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Diné College, AZ

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Lansing Community College, MI

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Northern Virginia Community College, VA

Hector Ortiz
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San Diego Community College District, CA

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Mott Community College, MI

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About the ACCT Board of Directors

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

The ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally at the Caucus, 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 each year during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) in February to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors, and to 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 also be accepted from the floor at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress for all elections, provided that the nominee has a letter of support from his or her local board.

How to Join the ACCT Board of Directors

There are two ways to run for a seat 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>	To run for a seat from the floor at the ACCT Leadership Congress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be a trustee 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.) • 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"> • You must be a trustee at an ACCT member college. • Must be nominated from the floor by an ACCT member in good standing. <p>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.</p>



2018 Board and Diversity Committee Nomination Process and Deadlines

Each member of the Board of Directors and Diversity Committee 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. No more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member of the ACCT Board of Directors (or Diversity Committee) at the same time.*

Candidates who plan to come before a nominating committee are required to submit written notification to the ACCT President & CEO at the Washington, D.C. office of their intent to run. Notification must be received by e-mail (preferred method) by close of business on **Thursday, January 11, 2018** or by post with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 11, 2018**.

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:

- 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.
- A one-page resume that should focus on community college-related service and other civic activities and may include brief information on education and occupation;
- A narrative statement, not to exceed 150 words, on qualifications (for inclusion in voting materials to be printed);
- A 5" x 7" head-and-shoulders photo, preferably in color. Submit by e-mail (preferred) or by mail (print photos will not be returned). Photos submitted

electronically should be 300 DPI or higher resolution; and

- An optional single letter of support from an ACCT member board. This letter of support must be limited to one page.

The ACCT president will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to each member of the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee by **Monday, February 5, 2018**.

You are encouraged to submit your nomination online. Please e-mail to: nominations@acct.org. Please contact Jee Hang Lee, Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations, 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, D.C. 20036.

Note: 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.

Openings for ACCT Regional Directors

There will be one opening for a three-year term as Regional Director in each ACCT region. Listed below are the ACCT Board Members who currently hold these positions. *(*eligible for re-election)*

CENTRAL REGION

William Kelley*
Harper College, IL

NORTHEAST REGION

Debra Borden*
Frederick Community College, MD

PACIFIC REGION

Emily Yim
Edmonds Community College, WA

SOUTHERN REGION

Mack Jackson
Midlands Technical College, SC

WESTERN REGION

Gerald Cook*
Johnson County Community College, KS

Openings for ACCT Directors-at-Large

There will be three (3) openings for three-year Directors-at-Large terms. Listed below are the ACCT Board Members who currently hold these positions. *(*eligible for re-election)*

Dawn Erlandson*
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN

Bernie Rhinerson*
San Diego Community College District, CA

Rafael Turner
Mott Community College, MI



Directors-at-Large Election Process

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until **Sunday, July 1, 2018** to appear in the Advisor.

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. No more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member of the ACCT Board of Directors (or Diversity Committee) at the same time.*

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in New York, New York during the 2018 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and want to appear in the Fall *Advisor*, you are required to submit written notification of your intent to run to the ACCT President & CEO at the Washington, D.C. office. Your notification must be received by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on until **Sunday, July 1, 2018** or with a postmark date of **Sunday, July 1, 2018**. The president will send candidate information received within

the prescribed postmarked deadline to the ACCT membership in August.

*Note: If you would like to seek the support of your regional nominating committee, your nomination materials must be received by electronic mail (preferred method) by the close of business on **Thursday, January 11, 2018** or with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 11, 2018**.*

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:

- A letter of declaration to run for office;
- A letter of support from the individual's board indicating your institution's commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member**;
- A one-page resume that should focus on community college related service and other civic activities and may include brief information on education and occupation;
- A narrative statement, not to exceed 150 words, on qualifications (preferred electronically, for inclusion in voting materials to be printed);

- A 5" x 7" head and shoulders photo, preferably color (photos will not be returned) or electronically (preferred) – 300 DPI or higher; and
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**Financial support from a Board member's institution generally consists of supporting their attendance (travel expenses, etc.) at the annual meetings (NLS and Leadership Congress). For members of the ACCT Board of Directors, the association will reimburse the cost of the hotel rooms for the two nights for the committee and Board meetings during these annual meetings.

2018 ACCT REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CENTRAL REGION

- Carla Hedtke, Chair**
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI
- Basil Ajuo**
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN
- Mark Crimmins**
Iowa Central Community College, IA
- Diane Gallagher**
Highland Community College, IL
- Mary Kay Thayer**
Monroe County Community College, MI

NORTHEAST REGION

- Rosemary Gillet-Karam, Chair**
Baltimore City Community College, MD

- Cathy Guild**
Bunker Hill Community College, MA
- Catherine Hebson McVicker**
Raritan Valley Community College, NJ
- Pamela Johnson**
Community College at Beaver County, PA
- Camile Kahler**
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

PACIFIC REGION

- Dana Saar, Chair**
Maricopa County Community College District, AZ
- Vacant**

- Mohamed Alyajouri**
Portland Community College, OR
- Linda Handy**
Peralta Community College District, CA
- Allison Stephens**
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

SOUTHERN REGION

- Rick Pearson, Chair**
Northern Virginia Community College, VA
- Paul Batson, III**
Greenville Technical College, SC
- Steve Cona, III**
Hillsborough Community College, FL

- Robert Chester**
Albany Technical College, GA
- Dallas Freeman**
Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC

WESTERN REGION

- Conrad Heede, Chair**
Tarrant County College District, TX
- Jim Garver**
Southeast Community College, NE
- Steven Peck**
Central Wyoming College, WY
- Vacant**
- Vacant**



Openings for ACCT Diversity Committee

The Diversity 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 opportunities for underrepresented populations. The Diversity Committee advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

There will be one opening for a two-year term in each ACCT region. Listed below are the Diversity Committee members who currently hold these positions. (*eligible for re-election)

CENTRAL REGION

Amanda Howland*
College of Lake County, IL

NORTHEAST REGION

Benjamin Wu
Montgomery College, MD

PACIFIC REGION

Meredith Brown*
Peralta Community College District, CA

SOUTHERN REGION

Yvonne Barnes*
Trident Technical College, SC

WESTERN REGION

Carlton Underwood*
Central Wyoming College, WY
(1-year appointment)

Your Board and Committees at Work

The ACCT Board of Directors and committee members participated in the 2017 Invitational Symposium September 24-25 at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. The symposium focused on workforce development and research on vulnerable student populations, including working students, parents, and minorities. The board and committees also met on September 24 and 25, prior to the 48th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

ANNUAL 2017 ACCT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS –Highlights from Board and Committee Meetings

Board Committees

• Diversity Committee

- Election of the Diversity Committee Chair-Elect: the Chair-Elect for 2017-2018 is Trustee Judy Chen Haggerty.
- Discussed the Joint AACC/ACCT DACA letter and expressed support of DACA; also reviewed the ACCT Strategic Plan.

• Governance and Bylaws Committee

- Discussed a new ACCT Student Advisory Committee and what such a committee may contribute to the association. A motion was made to approve a plan to implement the committee; the motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed the Charles Kennedy Equity Award eligibility with regards

to the policy that prohibits colleges from applying for the award again. A motion was made to introduce a ten-year waiting period on reapplication for award recipients; the motion passed unanimously.

• Finance and Audit Committee

- Reviewed and passed a motion to accept the 2017 Audited Financials and Reports.
- Reviewed and accepted revisions to the Current Investment Policy as presented for formal ratification by the ACCT Board of Directors.
- Reviewed and passed a motion to approve transfer of up to 5% of the association’s long-term investment reserve in any fiscal year to the Opportunity Fund.
- Discussed and passed a motion to transfer excess revenue from FY17 audit to the Opportunity Fund to seed the fund going forward.

• Member Communications and Education Committee

- Discussed the longitudinal “Citizen Trustee” survey that began onsite in conjunction with the Leadership Congress. Preliminary results will be presented during the Summer 2018 Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting.

- Discussed the short-term member engagement and satisfaction survey and informed the committee of new communications planned for 2018, including podcasts and mini-webinars.

• Public Policy Committee

- Discussed a federal update on the status of DACA and options for legislative action.
- Reviewed federal appropriations for FY18 and highlighted issues with the Pell Grant Program.
- Provided an overview of upcoming regulatory changes, and the status of the reauthorization of the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

September 25th Board Meeting

- AACC President Walter Bumphus announced that former ACCT Board Chair Roberto Zárate was appointed to the AACC Board.
- The African American Trustees Association, Asian Pacific Islander & Native American Trustees Association, Association of Latino Community Colleges Trustees, and Trustee Advisory Committee provided updates of their activities and interests. It was decided that these groups will be added to the agenda for future Board meetings.



2017 ELECTION RESULTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair

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Edmonds Community College, WA

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Iowa Western Community College, IA

Vice Chair

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San Joaquin Delta College, CA

Southern Regional Chair

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South Florida State College, FL

Western Regional Chair

Kent Miller

Mid-Plains Community College, NE

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

(Three-year terms)

Central Region

James Cooksey

Moberly Area Community College, MO

Northeast Region

Hector Ortiz

Harrisburg Area Community College, PA

Pacific Region

John Leal

State Center Community College District, CA

Southern Region

Dennis Troy

Bladen Community College, NC

Western Region

Rose Benavidez

South Texas College, TX

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

(Three-year terms except where noted)

John Lukas

Lakeshore Technical College, WI

Larry Meyer

Lansing Community College, MI

Gilbert Wong

Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Diversity Committee Chair

Benjamin Wu

Montgomery College, MD

Tommy Lewis

Diné College, AZ

ACCT DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

(Two-year terms except where noted)

Central Region

Jay Nardini

Hawkeye Community College, IA

Northeast Region

Mary Zimmerman

Union County College, NJ

Pacific Region

Judy Chen Haggerty

Mt. San Antonio College, CA

Southern Region

Betty Holness

Daytona State College, FL

Western Region

Art Fierro

El Paso Community College, TX

RETIRING ACCT BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Figueroa

Riverside Community College District, CA

Jim Harper

Portland Community College, OR

Vernon Jung

Moraine Park Technical College, WI

Clare Ollayos

Elgin Community College, IL

Roberto Zárate

Alamo Colleges, TX

Your Board and Committees at Work (continued)

- Approved the creation of a Student Trustee Advisory Committee.
- Approved creation of an Opportunities Fund.
- Approved a motion to allow winners of the Equity Award to reapply after 10 years.

September 27th Board Meeting

- Retiring Board members gave brief comments before the new members were sworn in. (See all election results in the following pages.)
- The gavel was passed to the new Board Chair.
- The 2018 Executive Committee positions were confirmed, and David Mathis was elected Secretary-Treasurer.
- Benjamin Wu was confirmed as the Diversity Chair, and appointed to a one-year term on the board.
- The Regional Chairs were elected.

The ACCT Board of Directors, board committees, and the State Coordinators Network will next meet on February 11-14, 2018 in Washington, D.C., immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit. For more information about how to get involved with any of these groups, go to www.acct.org/committees.



Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the Bylaws

According to Article XIV of the Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

Section 1. Origination

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing by: the Executive Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or at least five Voting Members.

Section 2. Procedure

- a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing **no later than July 1** of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee, through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Director's 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 Director's 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 which 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.
- f. Proposed amendments not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate if the Senate votes to suspend the rules to consider the amendment by a two-thirds vote. The amendment shall require a two-thirds vote to be adopted.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING SENATE RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7, of the 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 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. This report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than thirty 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.



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January 11, 2018
- ▶ **Diversity Committee Candidate Nominations**
January 11, 2018
- ▶ **National Legislative Summit Hotel Registration**
January 12, 2018
- ▶ **Amendments to ACCT Bylaws**
July 1, 2018
- ▶ **Submitting Resolutions**
July 1, 2018

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