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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 virtually during the week of February 22nd to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed to the right.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

### 2022 Candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors

#### REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region  
(1) One-Year Partial Term and (1) Two-Year Partial Term in the Pacific Region

*The following is the slate of nominees:*

Central Region – **Maureen Dunne\***  
*College of DuPage, IL*

Northeast Region – **Marsha Suggs Smith\***  
*Montgomery College, MD*

Pacific Region – **Richard Fukutaki\***  
*Bellevue College, WA*

Pacific Region One-Year Partial Term  
**Diane Noriega\***  
*Mt. Hood Community College, OR*

Pacific Region Two-Year Partial Term  
**Linda Wah\***  
*Pasadena Area Community College District, CA*

Southern Region – **Ed Dalrymple\***  
*Central Piedmont Community College, NC*

Western Region – **Dan Mims\***  
*San Jacinto College District, TX*

#### DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

*The following is the slate of nominees:*

**Carol Del Carlo\***  
*Nevada System of Higher Education, NV*

**Fritz Larsen\***  
*Black Hawk College, IL*

**Kenneth Sadler\***  
*Forsyth Technical Community College, NC*

**Pretta VanDible Stallworth\***  
*Houston Community College System, TX*

*Nominations must be received by July 1, 2021 in order to appear in the fall 2021 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.*



# 2022 Board/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Candidate Statements

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR

### CENTRAL REGION



**Maureen Dunne**  
*College of DuPage, IL*

Being the first community college graduate to become a Rhodes Scholar was personally transformative and inspires my passion as a tireless community college advocate to our legislators and a determined champion for cutting-edge trustee education. As Alum and Trustee at College of DuPage, I represent 1.2M residents and 25K students at one of the largest community colleges and was awarded the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) Outstanding Alumni Award. As a National Science Foundation Fellow, I have served in executive leadership positions at technology companies and have served on the ACCT Public Policy Committee. Moreover, I serve as an Executive Officer (Secretary) for the Illinois Community College Trustee Association (ICCTA). I also spearheaded bridge-scholarship programs to support students with autism nationally, which I presented at the ACCT Leadership Congress. As noted in my keynote address for Community College Day at the National Science Foundation, I believe community colleges represent the most important institution in our nation for transforming lives through accessible education and opportunity.

### NORTHEAST REGION



**Marsha Suggs Smith**  
*Montgomery College, MD*

I have served two years on the ACCT Board, three years on the ACCT Finance and Audit Committee and now serve on

the Member Communications and Education Committee. Working with ACCT leaders, I will be leading our discussion, advocacy and implementing of the strategic plan during this critical time. My goal is to bring the power of your ACCT membership to enhance your leadership and help you highlight the importance of community colleges to your community.

A third generation, educational team leader, coach, and athletic director, I have instilled confidence and clear vision with those whom I have worked. As an African American woman leader and proud graduate of Tuskegee University, AL, I bring the unique experiences that motivate students and those who work for them.

Appointed to the Montgomery College, MD Board of Trustees in 2009, I am past Board Chair and currently Chair of the Financial Sustainability Committee. I helped develop, approve, advocate, and implement the college's \$316 million Operating Budget and \$98 million Capital Budget. I am a member of the Audit Review Committee, Succession Committee, and Liaison to the Montgomery College Foundation which surpassed its \$30 million dollar goal to assist students and programs during the COVID pandemic.

Thirty years of leadership with the National Education Association (NEA), allowed me to work with 3.2 million public education employees as member of the National Executive Committee, Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee and Budget Committee managing a \$300 million budget.

### PACIFIC REGION

**Richard Fukutaki**  
*Bellevue College, WA*



Rich Fukutaki consistently demonstrates a keen sense of creative problem-solving and a deft ability to listen and collaborate across stakeholder groups. He enjoys addressing complex issues to discover what is possible versus being tethered to what has been done in the past. Smarterville, Kinetic City (AAAS), Franchise Basketball are examples of innovative education programs that Fukutaki has helped introduce to encourage STEM learning in underrepresented groups. He also currently serves as President of the Asian Pacific Islanders and Native American (APINA) trustees caucus for ACCT and on the Bellevue College Board of Trustees. He also is a member of the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) committee. Moreover, Fukutaki was selected as the trustee representative on the Washington state workgroup to craft a new vision statement that placed racial equity at the forefront of everything the system does. Fukutaki also serves in several capacities for the Washington State Association of College Trustees on the Finance Committee, Awards Committee (Chair), and Visioning Committee.



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

Diane Noriega was elected to the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)'s 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. She was also active with Oregon Community College Association as well as ACCT. She served as an Associate Member of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and then as an elected member.

Most recently, Noriega was vice president of the MHCC Foundation Board. Her professional background includes experience as the interim president, provost and academic vice president and 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.



**Linda Wah**  
*Pasadena Area  
Community College  
District, CA*

Linda Wah has served on the Board of Trustees for Pasadena Area Community College District since 2010. She is the first Asian Pacific Islander (API) Trustee to serve on that board. Since then, she has served in several leadership positions in the California Community College (CCC) system, including the President of the California Community College Trustees Board, serving all trustees statewide. Wah is also a Trustee Leader for the Diversity Equity Inclusion initiatives, to eliminate the equity gap in our educational system by 2027.

Wah holds a BS and MBA in Information Technology from California State University Los Angeles (CSULA), where she is a member of the President's Community Advisory

Council, serving with other leaders in the County. She also advocated for the formation of a CSULA Mentoring Program which has paired CSULA alums to help students achieve their educational and career goals.

**SOUTHERN REGION**



**Ed Dalrymple**  
*Central Piedmont  
Community College, NC*

Ed Dalrymple currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Central Piedmont Community College. He also represents the Southern Region on the Board of the Association of Community College Trustees. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg County Boy Scouts of America. Dalrymple has previously served as a member of the Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) Foundation and Chair of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Board of the Community School of the Arts in Charlotte, the Board of the Middle Atlantic District of the Securities Industry Association (now SIFMA), the Regional Firms Committee of the Securities Industry Association, the Sales and Marketing Committee of the Securities Industry Association, the Board of Visitors of the Wake Forest School of Business, and the Business Advisory Council of the Belk College of Business Administration of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Dalrymple has worked in the investment and financial services industry for four decades. He is currently a Private Wealth Financial Advisor and Managing Director-Investments of Wells Fargo Advisors. Dalrymple is a graduate of Wake Forest University and holds an MBA from Duke University. He is also a graduate of the Securities Industry Institute at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

**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 virtually during the week of February 22nd to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

**2022 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee**

- (1) Two-Year Term in Each Region
- (1) One-Year Partial Term in the Southern Region

*The following is the slate of nominees:*

**CENTRAL REGION**

**Marc Wiley\***  
*Prairie State College, IL*

**NORTHEAST REGION**

**Anthony Colon\***  
*Mohawk Valley Community College, NY*

**PACIFIC REGION**

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

**SOUTHERN REGION**

**Tina Royal\***  
*Davidson County Community College, NC*

- (1) One-Year Partial Term

**No Nominees**

**WESTERN REGION**

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

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



## WESTERN REGION



**Dan Mims**  
*San Jacinto College  
District, TX*

San Jacinto College District is a minority serving institution with nearly 45,000 students across five campuses. Serving students, constituents, and local employers over 18 years has given me great insight in how to address multiple needs. During my tenure, the San Jacinto College District (SJCD)'s board set a student success vision and saw the College achieve the Rising Star award by the Aspen Institute. Serving on the ACCT Board of Directors will allow me the opportunity to put that experience to work for all community colleges. During my tenure on the SJCD Board, I have served as Building Committee Chair and Board Chair. I also serve the community through North Shore Rotary and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, both provide scholarships to area students. I have also served in leadership positions in professional organizations. I currently serve on the ACCT Board of Directors and as the Western Regional Chair and look forward to continuing my service to the ACCT membership.

## DIRECTOR AT-LARGE



**Carol Del Carlo**  
*Nevada System of Higher  
Education, NV*

My "North Star" are the students I serve in the Nevada System of Higher Education. With four community colleges and 60,000 students combined, my focus as an elected regent since 2017 is transforming students' lives to meet the workforce needs of Nevada.

I currently serve as the system vice chair, chaired the Community College Committee and Chancellor Search

Committee, and was a committee member to select two community college presidents. I'm a first-generation college student. While working full-time, I obtained an associate, bachelor's, and master's degree. I enjoyed a 21-year corporate career in management, labor relations and sales for General Motors.

Currently, I serve as the ACCT Nevada State Coordinator, an appointed member on the ACCT Board of Directors and recently completed a term on the nominating committee. I've attended the last two legislative summits and last four Leadership Congresses and presented at the 50th Congress on shared governance. I respectfully ask for your vote as Pacific Region Director At-Large.



**Fritz Larsen**  
*Black Hawk College, IL*

Fellow trustees, I am running for the ACCT Board of Directors and request your vote in the upcoming election. I view education as the ultimate equalizer that directly offers a platform to improve lives, communities, and our world! I'm results driven and will work to build coalitions which ensure equitable and open access to affordable higher education.

As an Army Program Manager, I have extensive national level experience securing partnerships and executing requirements. As a trustee, I've held progressive leadership positions. I currently a Board Chair, am a past President of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, have served as a four-time associate committee member (currently on the Member Communications and Education Committee) and an ACCT Trustee Ambassador.

Through these experiences, I'm confident in taking the next steps to expand my leadership skills and work to enhance America's Community Colleges.

I would be honored to serve as an ACCT Regional Director!

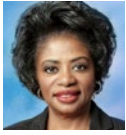


**Kenneth Sadler**  
*Forsyth Technical  
Community College, NC*

I have been a member of the Forsyth Technical Community College (FTCC) board since 1992. Since joining, I have been involved in several activities on our board including participation on many of the committees as either the Chair or Vice Chair. I've also been part of the leadership of the board serving as Vice Chair for three years and as Chair for three years.

Additionally, I was chair of the presidential search committee for the FTCC's fifth president and have subsequently served on the search committees for the two successors of that president. Currently I serve as the chair of the nominating committee and vice chair of the curriculum committee. I also serve on ACCT's Governance and Bylaws committee. Moreover, I have been the Chair of the Lincoln University's board in PA as well as Vice Chair of Winston-Salem State University's foundation board. I was appointed by the state legislature to the North Carolina State Parks and Recreation Authority as well as served locally on several boards or commissions appointed by the county commissioners.

I also served on the North Carolina state board of dental examiners for nine years, which of whom I served twice as Secretary-Treasurer and once as President. I served on the board of the Barnes Art Foundation for five years and as President for two of those years. Lastly, I helped incorporate the town of Lewisville, North Carolina and was a charter member of the town Council. As a result, I have served on the town Council for 11 terms where one term I was the Mayor Pro Tempore. I served in the US Army both in the active Army and in the Reserves for 27 1/2 years and retired at the rank of Colonel.



**Pretta VanDible Stallworth**

*Houston Community College System, TX*

Pretta VanDible Stallworth was elected to the Houston Community College System (HCCS) Board of Trustees on December 2017 and represents the District IX area. She is also a certified Project Management Professional, engineer, consultant, and a former HCCS adjunct faculty with 36 years of adjunct professor experience. VanDible Stallworth served as the first Board member representing District IX (1989-1993) when HCCS transitioned from the Houston Independent School District shared-facilities entity to an independent, six-college chancellor leadership system. Additionally, she served as Secretary (1989), Vice Chair (1993) and has continued to work in District IX and has expanded academic/social engagement programs for Seniors 55+ to increase workforce programs for constituents. VanDible Stallworth also served as Vice Chair (2018); Academic Affairs/Workforce Committee Chair (2018-2019); Board Governance (2018-2019) and External Relations Committees member (2019-2020); and was appointed to the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee (2019 and 2021).

As President of Parents for Public Schools of Houston, she will bring a value-added perspective to the ACCT Board of Directors and is looking forward doing so, if elected.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### CENTRAL REGION



**Marc Wiley**

*Prairie State College, IL*

With more than 30 years' experience in law enforcement, Marc Wiley has gained vast knowledge about the different

ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds that make up the communities in which he has served. Through his close connection with the community and other members of law enforcement, both as a police officer and fellow member of the community himself, he has gained a unique perspective on the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, and how these practices play an essential role in ensuring that a community continues to thrive. He is dedicated to helping individuals in all communities – whether urban, suburban, or rural – overcome adversity. His commitment to the power of a united community is unwavering, and this makes him an invaluable candidate to serve on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

### NORTHEAST REGION



**Anthony Colon**

*Mohawk Valley Community College, NY*

Tony Colon has served on the Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) Board since 2008, currently as its Chair. He is serving his second seven-year term which expires in 2022. He also serves as the ACCT NYS Coordinator and is a member of the ACCT Latino Caucus. He is the current Chair-Elect of the ACCT Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and a member since 2015. Since 2010, he has also represented MVCC at the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Board and Annual Meetings. In 2015, he received this organization's Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service.

After 10 years working as a Latin American Sales Director, Colon returned to New York to establish several businesses in various disciplines. Colon seeks to continue his work on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at this critical juncture for the ACCT and our Nation.

### PACIFIC REGION



**Deborah Ikeda**

*State Center Community College District, CA*

I have served on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for ACCT these past two years and would like to serve a second term to complete the work we started. This committee has endorsed the ACCT Diversity, Equity and Inclusion's *A Checklist and Implementation Guide for Community College Boards* and during this second term I would like to assist with advocacy of this document to all our community college boards of trustees.

As the retired president of Clovis Community College, I have personally witnessed the transformational power a community college education affords students. As a counselor in a program that assisted underrepresented students to transfer to a four-year university at an 80% success rate, I know community colleges provide the additional support our students need. We change lives by making decisions that are in the best interest of our students.

### SOUTHERN REGION



**Tina Royal**

*Davidson County Community College, NC*

I am honored to have the opportunity to apply for a second term to become a member of the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. I have served for many years as a Board of Director/member for various boards throughout my community. I started a non-profit organization within my community called Anything for Our Youth Group, Inc. My interest was to serve the youth in my community who were from a lower income family and would not be able to attend events and programs due to financial stress. My organization



hosts events for youth so they can attend without the worry of money to participate. I am a firm believer in “Community First.” This is the drive and energy that sparks me to give my time and knowledge to organizations.

Service to others is my gift and gives me the zeal for life. I enjoy when I see a person that is appreciative of assistance and care. I live by the term daily, “Do something for someone who can never repay you.” I have a great skill for leadership as well as being a team player to make sure every project meets its expectations while serving on a board.

I have a huge interest in my community to make sure people are not denied opportunities of betterment due to the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, or sexual orientation. Over the years I have worked tirelessly to keep others involved and making their outlook on life a better way throughout the communities they reside in and work.

## WESTERN REGION



### Belen Robles

*El Paso Community College, TX*

Belen Robles has served on the El Paso Community College Board of Trustees since June 2008 and is currently serving as the Secretary and is a member of the Association of Community College Trustees’ (ACCT) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. She made history when she was elected as the first woman national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization and is an active member of the LULAC National Board. Robles continues to serve on numerous local and national positions and plays an active role in the corridors of power to ensure that the culture, history, and economic conditions of those who need it most are not overlooked. Robles is President and CEO of Belen Robles & Associates, a public/private consulting firm that offers services on Hispanic issues, public relations, image-enhancement, marketing & diversity training.

## 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 in good standing 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 San Diego during the 2021 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, 2021**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2021**. 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 Senior Vice President Jee Hang Lee at [jhlee@acct.org](mailto: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: 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 2021 ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 14 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. **Please note that terms ending in 2021 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 2021)

- **Joan Gebhardt**, *Committee Chair*  
*Schoolcraft College, MI*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2021*
- **Bruce Clark**, *Hawkeye Community College, IA*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2021*
- **Jon Looney**, *Black Hawk College, IL*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2021*
- **Cheryl Tefer**, *MN State Colleges & Universities, MN*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2022*
- **John Wyatt**, *Lakeshore Technical College, WI*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2022*

### NORTHEAST REGION (3 seats expires in 2021)

- **Cathy Guild**, *Committee Chair*  
*Bunker Hill Community College, MA*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2021*
- **BJ Ayars**, *Salem Community College, NJ*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2022*
- **Jorge Gardyn**, *Nassau Community College, NY*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2021*
- **Cordell Hunter**, *Hartford Community College, MD*  
*Term Expiration: 10/2022*
- **Blake Eisenhart**, *Bucks County Community College, PA\**  
*Term Expiration: 10/2021*

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## Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

### PACIFIC REGION (2 seats expire in 2021)

- **Jim Osterling**, *Committee Chair*  
Pasadena Area Community College District, CA  
Term Expiration: 10/2021
- **Doug Mah**, *South Puget Sound Community College, WA*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Linda Thor**, *Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Mohamed Alyajouri**, *Portland Community College, OR*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Amy Carvalho**, *Nevada System of Higher Education, NV\**  
Term Expiration: 10/2021

### SOUTHERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2021)

- **Alvie Johnson**, *Committee Chair*  
Northern Virginia Community College, VA  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Steve Cousins**, *South Arkansas Community College, AR*  
Term Expiration: 10/2021
- **Betty Holness**, *Daytona State College, FL*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Helen Rosemond-Saunders**, *Tri-County Technical College, SC*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Mac Sherrill**, *Randolph Community College, NC*  
Term Expiration: 10/2021

### WESTERN REGION (1 seat will expire in 2021)

- **Arlen Leiker**, *Committee Chair; Colby Community College, KS*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **K. Paul Holt**, *McLennan Community College, TX*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Brenda Lyttle**, *Laramie County Community College, WY\**  
Term Expiration: 10/2021
- **Ernie Mehl**, *Mid-Plains Community College, NE*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022
- **Roberta Scott**, *University of New Mexico-Valencia*  
Term Expiration: 10/2022

\*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

William Kelley

#### Northeast Regional Chair

Marsha Suggs Smith

#### Pacific Regional Chair

Gilbert Wong

#### Southern Regional Chair

Tamela Cullens

#### Western Regional Chair

Dan Mims

## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### David Mathis, Chair

*Mohawk Valley Community College, NY*

### James Cooksey, Chair-Elect

*Moberly Area Community College, MO*

### Rose Benavidez, Vice Chair

*South Texas College, TX*

### Jay Nardini, Secretary-Treasurer

*Hawkeye Community College, IA*

### Dawn Erlandson, Immediate Past Chair

*Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN*

### William Kelley, Central Regional Chair

*Harper College, IL*

### Marsha Suggs Smith, Northeast Regional Chair

*Montgomery College, MD*

### Gilbert Wong, Pacific Regional Chair

*Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA*

### Tamela Cullens, Southern Regional Chair

*South Florida State College, FL*

### Dan Mims, Western Regional Chair

*San Jacinto College District, TX*

### Dan Altmayer

*Highline College, WA*

### Steve Anderson

*Northeast Community College, NE*

### Yvonne Barnes, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair

*Trident Technical College, SC*

### Judy Chen Haggerty

*Mt. San Antonio College, CA*

### Ed Dalrymple

*Central Piedmont Community College, NC*

### Carol Del Carlo

*Nevada System of Higher Education, NV*

### Tim Hardy

*Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA*

### Amanda Howland

*College of Lake County, IL*

### Sheila Ireland

*Community College of Philadelphia, PA*

### John Lukas

*Lakeshore Technical College, WI*

### Diane Noriega

*Mt. Hood Community College, OR*

### Rosaelena O'Neil

*Northern Virginia Community College, VA*

### Sheetal Ranjan

*Bergen Community College, NJ*

### Art Reyes

*Mott Community College, MI*

### Bernie Rhinerson

*San Diego Community College District, CA*

### Linda Wah

*Pasadena Area Community College District, CA*



# ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2022

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 2022 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are asked to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by November 1, 2021. Those interested in serving should submit the 2022 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 2021 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2022. 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 2022 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 6-9, 2022 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in New York, New York on October 26-29, 2022. 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. 2022 Committee Interest Form (see page 16); 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, 2021. 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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# ACCT

## 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 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.

# ACCT

## 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.

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The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout ACCT's membership territory, which currently includes the United States and several outlying territories, as well as some Canadian provinces.

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# 2022 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, 2021.**  
 You can also fill out the form online at <https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form>.

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## ACCT DEADLINES

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- ▶ **Virtual Governance and Leadership Institute**  
*March 30-April 1, 2021*
- ▶ **Regional Awards Nomination Submissions**  
*June 14, 2021*
- ▶ **Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations**  
*July 1, 2021*
- ▶ **Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**  
*July 1, 2021*
- ▶ **Submitting Senate Resolutions**  
*July 1, 2021*
- ▶ **ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions**  
*July 2, 2021*
- ▶ **Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2022**  
*November 1, 2021*

Contact us at 202-775-4667 or fax us at 866-904-ACCT (2228)

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