots will be distributed only to registered voting delegates during the Regional Caucuses and Senate Meeting.
- ACCT will provide the voting delegates the following:
 - a. Meeting information link prior to the time of the election.
 - b. Online voting and ballot information link prior to time of the election.
- All voting delegates registered for their respective regional caucuses will automatically be registered for the Senate Meeting.

All Regional Caucuses and Senate Meetings will be held **virtually**. Please refer to page 7 and 8 for the scheduled dates and times.

Announcement of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidates

The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee consists of 10 members, two from each region. Committee members serve staggered two-year terms. At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one member is elected from each of the five regions during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings.

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

Following is the slate of nominees:

CENTRAL REGION

Stacey Gannon

Delta College, MI

Zaida Hernandez-Irisson

Gateway Technical College, WI

Fritz Larsen

Black Hawk College, IL

Angela Mathews

Lansing Community College, MI

NORTHEAST REGION

No Nominees

PACIFIC REGION

Barbara Calhoun

Compton Community College District, CA

Richard Fukutaki*

Bellevue College, WA

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.

Note: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidate Diane Dixon-Proctor from Anne Arundel Community College retired from the board in June.

Note: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidate Sam Lieberman from Nevada System of Higher Education in Nevada, unexpectedly passed away this April.



About the ACCT Board of Directors

The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout the United States and several outlying territories. ACCT's membership territory is divided into five regions (Central, Northeast, Pacific, Southern, and Western).

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.

At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions (Central, Northeast, Pacific, Southern, and Western) at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and three directors are elected at-large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees meet during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) in February to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-

at-large. While meeting with Regional Nominating Committees is not required to be elected to the ACCT Board of Directors, it is *highly* encouraged, as candidates supported by their respective Regional Nominating Committees are designated as such during Regional Caucuses and the Senate meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress on all elections, however, provided that the nominee has a letter of support from his or her local board.

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 ACCT Annual Leadership Congress, the National Legislative Summit, and the ACCT 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:

To declare your candidacy in advance of elections at the ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the <i>Advisor</i> , you must:	To run for a seat from the floor at the ACCT Leadership Congress, you must:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a trustee in good standing at an ACCT member college. • Submit a letter of declaration to run for office. • Submit a letter of support from your local board indicating your institution's commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member, including participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress, Community College National Legislative Summit, and Annual Summer Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting. • 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. • Submit a narrative statement that details qualifications, not to exceed 150 words, for inclusion in printed voting materials. • Provide ACCT with a print-quality (300 dpi or higher) head-and-shoulders photograph by e-mail, for inclusion in printed voting materials. If an electronic photo is not available, a 5" x 7" head-and-shoulders photo, preferably color, may also be accepted. (Photos will not be returned.) • Provide an optional second letter of support from another ACCT member board (for example, a state association). This letter of support must be limited to one page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a trustee at an ACCT member college • Must be nominated from the floor by a voting delegate from the candidate's respective institution. See page 8 for rules of procedure details. • Submit a letter of support from your local board indicating your institution's commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member, including participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress, Community College National Legislative Summit, and Annual Summer Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting.

**The process to run for elected Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee seats is identical to the process described above for the Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.*



51st Annual ACCT Leadership Congress

VIRTUAL REGIONAL CAUCUSES • SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1

All Meetings are at Eastern Standard Time

ACCT REGIONAL CAUCUSES AND MEETINGS

*Note: The elections will be conducted virtually via Zoom.
More details will be provided on how to attend.*

Northeast Region: Wednesday, September 30 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Central Region: Wednesday, September 30 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pacific Region: Wednesday, September 30 | 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Southern Region: Thursday, October 1 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Western Region: Thursday, October 1 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3 minutes
2. Regional Meeting: 20 minutes
 - a. Update on the ACCT State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network
 - b. Regional Business as Determined by the Regional Chair
3. Regional Caucus Rules of Procedure: 5 minutes
4. Regional Nominating Committee Report: 5 minutes
5. Election of Regional Director: 20 minutes
6. Election – Nominating Committee Members: 20 minutes
7. Election – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member: 20 minutes
8. Introduction of Director-at-Large Candidates: 10 minutes

REGIONAL CAUCUS RULES OF PROCEDURE

As specified by the ACCT Bylaws, each region shall, at a Regional Caucus held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, prior to the Senate Meeting, elect a Regional Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee member(s), and Regional Nominating Committee members.

Meeting Logistics:

1. The Virtual Regional Caucus meeting will allow for attendance by both voting delegates and non-delegate members.
2. In order to vote, voting delegates must be registered, verified, and have received their virtual "voting delegate" credentials.
3. Each voting delegate will receive an online ballot link before the election. Please note that the voting period occurs at the time of the election during the Regional Caucus meeting.
4. In order for a delegate's vote to be counted on any matter, the delegate must use the designated online ballot link during the time of the election.
5. The ACCT Bylaws provide for nominations from the floor on 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 by email to nominations@acct.org.
6. Candidates for director-at-large positions may be introduced individually within an organized group, and may speak for two minutes.

Positions to be elected:

a. Regional Director:

Regional director elections will take place in accordance with rules listed in the ACCT *Bylaws*. A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election as director. On any ballot, voting delegates may cast as many votes as there are positions to be filled. On any ballot, only one vote may be cast for a candidate. If one or more candidates is elected on any ballot, then the remaining candidates shall continue to be eligible for election to any position remaining to be filled. If no person is elected on any ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on that ballot shall be dropped before the next ballot. If there are no more candidates than positions to be filled, the election shall be by acclamation.

b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee elections will take place using the same guidelines as outlined for regional director elections. A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election to the committee. On any ballot, voting delegates may cast as many votes as there are positions to be filled. On any ballot, only one vote may be cast for a candidate. If one or more candidates are elected on a ballot, then all remaining candidates shall continue to be eligible for election to any position remaining to be filled. If no person is elected on any ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on that ballot shall be dropped before the next ballot. If there are no more candidates than positions to be filled, the election shall be by acclamation.

c. Regional Nominating Committee Members:

Each Regional Nominating Committee is responsible for the nomination of Directors of the Association and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and shall be composed of five members each. These members shall be elected from the voting members of that region at the caucuses held during the Annual Congress of the Association. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Vacancies shall be filled by the regional chair with consideration given to filling the vacancy with a trustee from the same state as the committee member who vacated the position. A member of the Board of Directors cannot serve as a member of the Nominating Committee. In order to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors, a nominating committee member must tender this/her resignation to the regional chair, postmarked 30 days prior to the scheduled nominating committee meeting at the National Legislative Summit.

Nominating Committee members shall serve for two-year staggered 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 respective nominating committee at the close of the regional caucus and meeting.



51st Annual ACCT Leadership Congress

VIRTUAL SENATE MEETING • OCTOBER 1

All Meetings are at Eastern Standard Time

ACCT SENATE MEETING

Note: The election will be conducted virtually via Zoom. More details will be provided on how to attend.

**Thursday, October 1
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3 minutes
2. Senate Rules of Procedure: 5 minutes
3. Introductions: 5 minutes
4. Election of Directors-at-Large: 25 minutes
5. Ratification of Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws: 15 minutes
6. State of the Association and Financial Report to the Membership: 15 minutes
7. Other items: 15 minutes

SENATE RULES OF PROCEDURE

As defined by the Association Bylaws, the Senate has the full authority of the membership and is composed of the voting delegates of the Voting Members of the Association.

The Senate will elect three Directors-at-Large during the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The Senate shall hold at least one meeting annually which is the Annual Meeting of the Association. Special meetings of the Senate may be called by the chair or a majority of the Board of Directors. The following Rules of Procedure will be followed during all Senate Meetings.

Meeting Logistics:

1. The Virtual Senate meeting will allow for attendance by both voting delegates and non-delegate members.
2. In order to vote, voting delegates must be registered, verified, and have received their virtual “voting delegate” credentials.
3. Each voting delegate will receive an online ballot link before the election.

Please note that the voting period occurs at the time of the election during the Senate Meeting.

4. In order for a delegate’s vote to be counted on any matter, the delegate must use the designated online ballot link during the time of the election.
5. Only voting delegates may speak on any motion and must submit their request through the online meeting chat box in order to speak: No voting delegate may speak to any motion for more than two minutes. No voting delegate may speak to any motion a second time until all voting delegates who wish to address the motion have been recognized. Voting delegates may be recognized for further discussion at the will of the Chair of the ACCT Board of Directors.
6. Campaign materials are not to be posted or distributed within the Senate meeting room.
7. The ACCT Bylaws provide for nominations from the floor on 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 by email to nominations@acct.org.

Director at Large Candidacy:

1. If a candidate is to be nominated from the floor at the Senate Meeting and has notified ACCT 10 days prior to the date of Regional Caucuses, the candidate will be eligible to address voting members at Regional Caucuses along with other nominated candidates. **Candidates who notify ACCT fewer than 10 days prior to the date of Regional**

Caucuses WILL NOT be eligible to address voting members at Regional Caucuses.

2. Candidates shall meet with ACCT staff 15 minutes prior to the start of Regional Caucuses. The order of addressing the caucuses shall be determined by drawing a number. Candidates will be allowed to speak for two minutes at each caucus. Each respective regional teller (or designee) will serve as timekeeper for candidate speaking.
3. After nominations from the floor have been completed, each candidate may address the delegates for two minutes. The order of speaking at the Senate will be the reverse of the order at the caucuses. ACCT will provide cues to the candidates to speak in the pre-determined order. ACCT’s coordinator of tellers will serve as timekeeper for candidate speeches.

Voting Procedure:

1. A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election as director-at-large:
 - a. On any ballot, voting delegates may cast as many votes as there are positions to be filled.
 - b. On any ballot, only one vote may be cast for a candidate.
 - c. If one or more candidates are elected on any ballot, then all remaining candidates shall continue to be eligible for election to any position remaining to be filled.
 - d. If no person is elected on any ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped before the next ballot.
 - e. If there are no more candidates than positions to be filled, the election shall be by acclamation.



ACCT Board Committees Seek Associates for 2021

Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees expands 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 associate committee members for a one-year term by November 1, 2020. Those interested in serving should submit the 2021 Associate 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 second and third choices are indicated). If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, please include them in the “Comments” section of the form. Each request must have a letter of nomination from the individual’s board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

ACCT Committees seeking volunteer members are:

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

- **Finance and Audit** – The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget, the financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs and services, and reporting to the Board of Directors.
- **Governance and Bylaws** – The Governance and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the Association, amendments to the ACCT Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.
- **Member Communications and Education** – 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, committee members evaluate and make recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education.
- **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 committees. In making appointments, the chair will consider regional representation, gender, and diversity. Each committee chair shall be a member of the board of directors.

Associate members may be appointed to a committee 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: Associate Committee Members currently 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.

ACCT committees will meet in 2021 just prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit, scheduled February 7-10, 2021 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego 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 will send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance**, please submit the following:

1. 2021 Associate Committee Interest Form
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 e-mail at assocmemb@acct.org.



2021 Associate Committee Interest Form

An online version of this form can be completed at <https://www.acct.org/board-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

INFORMATION:

(Please fill out completely)

PREFIX	NAME	SUFFIX
TITLE		INSTITUTION
ADDRESS		
CITY / STATE / ZIP		
PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
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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.

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Seeking Regional Nominating Committee Members for 2021-2022

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 nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT's mission - *Through the Association of Community College Trustees, community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation's community college system.*

Benefits of Serving on a Regional Nominating Committee

- Identify effective future leaders;
- Serve as a stepping-stone for you to aspire to a future leadership position;
- Strengthen leadership in your region; and
- Ensure more benefits to your college and state through strong, effective leadership of the association.

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 trustees 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 a nominating committee member from the Voting Members of that region at the regional caucuses 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 two years on staggered 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 the regional caucus.

Below are the seats that need to be filled for 2021-2022 terms:

CENTRAL REGION

Two (2) seats are available to members from the following states: *Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin*

Bruce Clark (IA), Joan Gebhardt (MI), and Jon Looney (IL) will continue to serve in 2021.

NORTHEAST REGION

Three (3) seats are available to members from the following states/territories: *District of Columbia, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania*

Jorge Gardyn (NY) and Cathy Guild (MA) will continue to serve through 2021.

PACIFIC REGION

Three (3) seats will be available to members from the following states/territories: *Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and Republic of Palau*

Jim Osterling (CA) and Leanavaotaua Sekuini Seva'aetasi (AS) will continue to serve through 2021.

SOUTHERN REGION

Three (3) seats will be available to members from the following states/territories: *Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Bermuda, and British Virgin Islands.*

Steve Cousins (AR) and Mac Sherrill (NC) will continue to serve through 2021.

WESTERN REGION

Five (5) seats will be available to members from the following states: *Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming.*

No committee members will continue to serve in 2021.



ACCT STATE, PROVINCE, AND TERRITORY COORDINATORS NETWORK

CENTRAL REGION



Regional Chair
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Lansing Community College, MI



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CURRENT STATE, PROVINCE AND TERRITORY COORDINATOR VACANCIES

Alabama, Arkansas, Alaska, American Samoa, Arkansas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Colorado, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Marshall Islands, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Republic of Palau, Utah, Wisconsin, and West Virginia

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2020 ACCT Leadership Congress

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change.)

VIRTUAL BOARD/COMMITTEES AND REGIONAL CAUCUSES/SENATE MEETINGS • SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 2

All Meetings are at Eastern Standard Time

DAY	TIME		
Tuesday, September 22	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	African American Trustees Meeting	
Wednesday, September 23	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		ACCT Advisory Committee of Presidents
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Association of Latino Community College Trustees Meeting	
Thursday, September 24	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.		ACCT Executive Committee
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public Policy and Advocacy Committee	
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.		Finance and Audit Committee
	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Governance and Bylaws Committee	
Friday, September 25	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		ACCT Chair's Advisory Committee
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American Trustees Meeting	
Tuesday, September 29	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Member Education and Communication Committee	
	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.		Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Trustee Advisory Committee	
	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		Student Trustee Advisory Committee
	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Regional Coordinators Network	
Wednesday, September 30	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Northeast Regional Caucus and Meeting	
	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Central Regional Caucus and Meeting	
	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Pacific Regional Caucus and Meeting	
Thursday, October 1	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Southern Regional Caucus and Meeting	
	12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Western Regional Caucus and Meeting	
	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		Work Session for Professional Board Staff
	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	ACCT Senate Meeting	
Friday, October 2	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.		ACCT Board of Directors Meeting
	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Professional Board Staff Network Business Meeting	



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VIRTUAL ACCT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS • OCTOBER 5-8

All Meetings are at Eastern Standard Time

Monday, October 5	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Concurrent 1A	Concurrent 1B	Concurrent 1C
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.	Concurrent 2A	Concurrent 2B	Concurrent 2C
	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Opening General Session/Keynote Speaker		
	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent 3A	Concurrent 3B	Concurrent 3C
	3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent 4A	Concurrent 4B	Concurrent 4C
	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Concurrent 5A	Concurrent 5B	Concurrent 5C
	5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Networking Event		
Tuesday, October 6	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Concurrent 1A	Concurrent 1B	Concurrent 1C
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent 2A	Concurrent 2B	Concurrent 2C
	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker/Phi Theta Kappa New Century Workforce Scholars Presentation		
	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent 3A	Concurrent 3B	Concurrent 3C
	3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent 4A	Concurrent 4B	Concurrent 4C
	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Concurrent 5A	Concurrent 5B	Concurrent 5C
	5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Networking Event		
Wednesday, October 7	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Concurrent 1A	Concurrent 1B	Concurrent 1C
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent 2A	Concurrent 2B	Concurrent 2C
	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker/Regional Awards		
	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent 3A	Concurrent 3B	Concurrent 3C
	3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent 4A	Concurrent 4B	Concurrent 4C
	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Concurrent 5A	Concurrent 5B	Concurrent 5C
	5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Networking Event		
Thursday, October 8	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Concurrent 1A	Concurrent 1B	Concurrent 1C
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent 2A	Concurrent 2B	Concurrent 2C
	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Closing Keynote Speaker/Association Awards		
	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent 3A	Concurrent 3B	Concurrent 3C
	3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent 4A	Concurrent 4B	Concurrent 4C
	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Concurrent 5A	Concurrent 5B	Concurrent 5C



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