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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 6th to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed below.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

2023 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 – **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 – **Steve Anderson***
Northeast Community College, NE

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

Blake H. Eisenhart
Bucks County Community College, PA

Jermaine Reed*
Metropolitan Community College, MO

Arturo Reyes*
Mott Community College, MI

Kenneth Sadler*
Forsyth Technical Community College, NC

Oscar Valladares*
Rio Hondo College, CA

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2022 in order to appear in the fall 2022 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.



2023 Board and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION



Jay Nardini
Hawkeye Community College, IA

I am asking for your vote for reelection to a second term as one of your Central Region Directors. I currently serve as Vice-Chair of the ACCT Board and chair the Member Communications and Education Committee. Last year I had the privilege to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, and previously served four years as an elected member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. 2022 marks my 11th year as an elected Trustee of Hawkeye Community College in Iowa, where I serve as Board Chair. I am a past Chair of Iowa's State Trustee Board and strongly support community colleges and the pivotal role they play in educating our students and training our workforce. Strengthening membership engagement and increasing Trustee educational opportunities, while advocating for our colleges at the national level, are my priorities. Thank you in advance for your support. See you in New York City.

NORTHEAST REGION



Sheila Ireland
Community College of Philadelphia, PA

For the past three decades, Sheila Ireland has devoted her career to helping people seeking to connect to the American dream by focusing on education and workforce development. Sheila serves as a board trustee at Community College of Philadelphia (CCP) and chairs the

workforce development committee. Deeply committed to the intersection of education and workforce development, Sheila serves on college and workforce boards across Philadelphia and was appointed to the ACCT board for the 2020-2021 year. Sheila's passion for this work is fueled by a clear understanding of the power of community colleges as after dropping out of college, she returned to higher education by enrolling in CCP. Three degrees later she is living proof of the value of education and the opportunities that it can create. Sheila intends to pay it forward through her work with ACCT and as the Deputy Secretary of Labor and Industry in Pennsylvania.

PACIFIC REGION



Diane Noriega
Mt. Hood Community College, OR

Diane Noriega was elected to the Mt. Hood Community College District (MHCCD) Board of Education in 2019 to a four-year term as an at-large member. Having previously spent four years between 2011 and 2015 on the board, this will be her second time serving. During her first term on the board, Noriega served as Chair of the Board for two years. Noriega served as Board Chair once again in 2020-21. She is also active with Oregon Community College Association Board, as well as ACCT. She served as an Associate Member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and then as an elected member.

Appointed to serve a one-year term in 2019, Noriega ran and was elected to the position in 2021. She served on the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. This year, she is serving on the Governance and Bylaws Committee.

Noriega also served on the MHCCD Foundation Board from 2015-2019 and was Vice Chair. Her professional background includes experience as the interim president, provost and academic vice president, professor at California State University Monterey Bay, and dean of the College of Education at Sacramento State University. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California - Santa Barbara, a master's degree in Spanish language and literature from The University of California - Davis and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of California - Santa Barbara.

SOUTHERN REGION



Yvonne Barnes
Trident Technical College, SC

As a former community college instructor, I know the importance of providing a leg/foot up to those often left behind in the workforce or those desirous of additional time to determine their life goals; to refresh their skills, or to be in smaller environments where they could breathe and take time to find themselves. Community colleges do all the above and more, and I am proud to serve as an advocate for these institutions and those they serve. I strongly believe that leveraging our difference in experience, personal history, perspectives, and the like, allows us to see different vantages and enables us to reach higher heights together. I am a former chair of ACCT's DEI Committee, an appointed ACCT Board Member, a member of the African American Trustees' Caucus, and ACCT's Governance and Bylaws Committee member. I am a fifteen-year commissioner, serving my second term as Chair of Trident's Commission; an officer of SCATCC, and the 2019 South Carolina Commissioner of the Year.



As an innovative, collaborative, seasoned educator, compassionate servant leader, with more than thirty years of experience, I look forward to continuing the legacy of creating “Good Trouble,” on behalf of our community college populations.

WESTERN REGION



Steve Anderson
Northeast Community College, NE

A 25-year commitment as a member of the Northeast Community College Board of Governors, my contributions as a member of the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors and my current service on the Association of Community College Trustees Board of Directors has given me a broad perspective on the needs of community college trustees across all regions of North America.

My experience as a community college graduate of Central Community College in Nebraska positioned me to be successful earning a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nebraska. My community college degree still gives me invaluable insight through my leadership positions in Nebraska and with ACCT.

During my time at Central Community College and Northeast Community College, I have witnessed firsthand the impact community colleges have on the success of students of all ages and from all levels of society in our country.

I look forward to continuing my service to our colleges and students as a member of the ACCT Board of Directors during a very exciting time for community colleges.

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE



Blake H. Eisenhart
Bucks County Community College, PA

Higher Education enables every person to live their dream, and I agree with Horace Mann that education is the “great equalizer.”

I bring all-encompassing Trustee leadership experience since 1986 (chaired Board for 5 terms; chaired 3 Presidential Searches), and service on ACCT Finance/Audit Committee, 2021 Northeast Nominations Committee, and various ACCT committees in prior years.

Working successfully in a non-partisan collaborative manner as Trustee, I earned Trustee appointments from both political parties.

As Chief Audit Executive reporting to the Board Chair at two global brand corporations, I bring extensive governance and financial experience, and highly effective organizational strategy and development skills to ACCT.

Strategically, trustees and presidents face significant challenges: implementing educational equity; understanding our student wants/preferences; reimagining our facilities and workforce cost centers; and addressing declining enrollments, higher expenses and greater competition. My goal as at-large Director is being a two-way conduit advancing the unique and particular priorities of trustees and enhancing the value proposition ACCT shares with ALL Trustees.



Jermaine Reed
Metropolitan Community College, MO

Elected to the Metropolitan Community College Board of Trustees in 2020, I help oversee a \$166 million budget and five campuses. I am completing my first year on the ACCT Board of Directors and have grown from this experience. I have served as a City Council member in Kansas City, Missouri and on several boards, locally and nationally.

I have dedicated my life to public service and have spent many hours annually on what transformative academia can look like in Kansas City and broader America. Ensuring accessible higher education, a strong workforce, and students being able to achieve a range of knowledge and skills are game changers. I would be honored to

Announcement of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidates

The Diversity, Equity, & 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 6th to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

2023 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

Zaida Hernandez-Irisson*
Gateway Technical College, WI

NORTHEAST REGION

Pamela E. Gardner*
Hudson County Community College, NJ

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

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



continue to serve on ACCT Board of Directors to use my background and expertise for effective advocacy of community colleges and its students. I humbly ask for your vote for a full three-year term as a Director-at-Large.



Arturo Reyes
Mott Community College, MI

It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve as a trustee for Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan, for the last 5 years. I've served one year as Board Secretary and am currently finishing my first year as Board Vice Chair. Further, I have served as an ACCT At-Large Director from the Central Region since October 2019.

I have many years of board level experience, having served with several non-profit organizations in the Greater Flint Area. Additionally, I served as president of UAW Local 651, representing Active and Retired employees of General Motors as well as Delphi, in Flint for nearly 8 years prior to being elected as a Trustee at Mott. I have been an electrician for General Motors for over 30 years, and as such, am fully engaged in efforts to emphasize the importance of having a skilled trades workforce for not only the companies who employ them but for those who have either decided the traditional university experience is not for them or who see the benefit in "earning while they learn". The Community College sector is ideal for expanding opportunities for our students to attain their goals, be they in the Trades, another Certificate program or to transfer to a 4-year institution. I know firsthand the opportunities which allow for Journeypersons to earn a good living, contribute

to their local community, and raise/support a family. I have been active in my community most of my life and wish to continue to bring that passion to the ACCT Board.



Kenneth Sadler
Forsyth Technical Community College, NC

I have been a member of the Forsyth Technical Community College board of trustees since 1992. My current term will expire in June 2024. Since joining the board I have participated on most of the board committees, either as Chair or Vice Chair (three years each), and currently serve as chair of the nominating committee, vice chair of the curriculum committee, and (formerly) a member of the search committee for three college presidents. I am currently an active member of the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee.

Other areas of service include the following: Chair of the board of Lincoln University PA; Vice Chair of the foundation board of Winston-Salem State University; member of the North Carolina State Parks and Recreation Authority (appointed by the state legislature), and locally, on several boards or commissions, appointed by the county commissioners. I have also served on the North Carolina state board of dental examiners for nine years, twice as Secretary-Treasurer and once as President, and five years on the board of the Barnes Art Foundation, two years as President.

I also helped incorporate the town of Lewisville, North Carolina, and served as a charter member of the town Council for 11 terms, one term as Mayor Pro Tempore.

I am a proud veteran of the US Army, serving a total of 27 1/2 years and retired at the rank of Colonel.



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 at-Large. 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.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CENTRAL REGION



Zaida Hernandez-Irisson
Gateway Technical College, WI

As an immigrant, I first learned to speak English at my local technical college. I turned to that same school to begin my college education. What I gained is invaluable and why I advocate. As an engineer, I'm often in situations where I'm the only minority and woman in the room. I don't shy away. It's where I start the conversation advocating for diversity, equality, and inclusion. It's where I promote an inclusive view on diversity from within the construct's minorities see as a barrier. As a minority, I've been able to monitor the



sentiment of equality within the community. Being a leader in my community, I know the need to implement programs that promote diversity in leadership. I've gained insights through struggles and successes, family and community. I'll bring the perspective of a person who isn't only a success from community colleges, but a member of a diverse community.

NORTHEAST REGION



Pamela Gardner
Hudson County Community College, NJ

I, Pamela E. Gardner take immense pleasure in announcing my candidacy for reelection to the Association of County College Trustees Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to represent the Northeast Region. I am a retired educator who strongly supports student success which I know can be achieved through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Community colleges must meet the needs of all students and provide a safe space for them.

I have been an active Trustee serving on and chairing committees. During my tenure on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, I have enjoyed presenting at workshops, sharing ideas, and collaborating with committee members on how we can enhance DEI and support student success in all community colleges. There is much work left to be done. I am up to the task, and I would appreciate being reelected to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

PACIFIC REGION

Sharmila Swenson
Highline College, WA



Sharmila Swenson has served on the Highline College Board of Trustees since 2019. She was appointed at the end of 2021 to fill a vacant seat on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Committee and hopes to continue working as a committee member towards our collective DEI goals. DEI is the issue that led Swenson to service as a Trustee, from a desire to see more people of color in leadership positions and particularly in wanting to support students from diverse and underserved populations.

Her career has been dedicated to service and public policy and her professional background includes experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Swenson is currently an AVP in financial services where she leads Government Affairs and Corporate Philanthropy programs, through which she has focused community engagement and corporate advocacy on issues of equity and inclusion. Swenson is a passionate, dynamic leader with a history of coalition building and the ability to drive results. She continually seeks to engage and lift-up diverse perspectives, and her broad mix of personal and professional experiences make her uniquely positioned to continue providing valuable perspective to the DEI Committee.

SOUTHERN REGION



Keyatta Priester
Aiken Technical College, SC

I am Keyatta Priester, a proud commissioner appointed to the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the governing board for Aiken Technical College by Governors' Nikki Haley and Henry McMaster for the second term. I currently serve as Manager of Community Development with Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) and is the first African American woman to serve in this capacity with AEC. My career spans over 20 years in the utility industry. I hold and have held membership in numerous local, state, and national organizations including: Rotary International; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; Vice Chair of

South Carolina Association of Technical College; Registered lobbyist for Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina; American Heart Association Heart Walk (2018) Co-Chair raising over \$700K for the CSRA; United Way of Aiken County Past (2020) Campaign Chair & Executive Board Member; Women Leadership Council Executive Board Member (WLC); Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Board Member; Leadership Aiken County; Tim Scott's John Moniz Champion of Hope advisory council; Aiken Partnership Board Member. I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to serving.

WESTERN REGION



Linda Hoskins-Sutton
Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

A life-long educator, Linda Hoskins Sutton retired from Kansas City Kansas Community College in 2014 after 30 years of service. Having worked in all aspects (financial, continuing education & community services, student services and adjunct faculty), she knows that community colleges are the bedrock of higher education. As a retired community college employee and now trustee, her motto is still the same: "Students First".

Linda started serving her second four-year term as a Trustee at Kansas City Kansas Community College in January 2022. She currently serves as Chair on KCKCC's Board Policy Committee.

Her local campaign for re-election (November 2021) as a Trustee had an emphasis on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Her passion and commitment is why she is seeking election to ACCT's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. On June 22 and June 29, 2021 she attended Governing for Equity-ACCT Virtual Diversity Institute. Linda Hoskins Sutton wants to work towards helping others realize that DEI benefits all of us.



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

If you wish to run for a seat in New York during the 2022 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, 2022**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2022**. 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. ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT President & CEO 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, & 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, & 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 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.

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: 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.



Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2022 ACCT Leadership Congress in New York during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 27th at the Marriott Marquis New York. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. **Please note that terms ending in 2022 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 2022)

- **Greg Wolfe**, *Committee Chair*
Danville Area Community College, IL
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **John Christ**, *Jackson College, MI*
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Moudy Nabulsi**
Southeastern Community College, IA
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Cheryl Tefer**, *Minnesota State Colleges & Universities, MN*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **John Wyatt**, *Lake Shore Technical College, WI*
Term Expiration: 10/2022

NORTHEAST REGION (2 seats expire in 2022)

- **Ann Fleming Brown**, *Committee Chair*
Schenectady County Community College, NY
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **BJ Ayars**, *Salem Community College, NJ*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Cordell Hunter**, *Hartford Community College, MD*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Jynai McDonald**, *Springfield Technical Community College, MA*
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Rosalyn McPherson**, *Community College of Philadelphia*
Term Expiration: 10/2023

PACIFIC REGION (3 seats expire in 2022)

- **Linda Thor**, *Committee Chair*
Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Jose Alcala**, *Riverside Community College District, CA*
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Mohamed Alyajouri**, *Portland Community College, OR*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Amy Carvalho**, *Nevada System of Higher Education*
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Doug Mah**, *South Puget Sound Community College, WA*
Term Expiration: 10/2022

SOUTHERN REGION (3 seats expire in 2022)

- **Helen Rosemond-Saunders**, *Committee Chair*
Tri-County Technical College, SC
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Barbara Faison**, *Sampson Community College, NC*
Term Expiration: 10/2022*
- **Betty Holness**, *Daytona State College, FL*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Willie Mount**, *Louisiana Community and Technical College*
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Mark Roberts**, *Arkansas State University Three Rivers*
Term Expiration: 10/2023

WESTERN REGION (3 seats expire in 2022)

- **K. Paul Holt**, *Committee Chair*
McLennan Community College, TX
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Regina Clark**, *Western Wyoming Community College*
Term Expiration: 10/2023
- **Arlen Leiker**, *Colby Community College, KS*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Ernie Mehl**, *Mid-Plains Community College, NE*
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **VACANCY**

*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:

Central Regional Chair

Arturo Reyes

Northeast Regional Chair

Marsha Suggs Smith

Pacific Regional Chair

Gilbert Wong

Southern Regional Chair

Tamela Cullens

Western Regional Chair

Dan Mims

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James Cooksey, Chair

Moberly Area Community College, MO

Rose Benavidez, Chair-Elect

South Texas College, TX

Jay Nardini, Vice Chair

Hawkeye Community College, IA

Tim Hardy, Secretary-Treasurer

Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA

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Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

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ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2023

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 2023 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, 2022. Those interested in serving should submit the 2023 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 2022 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2023. 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 2023 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 5-8, 2023 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 9 – 12, 2023. 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. 2023 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 November 1, 2022. Send to the ACCT Chair, via <https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form> or by email at 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



For more information, please visit <https://www.acct.org/page/governance>

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 chair of ACCT 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, as well as some Canadian provinces.





2023 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:

This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by November 1, 2022.

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

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June 15 – 18, 2022
- ▶ **Governance and Leadership Institute for New Trustees**
August 4 – 6, 2022
- ▶ **Regional Awards Nomination Submissions**
June 13, 2022
- ▶ **Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations**
July 1, 2022
- ▶ **Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**
July 1, 2022
- ▶ **Submitting Senate Resolutions**
July 1, 2022
- ▶ **ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions**
May 13, 2022
- ▶ **Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2023**
November 1, 2022

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