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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 26-member 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 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 *bigbly* 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

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
• You must be a trustee at an ACCT member college.	• You must be a trustee at an ACCT member college.
• At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. "Volunteer service to ACCT" is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network.	• At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. "Volunteer service to ACCT" is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network.
• Submit a letter of declaration to run for office.	• Must be nominated from the floor.
• 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 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.	



2026 Board and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Nomination Process/Deadlines

Each member of the Board of Directors and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion 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, Equity, & Inclusion Committee) at the same time.

Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. "Volunteer service to ACCT" is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network.

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 9, 2025** or by post with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday** Lagrage 0, 2025

of Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:

 A letter of declaration to run for office;
 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. **Financial support includes payment of conference fees and any expenses related to travel to and from meeting venues (NLS and Leadership Congress). For members of the ACCT Board of Directors, when attending an annual meeting in person, the association will reimburse the cost of your hotel room for the two nights prior to the Annual Leadership Congress and the National Legislative Summit to support your attendance at committee and Board meetings scheduled on those days.

The ACCT President & CEO will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to each member of the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee by **Friday**, **January 31, 2025.**

You are encouraged to submit your nomination online. Please e-mail to: nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via return e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT at nominations@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

Jay Nardini Hawkeye Community College, IA

NORTHEAST REGION Sheila Ireland* Community College of Philadelphia, PA

PACIFIC REGION

Diane Noriega* Mt. Hood Community College, OR **SOUTHERN REGION**

Yvonne Barnes* *Trident Technical College, SC*

WESTERN REGION Steven Anderson Northeast Community College, NE

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)

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg* Kern Community College District, CA

Jermaine Reed* Metropolitan Community College, MO

Arturo Reyes Mott Community College, MI



Directors-at-Large Election Process

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until Tuesday, July 1, 2025 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, Equity, & Inclusion Committee) at the same time.

Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. "Volunteer service to ACCT" is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee, or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network.

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in New Orleans during the 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress and want to appear in the fall issue of the 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 **Tuesday**, **July 1, 2025** or with a postmark date of **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**. The President & CEO will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to the ACCT membership in September.

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 9, 2025** or with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 9, 2025**.

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 includes payment of conference fees and any expenses related to travel to and from meeting venues (NLS and Leadership Congress). For members of the ACCT Board of Directors, when attending an annual meeting in person, the association will reimburse the cost of your botel room for the two nights prior to the Annual Leadership Congress and the National Legislative Summit to support your attendance at committee and Board meetings scheduled on those days.

2025 ACCT REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CENTRAL REGION

Bridget Saffold, Chair *Hawkeye Community College, IA*

Esther Combs Montcalm Community College, MI

Dawn Erlandson Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN

Pennie Groezinger Highland Community College, IL

Vernon Jung, Jr. Moraine Park Technical College, WI

NORTHEAST REGION

David Grossman, Chair Delaware County Community College, PA David Mathis Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Barur Rajeshkumar *Quinsigamond Community College, MA*

Betti Singh Warren County Community College, NJ

J. D. Urbach Community College of Baltimore County, MD

PACIFIC REGION

Adrienne Grey, Chair West Valley-Mission Community College District, CA **Evelyn Casuga** Central Arizona College, AZ

Anna Franklin Community Colleges of Spokane, WA

Kathryn Relang College of the Marshall Islands, MH

Andrew Speer Mt. Hood Community College, OR

SOUTHERN REGION

Joseph Huggins, Chair Northern Virginia Community College, VA

Dan Bozard Northeastern Technical College, SC Rod Harrelson Western Piedmont Community

College, NC Ismare Monreal

Miami Dade College, FL

WESTERN REGION

Nancy Baca, Chair Central New Mexico Community College, NM

Eric Scott Killough Pratt Community College, KS

Gerald Lopez Alamo Colleges District, TX

Arlyn Uhrmacher Southeast Community College, NE

Carlton Underwood Central Wyoming College, WY



Openings for ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

The Diversity, Equity, & 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 opportunities for underrepresented populations. The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion 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, Equity, & Inclusion Committee members who currently hold these positions. *(*eligible for re-election)*

CENTRAL REGION

Torrie Mark Newsome *College of Lake County, IL*

NORTHEAST REGION

Sandra Moore* Anne Arundel Community College, MD

PACIFIC REGION

Jose Alcala* Riverside Community College District, CA

SOUTHERN REGION

Tina Royal *Davidson-Davie Community College, NC*

WESTERN REGION

Belen Robles El Paso Community College, TX

2024 ELECTION RESULTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Vice Chair Pretta VanDible Stallworth Houston Community College System, TX

Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Valladares Rio Hondo College, CA

Immediate Past Chair <mark>Jay Nardini</mark> Hawkeye Community College, IA

REGIONAL CHAIRS

Central Regional Chair Amanda Howland College of Lake County, IL

Northeast Regional Chair Sheila Ireland Community College of Philadelphia, PA

Pacific Regional Chair Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg Kern Community College District, CA

Southern Regional Chair <mark>Yvonne Barnes</mark>

Trident Technical College, SC Western Regional Chair Carol Scott Del Mar College, TX

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

(Three-year terms except where noted) Central Region Shawn Boldt Highland Community College, IL

Northeast Region Anthony Colón Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Pacific Region Rich Fukutaki Bellevue College, WA

Southern Region H. Allen Langley Cleveland Community College, NC

Western Region Pretta VanDible Stallworth Houston Community College System, TX **DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE** (Three-year terms except where noted)

Carol Del Carlo Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

Tim Hardy Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

Vivian Malauulu Long Beach City College, CA

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair Tina Royal Davidson-Davie Community College, NC

ACCT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

(Two-year terms except where noted) Central Region

Florence Appel College of DuPage, IL

Northeast Region Trinh Nguyen Bunker Hill Community College, MA

Pacific Region Sharmila Swenson Highline College, WA

Southern Region Keyatta Priester Aiken Technical College, SC

Western Region Linda Hoskins Sutton Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

RETIRING ACCT BOARD MEMBERS

Rose Benavidez South Texas College, TX

Maureen Dunne College of DuPage, IL

Dan Mims San Jacinto College, TX

Keyatta Priester Aiken Technical College, SC

Deborah Tappendorf Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, IA



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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- National Legislative Summit Early Bird Registration December 18, 2024
- Board of Directors Candidate Nominations January 9, 2025
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidate Nominations January 9, 2025

Visit www.acct.org for more information.

- National Legislative Summit Hotel Registration January 15, 2025
- Amendments to ACCT Bylaws July 1, 2025
- Submitting Resolutions July 1, 2025

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