# Announcement of Board Candidates

The 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 at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and 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 11, to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed below.

## Regional Director

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

## Director-at-Large

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Nominations must be received by July 1, 2018 in order to appear in the fall 2018 issue of Advisor.

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION

Dawn Erlandson
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN

Raised by a single mom in rural Minnesota, I was the first in my extended family to go to college. It is community college that brings economic security to people like me and the communities we serve. We are the difference makers in people’s lives.

I am the current vice chair of the ACCT board. I also have been a state coordinator and served on the nominations committee. With 24 community and technical colleges in Minnesota, I bring a statewide perspective to ACCT. I am the vice chair of the board for Minnesota State.

The ACCT board is focused on two goals: helping members advance student success and completion and preparing trustees for effective governance in an evolving environment. I have been honored to serve on the ACCT board for three years and ask for your support for a second term.

NORTHEAST REGION

Robert Hydorn
Montgomery College, MD

I have been involved at Montgomery College for over 40 years. I received my AA in 1971, moving on from Montgomery College to the University of Maryland. During my first semester at the college, I was elected to the student senate and worked part time for the college in admissions, during my two-year tenure at Montgomery College. As a post-graduate, I served as a member on the Alumni Board of Governors, (elected by the alumni, 150,000 members) as Legislative Chair for 3 years, as Vice President for 2 years, and as President for 2 years. I was the first Alumni President to receive a full voting position on the Montgomery College Foundation.

In 2011, I was honored to receive the Montgomery College Milton Clogg Outstanding Alumni Award. In July 2015, I was honored with an appointment by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to the Montgomery College Board of Trustees. I now wish to carry on this type of support for all community colleges and community college students through national participation in ACCT.

If elected, I will offer not only my time, my energy and my knowledge, but also my willingness to listen to ACCT members from around the country. We are an organization, first and foremost, in support of students. Let us move forward on their behalf!

PACIFIC REGION

Bernie Rhinerson
San Diego Community College District, CA

Bernie Rhinerson joined the SDCCD Board of Trustees in 2012 and has regularly participated in the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and National Legislative Summit. He has served as Director-at-Large since 2015, and as a member of the Public Policy and Advocacy and Finance and Audit Committees. Bernie is also active in the California Community College League, serving as chair of its Advisory Committee on Legislation.

Before being elected Trustee, Rhinerson served as chief of staff at the San Diego Unified School District where he managed all external relations and legislative affairs for the 111,000-student district. As part of senior management, he helped to guide the district through five years of education budget cuts in California.

Rhinerson has served as an adjunct instructor at San Diego State University where he taught public policy and leadership. He will continue to bring insight about K-14 integration and legislative issues as a member of the ACCT Board.

WESTERN REGION

Dan Mims
San Jacinto College, TX

San Jacinto College is a minority serving institution with nearly 45,000 students across four campuses. Serving students, constituents, and local employers over 15 years has given me great insight into how to address multiple needs. During my tenure, the board set a student success vision and saw the college achieve the Rising Star award by the Aspen Institute. Serving on the ACCT Board will allow me the opportunity to put that experience to work for all community colleges.

During my tenure on the board, I have served as building committee chair and board chair. I also serve the community through North Shore Rotary and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, both provide scholarships to area students. I have also served in leadership positions in professional organizations. ACCT has helped me to develop as a trustee, and the opportunity to repay ACCT and the leaders that have served before me will be a great honor. I look forward to the opportunity to earn the confidence and votes of my fellow ACCT members.
DIRECTOR AT-LARGE

Dan Altmayer  
*Highline College, WA*

My life experience and proven leadership are two qualities that have prepared me well to serve you on the ACCT Board. I've experienced first-hand how a family can be transformed through a community/technical college education.

My 25-year career as a US Army Officer taught me not only leadership skills but the importance of collaboration and partnership. During my tenure as Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) President using these skills, I was instrumental in getting Washington's version of the DREAM Act passed and implemented. I've had vast experience in legislative advocacy as chair at ACT at all governmental levels.

I continue to serve as State Coordinator for ACCT and my leadership skills have been recognized by them. Additionally, I was named 2017 Pacific Region Trustee Leadership Awardee as well as the 2017 M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leader of the Year award. I ask for your vote. I look forward to hopefully serving you as a board member to further expand the goals of ACCESS, EQUITY and ATTAINMENT.

William Kelley  
*Harper College, IL*

Helping guide ACCT and our community colleges fulfill their missions sparks my passion.

I am committed to championing community colleges, ensuring that high quality post-secondary education is accessible and affordable to everyone, adopting best practices to improving students’ success, and providing the best professional development opportunities available to the stewards of our community colleges.

Serving on the ACCT Board, Public Policy and Advocacy, and Finance and Audit Committees has deepened my insight and appreciation for the awesome work done by the ACCT. I want the same exceptional educational opportunity provided to me 40 years ago by Harper College to be available for our current and future students. I can think of no finer organization to channel my time, energy and experience than ACCT to help achieve this goal. I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service and ask for your consideration and support.

Jay Nardini  
*Hawkeye Community College, IA*

Public service is a privilege. I am beginning my eighth year as an elected trustee of Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa, now serving as board chair. I am also immediate past chair of our State Trustee Board. At the last Congress, I was elected to a second term on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and have previously served on the Communications and Education Committee, and as an ACCT Ambassador. I strongly support our community college system and the pivotal role it plays in educating our students and training our nation’s workforce.

As a practicing attorney, I believe that my experience and present and past leadership positions will make me a valued member of the ACCT Board. I would be privileged to represent you as one of your Directors-at-Large as ACCT continues to educate our trustees and advocate for our students.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

**CENTRAL REGION**

Amanda Howland  
*College of Lake County, IL*

Elected as a College of Lake County (CLC) Trustee in 2009, I've served two terms as board chair and currently serve as liaison to the ICCTA Diversity Committee. I've championed initiatives that led to CLC receiving the 2016 ICCTA Equity and Diversity Award, the 2016 ACCT Charles Kennedy Equity Award, and being selected as a finalist for the 2015 AACC Advancing Diversity Award.

**Announcement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Candidates**

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee consists of 10 elected 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 11 to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

**2018 – 2019 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**

Amanda Howland*  
College of Lake County, IL

**NORTHEAST REGION**

Diane Dixon-Proctor*  
Anne Arundel Community College, MD

**PACIFIC REGION**

Meredith Brown*  
Peralta Community College District, CA

**SOUTHERN REGION**

Yvonne Barnes*  
Trident Technical College, SC

**WESTERN REGION**

Carolyn Thomas Morris*  
Navajo Technical University, NM

Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committees.
The ideals and goals of the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee are paramount to the future of education. It is more important than ever to recognize and support the diversity of students, faculty, and staff and to strive for inclusion. As an attorney and former special education teacher and elementary school administrator, I’ve worked to advance issues facing underserved populations by volunteering for several community organizations. I believe diverse communities contribute to the success of each community member. Thank you for considering re-electing me to the ACCT Diversity Committee!

**NORTHEAST REGION**

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

I have had firsthand experience as the first minority and/or the first woman in many situations. My experience as a pastor and educator has enabled me to be the voice of change. It has taken my diversities to help others make a difference; introducing leadership and direction that have helped develop policies to promote inclusivity, diversity and equality for all. I have mentored minority students from high school to college to help them bridge the achievement gap and move them from the underachiever to the achiever. I strongly believe that promoting diversity makes for student success. In my position of trustee at Anne Arundel Community College since 2008, I have served as ACCT Northeast Regional Nominating Committee Chair and Maryland Regional Representative. As trustee chair at AACC, our college won the Regional and National Equity Award in 2015. I will promote ACCT’s Diversity agenda.

**SOUTHERN REGION**

**Yvonne Barnes**  
*Trident Technical College, SC*

My commitment to the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee’s role and function, as an equalizer and advocate of and for underrepresented groups, is a continuing priority area of service for me. It has been my pleasure to serve and contribute to the committee’s mission since elected in 2016 as a representative of the southern region, and I would be honored to continue.

We serve where we are placed, regardless of the office, because we understand that one truly dedicated, caring, and active voice can make a difference. My intent, if re-elected, is to continue being an equalizer and advocate of underrepresented groups by contributing to the conversation and acting in the best interest of our students.

As a retired superintendent of schools, former K-12 educator, higher education professor, curriculum coordinator, student services director, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, strategic planning coordinator, individualized educational plan coordinator, member and vice chair of the board of commissioners for Trident Technical College, Charleston, SC, with more than thirty-eight years of service in the education sector, I feel more than qualified to continue my service as a member of the ACCT’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

It was also my pleasure to receive along with the President of Trident Technical College and the chair of the board of commissioners, the 2017 National ACCT Diversity Award, on behalf of the college.

**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, who also serves as board secretary/treasurer. Dr. Morris is of the Red Streak Clan and born for Tangle People, and was born and raised near Red Valley, Arizona, on the Navajo Nation. She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Dr. Morris is one of the few practicing psychologists who is fluent in the Navajo language. From her experiences in health and education, Dr. 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 of supporting 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.

Dr. 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.
HOW TO JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Declaring your candidacy for a seat on the ACCT Board of Directors indicates your acceptance of the time commitment involved in serving and your formal commitment to attend committee meetings during the ACCT Leadership Congress, the Community College National Legislative Summit, and the ACCT Board of Directors Summer Retreat and Meeting. 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>• 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</td>
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If you wish to run for a seat in New York during the 2018 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, 2018**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2018**. 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 to nominations@acct.org.** ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations 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, and 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 and Inclusion Committee should use the same instructions listed above.*
According to Article XIV of the ACCT Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

**Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**

**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.

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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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**Future dates for**

**THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. | MARRIOTT MARQUIS**

February 10 – 13, 2019 | February 9 – 12, 2020
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 2018 ACCT Leadership Congress in New York, New York during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 25 at The New York Marriott Marquis. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. Please note that terms ending in 2018 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 2018)
• Carla Hedtke, Committee Chair
  Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Basil Ajuo, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
• Mark Crimmins, Iowa Central Community College, IA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
• Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College, IL
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Mary Kay Thayer, Monroe County Community College, MI
  Term Expiration: 10/2019

NORTHEAST REGION (4 seats expire in 2018)
• Rosemary Gillet-Karam, Committee Chair
  Baltimore City Community College, MD
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Cathy Guild, Bunker Hill Community College, MA
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Vacancy
• Camile Kahler, Mohawk Valley Community College, NY
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Pamela Johnson, Community College at Beaver County, PA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019

PACIFIC REGION (3 seats expire in 2018)
• Dana Saa, Committee Chair
  Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Mohamed Alyajouri, Portland Community College, OR
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
• Linda Handy, Peralta Community College District, CA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
• Tamra Jackson, Wenatchee Valley College, WA (Appointed)
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Allison Stephens, Nevada System of Higher Education (Appointed)
  Term Expiration: 10/2018

SOUTHERN REGION (3 seats expire in 2018)
• Rick Pearson, Committee Chair
  Northern Virginia Community College, VA
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Paul Batson, III, Greenville Technical College, SC
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Steve Cona, III, Hillsborough Community College, FL
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Robert Chester, Albany Technical College, GA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
• Dallas Freeman, Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC
  Term Expiration: 10/2019

WESTERN REGION (5 seats expire in 2018)
• Conrad Heede, Committee Chair
  Tarrant County College District, TX
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Jim Garver, Southeast Community College, NE
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Steven Peck, Central Wyoming College, WY (Appointed)
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Darrell Shumway, Pratt Community College, KS (Appointed)
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• VACANCY

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

Central Regional Chair
Gregory Knott
aknott63@gmail.com

Northeast Regional Chair
Debra Borden
dborden@frederick.edu

Pacific Regional Chair
Stephan Castellanos
scastellanos@deltacollege.edu

Southern Regional Chair
Tamela Cullens
tami.cullens@southflorida.edu

Western Regional Chair
Kent Miller
komiller7@gmail.com
Your Board and Committees at Work

ACCT Committee members met on February 10, prior to the 2018 Community College National Legislative Summit. The ACCT Board of Directors met the following day.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- Chair Wu provided a brief update, reporting that all the Special Interest Groups have approved the name change from the Diversity Committee to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Chair Wu made a motion to the Board for final approval of the name change.

Finance and Audit Committee
- The committee approved the:
  - Revised Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and recommended formal ratification by the ACCT Board;
  - Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, the Capital Expenses Budget, and the Request to withdraw $170,000 from the Opportunity Reserve to fund new programmatic initiatives and services within the Strategic Plan, and recommended formal ratification by the ACCT Board;
  - Draft Form 990 as presented and recommend formal ratification by the ACCT Board.

Public Policy and Advocacy Committee
- ACCT staff provided an overview of current status of federal funding and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) and the 2018 joint community college federal legislative priorities.
- The committee was made aware of several reports that ACCT is working on, including reports on: workforce development; the missing rural male, apprenticeships, the missing minority male, and accreditation.

Board of Directors
- During the Board of Directors meeting, Dr. Michael Wooten, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, U.S. expressed interest in the trustees' perspective concerning the need to rethink education. He also stated that while Career and Technical Education (CTE) has come into its own with generally broad bipartisan support, more CTE courses and executive level instructors are needed.
- The Board provided a revised updated chart of strategic priorities for 2018 and approved the following motions presented by Board committees. Finance & Audit Committee: the revised FY2018 budget, proposed FY2019 budget and the use of $170,000 from the Opportunity Reserve Fund for new initiatives outlined in the strategic plan, and the draft Form 990. Governance & Bylaws Committee: Eligibility of former Executive Committee members for the ACCT trustee leadership award 5 years after their ACCT Board of Directors term ends.
  Vote: 10 yes – 5 no; a recommendation was made to the Board for consideration.

Member Communications and Education Committee
- The committee discussed updates and changes to ACCT websites. The committee made a motion for the ACCT Board of Directors to consider allowing webinars to be made available to members via the membership portal at no charge, rather than paying a premium to view membership content.
- The committee discussed preliminary results of the Citizen Trustee survey results and hot topics of primary interest to members.

Governance and Bylaws Committee
- The committee discussed the rules regarding the eligibility of ACCT Executive Committee members for the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award. For the Trustee Leadership Award, there is currently a lifetime ban for executive committee board members to be eligible. The current executive committee referred to this committee to consider possible changes to the lifetime ban. A motion was made for former executive committee members to be re-eligible for the ACCT trustee leadership award 5 years after their ACCT Board of Directors term ends.

2017 – 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emily Yim, Chair
Edmonds Community College, WA

Connie Hornbeck, Chair-Elect
Iowa Western Community College, IA

Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair
Minnesota State Colleges & Universities, MN

David Mathis, Secretary-Treasurer
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Bakari G. Lee, Immediate Past Chair
Hudson County Community College, NJ

Gregory Knott, Central Regional Chair
Parkland College, IL

Debra Borden, Northeast Regional Chair
Frederick Community College, MD

Stephan Castellanos, Pacific Regional Chair
San Joaquin Delta College, CA

Tamela Cullens, Southern Regional Chair
South Florida State College, FL

Kent Miller, Western Regional Chair
Mid-Plains Community College, NE

Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX

Gerald Cook
Johnson County Community College, KS

James Cooksey
Moberly Area Community College, MO

Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA

Mack Jackson
Midlands Technical College, SC

William Kelley
Harp College, IL

John Leal
State Center Community College District, CA

Tommy Lewis
Diné College, AZ

John Lukas
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

Larry Meyer
Lansing Community College, MI

Rosaline O’Neil
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ACCT Board Committees
Seek New Members for 2018 – 2019

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 2019 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 September 1, 2018. Those interested in serving should submit the 2019 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.) If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, you may fill this in under 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 the 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 and 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 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 — 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.

Appointed 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: Appointed Committee Members currently serving in 2018 MUST re-apply if they are interested in serving in 2019. 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 2019 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 10-13, 2019 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in San Francisco, California on October 16-19, 2019. 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. 2019 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 September 1, 2018. Send to the ACCT Chair, assocmemb@acct.org, electronic mail preferred, or via standard mail to ACCT, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036; FAX (202) 223-1297.
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.

State 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 STATE 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.

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. Members are both former ACCT Board members and current trustees in good standing of their member institutions.

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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.

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2019 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 September 1, 2018.

You can also fill out the form online at https://www.acct.org/form/2019-associate-committee-interest-form.
Registration is now open for the 2018 ACCT Leadership Congress!

The ACCT Congress will take place on October 24-27 at The New York Marriott Marquis. This year’s theme is Partnerships: Building Blocks for Student Success. To register and for more information, go to: https://www.congress.acct.org/

ACCT DEADLINES

- ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions
  May 4, 2018
- Regional Awards Nomination Submissions
  June 18, 2018
- Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations
  July 1, 2018
- Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws
  July 1, 2018
- Submitting Senate Resolutions
  July 1, 2018
- New York Congress Early Bird Registration Ends
  August 17, 2018
- Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2019
  September 1, 2018
- New York Congress Hotel Reservations Deadline
  October 1, 2018

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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