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## Announcement of Board Candidates

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

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

Regional Nominating Committees met on February 5th to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed below.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

### 2024 Candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors

#### REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region

*The following is the slate of nominees:*

Central Region – **Carla Hedtke\***  
 Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI

Northeast Region – **No Nominees**

Pacific Region – **Deborah Ikeda\***  
 State Center Community College District, CA

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

Western Region – **Carol Scott\***  
 Del Mar College, TX

#### DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

*The following is the slate of nominees:*

**Anay Abraham\***  
 Miami Dade College, FL

**Amanda Howland\***  
 College of Lake County, IL

**Oscar Valladares\***  
 Rio Hondo College, CA

*Nominations must be received by July 1, 2023 in order to appear in the fall 2023 issue of Advisor. Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committee. Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.*



# 2024 Board and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Candidate Statements

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR

### CENTRAL REGION



**Carla Hedtke**  
*Northeast Wisconsin  
Technical College, WI*

For over 28 years, Carla Hedtke has been an active member of the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) District Board.

As an NWTC Board member, she has supported decisions that have advanced the College's offerings and innovations for student success which led NWTC to become the first Wisconsin college to be named an Achieving the Dream College.

She is highly regarded in the pain management field throughout Northeast Wisconsin as a Trigger Point Therapist.

Ms. Hedtke has held several leadership positions on the DBA including President. She represented state Trustees during Wisconsin bi-annual budget development. Ms. Hedtke was appointed by the governor to the State of Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Board.

Ms. Hedtke has been an active ACCT Associate Committee member for over 20 years. She is the recipient of the ACCT 2020 Central Region Trustee Award.

### NORTHEAST REGION

**No Nominees**

### PACIFIC REGION



**Deborah Ikeda**  
*State Center Community  
College District, CA*

I was elected and served two full terms on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee and

currently elected to serve on the Board of the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) that represents 116 CA community colleges and over 1.8 million students. I have served as the board president and vice-president of our District Board of Trustees. In 2022, I was humbled and honored to receive the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award from ACCT for making a significant contribution toward promoting the community college concept.

As a retired founding president of Clovis Community College in Fresno, California, I have personally witnessed the transformational power a community college education affords students from underrepresented populations. We change lives by making decisions that are in the best interest of our students. If elected, I will continue to advocate for making choices that benefit students through the advocacy work of the ACCT organization and member of the Board of Directors.

### SOUTHERN REGION



**Tim Hardy**  
*Louisiana Community &  
Technical College System, LA*

Timothy W. Hardy is the Past Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana Community & Technical College System, 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 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 point person for multiple Chancellor searches as well as a President 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 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



**Carol Scott**  
*Del Mar College, TX*

A proven leader, Carol is credited with strategic developments among the many organizations she has served. Serving her third term as Chair of the Del Mar College Board of Regents, she has also served as chair of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees which experienced growth in programming, member engagement and advocacy success even during the pandemic. She most recently served on the Texas Commission on Community College Finance revamping the model for community finance in the state. She was Texas State Coordinator for ACCT for five years.

Carol is a Distinguished Alumni from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Other leadership roles include: Corpus Christi ISD Board, Leadership Texas, Leadership Corpus Christi, Chamber of Commerce, Texas Public Relations Association (TPRA). She received the TPRA's highest individual honor for service to the profession, is a member



of Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows and received PRSA's Paul M. Lund Public Service Award.

## DIRECTOR AT-LARGE



**Anay Abraham**  
*Miami Dade College, FL*

Serving on the Miami Dade College District Board of Trustees, Dr. Anay M. Abraham has a strong background in education and a passion for improving communities. With over 20 years of experience in the field, she has served in various executive and advisory roles at organizations such as Springboard Education in America, The SEED Public Boarding Charter School, and City Year. Her leadership and foresight is in bringing a keen focus on neurodiversity and bringing best practices, policy change, & awareness. She is a champion for educational excellence and opportunity for all. In addition to her work in education, Dr. Abraham is actively involved in initiatives for special needs communities in Miami, serves as the Executive Director of Casa Familia and a Board member for Work for America. It would be an honor to serve on the ACCT Board of Directors and continue to advocate for education and opportunity for all students.



**Amanda Howland**  
*College of Lake County, IL*

I am privileged and honored to have served the ACCT for several years, first as a member of the DEI Committee, and now as a Director at Large. As my current term ends this October, I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve as an

ACCT Board Member.

ACCT is an exceptional organization that supports our community colleges. As a Board, we help set policy, we lobby, we prioritize, all for the benefit of our students and community. I completely support the mission and goals of our organization. I strongly believe that our community colleges will continue to gain importance and will be leaders in preparing our future workforce.

As a former teacher, principal, and currently a civil rights attorney I would be honored to have your support to serve as an ACCT Board Member.



**Oscar Valladares**  
*Rio Hondo College, CA*

As a proud former Dreamer and graduate of East Los Angeles Community College and current Trustee for Rio Hondo College Board, I kindly ask for your support and vote for Director – Pacific Region. Access and success in post-secondary education is what has allowed me and other Americans to change my social and economic reality. I work as a Mental Health Social worker for my local County Department of Mental Health. As a Trustee, I advocate for housing, food, technology and mental health as basic needs for all of our students. I currently serve on the ACCT – Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. During my tenure as Board President, I also completed the Aspen Institute Fellowship Program and currently attend the California Diversity, Equity and Inclusion sessions. I believe that together we can continue to build a 21st century community college experience for all students who want to transform their socio-economic status.

## 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. During the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Regional Caucuses and Meetings, one member is elected from each of the five regions.

Regional Nominating Committees met on February 5th to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

## 2024 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

**Torrie Mark Newsome\***  
*College of Lake County, IL*

### NORTHEAST REGION

**No Nominees**

### PACIFIC REGION

**No Nominees**

### SOUTHERN REGION

**No Nominees**

### WESTERN REGION

**Belen Robles\***  
*El Paso Community College, TX*

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



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### CENTRAL REGION



**Torrie Mark Newsome**  
*College of Lake County, IL*

In my service the past two years on the College of Lake County (CLC) Board of Trustees the key motivating factor is enhancing, promoting and celebrating student success and to help in creating economic empowerment for our students, their families and our communities.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a most important topic not only for our community and country, but the world and it means a lot to sit at the national table of community college leaders and discuss these most important and life changing issues and try to come up with solutions.

It is important that we develop each and every student to the best of their abilities, so they can graduate and achieve their dreams.

In my experience as a husband, father, son, family member, friend, paper boy, factory worker, night student, veteran, attorney, volunteer, member of the community, community college graduate, teacher and trustee, I hope to be a catalyst and share what I know to develop policies that put our students first.

### NORTHEAST REGION

**No Nominees**

### PACIFIC REGION

**No Nominees**

### SOUTHERN REGION

**No Nominees**

### WESTERN REGION



**Belen Robles**  
*El Paso Community College, TX*

Throughout my career and community involvement, I have been committed to playing an active role in the corridors of power to ensure that underrepresented voices are heard. I believe that education is key to equity and understand that community colleges are a strong, friendly choice for diverse students. I was part of the community members and organizations that fought to establish El Paso Community College in 1969 and have remained involved ever since.

As a member of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee since 2017, I would continue to advance ACCT's efforts to strengthen connections and collaborate with members to make our nation's community colleges more equitable to all students. We need to work together to be as inclusive as possible so that students can successfully achieve their dreams by not only starting, but successfully finishing their education.

I am committed to serving ACCT, our member colleges and our nation's students by being a bold voice in support of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the governance activities of ACCT.



## HOW TO JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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

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"> <li>• Be a trustee at an ACCT member college.</li> <li>• Submit a letter of declaration to run for office.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Submit a narrative statement that details qualifications, not to exceed 150 words, for inclusion in printed voting materials.</li> <li>• 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.)</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a trustee at an ACCT member college.</li> <li>• Must be nominated from the floor by a voting delegate from the candidate's respective institution.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

If you wish to run for a seat in Las Vegas during the 2023 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, 2023**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2023**. The president will send candidate information received within 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Any candidate who declares their intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors up to 30 days prior to the election will automatically receive from the appropriate ACCT staff all the same information provided to candidates

who declared their candidacies by the July 1 deadline.

**Please e-mail your nomination materials to [nominations@acct.org](mailto:nominations@acct.org).** ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Association Counsel Andrew Laine at [alaine@acct.org](mailto:alaine@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.***



## 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 Tuesday during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, to campaign prior to the election during the Senate Meeting on Wednesday.

*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.*

## Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws

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

### **Section 1. Origination**

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

### **Section 2. Procedure**

- a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than July 1 of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Directors' recommendations.
- b. If the Governance and Bylaws Committee recommends modification of a proposal and the Board of Directors approves the modification or approves an alternative modification, the sponsor shall be so notified of the proposed modification. Should the sponsor find the modification unacceptable, the original proposal, together with the Board of Directors' recommendation, shall be submitted to the Senate for action.
- c. Written notice of the proposed change shall be sent to each Voting Member at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- d. The Senate shall consider all proposed amendments that meet the requirements, and any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be adopted.
- e. An amendment becomes effective at the close of the Senate meeting at which it was adopted.



## PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS

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

- a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president no later than July 1 of that year. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by a Voting Member, the Board of Directors, or by the Governance and Bylaws Committee.
- b. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall study all proposals received and shall forward with comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. Such report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 days in advance of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.
- c. Proposed resolutions following the process of paragraphs a. and b. above must have a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be adopted.
- d. Proposed resolutions not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate under the following procedure:
  1. The proposed resolution must be submitted to the president in writing, signed by the voting delegates of at least five Voting Members prior to the Senate meeting.
  2. The Senate must suspend the rules, without debate, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
  3. The proposed resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
- e. Resolutions adopted by the Senate shall expire on the termination date set in the Resolution, or if there is not a termination date, three years after the date of adoption, unless re-authorized by the Senate.

## Regional Nominating Committee

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

### Responsibilities

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

### Election/Composition/Terms

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

### Committee Meetings (Interviews)

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



## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rose Benavidez, Chair**  
*South Texas College, TX*
- Jay Nardini, Chair-Elect**  
*Hawkeye Community College, IA*
- Tim Hardy, Vice Chair**  
*Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA*
- Richard Fukutaki, Secretary-Treasurer**  
*Bellevue College, WA*
- James Cooksey, Immediate Past Chair**  
*Moberly Area Community College, MO*
- John Lukas, Central Regional Chair**  
*Lakeshore Technical College, WI*
- Sheetal Ranjan, Northeast Regional Chair**  
*Bergen Community College, NJ*
- Gilbert Wong, Pacific Regional Chair**  
*Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA*
- Yvonne Barnes, Southern Regional Chair**  
*Trident Technical College, SC*
- Dan Mims, Western Regional Chair**  
*San Jacinto College, TX*
- Steven Anderson**  
*Northeast Community College, NE*
- Anthony Colón**  
*Mohawk Valley Community College, NY*
- Ed Dalrymple**  
*Central Piedmont Community College, NC*
- Carol Del Carlo**  
*Nevada System of Higher Education, NV*
- Maureen Dunne**  
*College of DuPage, IL*
- Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg**  
*Kern Community College District, CA*
- Zaida Hernandez-Irisson, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair**  
*Gateway Technical College, WI*
- Amanda Howland**  
*College of Lake County, IL*
- Sheila Ireland**  
*Community College of Philadelphia, PA*
- Vivian Malauulu**  
*Long Beach City College, CA*
- Bonnie Soria Najera**  
*El Paso Community College, TX*
- Diane Noriega**  
*Mt. Hood Community College, OR*
- Jermaine Reed**  
*Metropolitan Community College, MO*
- Arturo Reyes**  
*Mott Community College, MI*
- Pretta VanDible Stallworth**  
*Houston Community College System, TX*
- Oscar Valladares**  
*Rio Hondo College, CA*

## Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2023 ACCT Leadership Congress in Las Vegas during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Tuesday, October 10th at the Aria Resort & Casino. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. **Please note that terms ending in 2023 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 (3 seats expire in 2023)

- **Greg Wolfe, Committee Chair**  
*Danville Area Community College, IL*  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Betty Bruski Mallek, Mid-State Technical College, WI**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **John Crist, Jackson College, MI**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Doris Graham, St. Louis Community College, MO**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Moudy Nabulsi, Southeastern Community College, IA**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023

### NORTHEAST REGION (3 seats expire in 2023)

- **Jynai McDonald, Committee Chair**  
*Springfield Technical Community College, MA*  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Joseph Barreto, Bergen Community College, NJ**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Ann Fleming Brown, Schenectady County Community College, NY**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Rosalyn McPherson, Community College of Philadelphia, PA**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **John Williamson, Hagerstown Community College, MD**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024

### PACIFIC REGION (2 seats expire in 2023)

- **Jose Alcala, Committee Chair**  
*Riverside Community College District, CA*  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Lois Bernstein, Tacoma Community College, WA**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Amy Carvalho, Nevada System of Higher Education, NV**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Charles Cepeda, Northern Marianas College, MP**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Marie Sullivan, Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024

### SOUTHERN REGION (3 seats expire in 2023)

- **Willie Mount, Committee Chair**  
*Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA*  
Term Expiration: 10/2023

- **Dan Bozard, Northeastern Technical College, SC**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023\*
- **Linda Lockman-Brooks, Central Piedmont Community College, NC**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Mark Roberts, Arkansas State University Three Rivers**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Nicole Washington, Miami Dade College, FL**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024

### WESTERN REGION (1 seat expires in 2023)

- **Clint Kingsbery, Committee Chair**  
*Alamo Colleges, TX*  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Annette Chavez y De La Cruz, Central New Mexico Community College, NM**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Regina Clark, Western Wyoming Community College, WY**  
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Mark Hamill, Johnson County Community College, KS**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Fred Uhe, Metropolitan Community College, NE**  
Term Expiration: 10/2024

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

If you are interested in serving on a Regional Nominating Committee, please email your Regional Chair or ACCT at [nominations@acct.org](mailto:nominations@acct.org):

**Central Regional Chair**  
John Lukas

**Northeast Regional Chair**  
Sheetal Ranjan

**Pacific Regional Chair**  
Gilbert Wong

**Southern Regional Chair**  
Yvonne Barnes

**Western Regional Chair**  
Dan Mims





# ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2024

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 2024 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are required to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by November 1, 2023. Those interested in serving should submit the 2024 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. The ACCT Chair will appoint members to the following committees:

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

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

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

Associate members may be selected for committee membership under the following conditions:

1. They shall be selected from Voting Members.

2. They may serve three consecutive one-year terms per committee.
3. No more than one associate member from a college shall serve on any one board committee.
4. All related expenses are the responsibility of their college.
5. They have full voting rights.
6. They shall have a letter of nomination from their board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

**Please Note: ALL APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVING IN 2023 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2024. 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 2024 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 4-7, 2024 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in Seattle, Washington on October 23-26, 2024. 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. 2024 Committee Interest Form (see page 14); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

**These documents must be received at ACCT by November 1, 2023. Send to the ACCT Chair, via <https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form> or by email at [assocmemb@acct.org](mailto:assocmemb@acct.org).**



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## COORDINATORS NETWORK

The State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the association by linking the Board of Directors and staff directly to the membership. Coordinators, appointed by the ACCT Regional Chairs, are the voices and faces of ACCT in their local communities, and a primary source of information from their communities back to the ACCT Board and staff.

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

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COORDINATOR:

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



# ACCT COMMITTEES

## 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 ACCT President & CEO on the services, policies and positions of the Association. Committee members are CEOs of ACCT member institutions and are appointed to the committee by the ACCT Chair.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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



## STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

## TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 and other countries.





# 2024 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

### 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:

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**This form must be returned to [assocmemb@acct.org](mailto:assocmemb@acct.org) by November 1, 2023.**

**You can also fill out the form online at <https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form>.**

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- ▶ **Governance and Leadership Institute: New Orleans, LA**  
*March 22 – 24, 2023*
- ▶ **Governance and Leadership Institute for New Trustees**  
*August 2 – 4, 2023*
- ▶ **Regional Awards Nomination Submissions**  
*June 5, 2023*
- ▶ **Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations**  
*July 1, 2023*
- ▶ **Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**  
*July 1, 2023*
- ▶ **Submitting Senate Resolutions**  
*July 1, 2023*
- ▶ **ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions**  
*May 12, 2023*
- ▶ **Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2024**  
*November 1, 2023*

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