

advisor



Spring 2025

ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

1 Election of Directors

2 2026 Board Candidate Statements

5 How to Join the ACCT Board of Directors

6 Director-at-Large Candidate Information

Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws

7 Procedure for Submitting Resolutions

Regional Nominating Committee

8 Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

2025 Board of Directors

9 ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2026

10 How to Get Involved!

14 2026 Committee Interest Form

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 9th to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed below.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

2026 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 – **Kathleen Bruinsma***
Grand Rapids Community College, MI

Northeast Region – **Deborah Briggs***
SUNY Ulster, NY

Pacific Region – **Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg***
Kern Community College District, CA

Southern Region – **Yvonne Barnes***
*Trident Technical College, SC**

Western Region – **Pat Wojcik***
Northeast Community College, NE

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

Donald D. Dantzler, Jr.*
Madison Area Technical College, WI

Andra Hoffman*
Los Angeles Community College District, CA

Robert Proctor*
Lansing Community College, MI

Jermaine Reed*
Metropolitan Community College, MO

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2025 in order to appear in the fall 2025 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.



2026 Board Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION



Kathleen Bruinsma
Grand Rapids Community College, MI

I respectfully request your vote as a Regional Director from the Central Region.

I am passionate about community and tribal colleges because they address inequalities – racial, ethnic, gender, income, and geographic. They provide open access to quality education; they strengthen our families, communities, and democracy; and they bolster our economy by educating students for careers that pay a thriving wage.

My commitment to ACCT’s mission is reflected in my service. Since 2017, I have been an elected trustee for Grand Rapids Community College. I am a member of the Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors; Chair of the MCCA Legislative Committee; and a member of the Michigan Cohort of the SHEEO Funding Model Unintended Disparities Learning Community. Since 2022, I have served the ACCT as an associate member of the Bylaws and Public Policy Committees and have actively engaged in NLS and the Leadership Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

NORTHEAST REGION



Deborah Briggs
SUNY Ulster, NY

As a first-generation college student, I know the effect that a college degree can have. Growing up, it was not “if you go to college” but rather “when you go to college”. I went on to earn my bachelor’s

and master’s degrees. The importance of a college degree was instilled in me, and I try to instill this in students today.

I have served on the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees since 2018, and as Board Chair since 2022. I attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit since 2023 and the Leadership Summit in 2024. I served on the Finance & Audit Committee in 2024 and will serve on the Public Policy & Advocacy Committee in 2025. I am a member of NYCCT.

My career was focused on Hospital Administration, and I still serve as the Executive Director of the Hospital Foundation in my retirement.

Community is important to me. Currently, I serve on several local boards and committees, and as Treasurer of the Ellenville Fire District.

My experiences have provided me with tools that I need to serve as a member of the ACCT Board of Directors, and I look forward to your support. Thank you.

PACIFIC REGION



Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg
Kern Community College District, CA

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg is an elected trustee in her second term with the California Kern Community College District. She serves as Vice President of the board, recently chairing a chancellor’s search and has chaired various board committees. Her community college leadership roles at the state level include both elected and appointed positions. She is actively engaged at the state level on the executive boards of the Community College League of California and the Board of the California Community College Trustees association (CCCT) where she serves as President. She is also on the executive boards of the CCC Latino

Caucus and the CCC Women’s Caucus. This past year the governor appointed her to the California Community College Board of Governors. At the national level, she was appointed to the Ad Hoc DEI Committee, served on the Finance and Audit Committee and is serving a second term on the Communication and Education Committee. She is entering her second year as Pacific Region Chair.

Nan’s trustee and leadership experience is built on nearly 40 years of service to community college students at the campus level. She understands the importance and challenges of reaching first-generation students in small, rural, communities and in larger urban areas. She understands the challenges students face and the impact of workforce and economic development in communities. She understands the dynamic nature of the community college landscape and why continuous trustee education is essential.

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg is focused on outcomes and is committed to working collaboratively to advance the mission and values of ACCT.

SOUTHERN REGION



Yvonne Barnes
Trident Technical College, SC

I am a seasoned educator who believes in the value of service and the concept of being open to challenging the impossible. When we harness the power of imagination, belief, and action, the impossible can become possible. ACCT’s Vision and Mission, leverage the possibilities that can be achieved for community college students and those who serve them.

My time on ACCT’s Board has been rewarding in numerous ways, and I am



2026 Board Candidate Statements (continued)

proud of the services ACCT provides to its members. I have taken the time to observe, participate, learn, and engage with staff, board, and ACCT constituents to broaden my understanding of ACCT's function as an organization, and the role of its board members. All those things, in addition to my years of personal/professional training, and experiences, in other fields and positions, have contributed to preparing me to offer my continuing service as a member of ACCT's Board of Directors.

WESTERN REGION



Pat Wojcik
Northeast Community College, NE

As a passionate and dedicated advocate for students, I enjoy looking for solutions to address the evolving needs of the community. Actively participating on several boards has enabled me to grow in my knowledge of student challenges and opportunities.

Serving as a licensed realtor for 28 years in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, and most recently employed as the Siouxland Community Manager for HoChunk, Inc., I am in touch with the pulse of the community. HoChunk is the economic development arm for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and I have assisted with tasks from finding rental properties on the reservation to helping clients obtain a mortgage.

During my time on the Northeast Community College Board and serving in the community, I know the impact that education can have in lifting people from all backgrounds.

I look forward to continuing my service to our colleges and students as a member of the ACCT Board of Directors.

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE



Donald D. Dantzer, Jr.
Madison Area Technical College, WI

Donald D. Dantzer Jr. is Board Chairman of Madison Area Technical College in Madison WI. Since appointed in 2022, Donald has been active at various levels.

- **Locally**, Donald has collaborated closely with the college's executive cabinet to develop the new Strategic Framework and has taken the leading role in the national presidential search process.
- **Regionally**, he serves on the District Board Association's (DBA) board and the Bylaws Committee.
- **Nationally**, Donald has represented the college at all ACCT events, including the Leadership Congress and National Legislative Summit. He has also contributed significantly through his roles on various committees and panels:
 - Trustee Panelist, Governance Leadership Institute (2024)
 - Member, Education and Communication Committee (2023-2024).
 - Member, Finance and Audit Committee (2024-Present)
 - Member, African American Trustee Caucus (2022-2024)

Donald's commitment to governance, education, and leadership reflects his dedication to advancing the mission and purpose of community colleges.



Andra Hoffman
Los Angeles Community College District, CA

Andra Hoffman was elected to the Los Angeles Community College

District (LACCD) Board of Trustees in March of 2015 and was elected President of the Board on July 10, 2019. The Los Angeles Community College District is the largest District in the Country, representing over 250,000 students, nine campuses and serving students from 40 cities.

As a Member of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Hoffman serves as Chair of the Los Angeles Community College District Budget & Finance Committee. This committee oversees the District's \$5.8 billion dollar budget and is responsible for fiscal oversight, accountability and prudent stewardship of public dollars allocated to the nine LACCD campuses, the District headquarters and the voter approved facilities construction bonds totaling over \$9 billion.

Ms. Hoffman was elected by her peers from across the State to serve on the prestigious California Community College Trustees Board of the League (CCCT), a policy making Board that represents and advocates for all of California's community colleges. She recently completed her term as the association's President and now serves as Immediate past-President.



Robert Proctor
Lansing Community College, MI

Robert Proctor has been a Trustee at Lansing Community College (LCC) since July 2003; he is the longest serving trustee in the history of the college. Robert has been an LCC student as well as an adjunct faculty member. He is an attorney who practices in the areas of labor and employment law. Robert has served as Counsel to the Labor Committee and the Committee on Constitutional Revision and Women's Rights of the



2026 Board Candidate Statements (continued)

Michigan House of Representatives. He also served as an administrative law judge for more than twenty-three years for the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

As an LCC trustee Robert has served as Board Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Treasurer; he currently chairs the Audit Committee and the Policy Committee. Robert was twice elected to the Diversity Committee of the ACCT and served as Chair of the Committee in 2014. He has served as a member of the Trustee Advisory Committee since 2020. Robert has also been active in the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) and just completed his term as Chair of the Board of Directors.

In 2022, Robert was the recipient of the Central Region Trustee Leadership Award. That award bespeaks the depth

and breadth of Robert's commitment and service to the community college mission and that of the organizations championing that mission.



Jermaine Reed
*Metropolitan Community
College, MO*

I have proudly served on the ACCT Board of Directors for the past three years, working to advance the mission and vision of community colleges nationwide. Advocacy, equity, and student success are central to my commitment. I actively engage in lobbying efforts to increase federal support for community colleges, ensuring institutions and their students have the resources needed to succeed.

Through education and governance, I have supported trustees and campus leaders by promoting professional development opportunities such as seminars, conventions, and publications. I am deeply dedicated to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion, advocating for equal access to high-quality education for all, particularly underserved communities. Additionally, I champion redefining student success through research-driven strategies that improve outcomes for learners.

During a prospective second term, I will remain steadfast in my commitment to ACCT's goals, ensuring community colleges across the country are empowered to serve as engines of opportunity and innovation.



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. • At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. “Volunteer service to ACCT” is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network. • Submit a letter of declaration to run for office. • 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. • At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. “Volunteer service to ACCT” is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network. • 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 Orleans during the 2025 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, 2025**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2025**. 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 Association Counsel Andrew Laine at alaine@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days.

Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

NOTE: Each member of the Board of

Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as *governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions*. Per the ACCT Bylaws, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

NOTE: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.



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. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating person(s) for Regional Director. 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 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 23rd at the New Orleans Marriott and Sheraton New Orleans. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. **Please note that terms ending in 2025 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 2025)

- **Bridget Saffold**, *Committee Chair*
Hawkeye Community College, IA
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Esther Combs**, *Montcalm Community College, MI*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Dawn Erlandson**, *Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Pennie Groezinger**, *Highland Community College, IL*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Vernon Jung, Jr.**, *Moraine Park Technical College, WI*
Term Expiration: 10/2026

NORTHEAST REGION (3 seats expire in 2025)

- **David Grossman**, *Committee Chair*
Delaware County Community College, PA
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **David Mathis**, *Mohawk Valley Community College, NY*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Barur Rajeshkumar**, *Quinsigamond Community College, MA*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Betti Singh**, *Warren County Community College, NJ*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **J. D. Urbach**, *Community College of Baltimore County, MD*
Term Expiration: 10/2026

PACIFIC REGION (2 seats expire in 2025)

- **Adrienne Grey**, *Committee Chair*
West Valley-Mission Community College District, CA
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Evelyn Casuga**, *Central Arizona College, AZ*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Anna Franklin**, *Community Colleges of Spokane, WA*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Kathryn Relang**, *College of the Marshall Islands, MH*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Andrew Speer**, *Mt. Hood Community College, OR*
Term Expiration: 10/2025

SOUTHERN REGION (3 seats expire in 2025)

- **Joseph Huggins**, *Committee Chair*
Northern Virginia Community College, VA
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Rod Harrelson**, *Western Piedmont Community College, NC*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Ismare Monreal**, *Miami Dade College, FL*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Mary Schneider**, *NorthWest Arkansas Community College, AR*
Term Expiration: 10/2025*
- **VACANCY**

WESTERN REGION (0 seats expire in 2025)

- **Nancy Baca**, *Committee Chair*
Central New Mexico Community College, NM
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Eric Scott Killough**, *Pratt Community College, KS*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Gerald Lopez**, *Alamo Colleges District, TX*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Arlyn Uhrmacher**, *Southeast Community College, NE*
Term Expiration: 10/2026
- **Carlton Underwood**, *Central Wyoming College, WY*
Term Expiration: 10/2026

*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
Amanda Howland

Northeast Regional Chair
Sheila Ireland

Pacific Regional Chair
Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg

Southern Regional Chair
Yvonne Barnes

Western Regional Chair
Carol Scott

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rich Fukutaki, Chair
Bellevue College, WA

Carol Del Carlo, Chair-Elect
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

Pretta VanDible Stallworth, Vice Chair
Houston Community College System, TX

Oscar Valladares, Secretary-Treasurer
Rio Hondo College, CA

Jay Nardini, Immediate Past Chair
Hawkeye Community College, IA

Amanda Howland, Central Regional Chair
College of Lake County, IL

Sheila Ireland, Northeast Regional Chair
Community College of Philadelphia, PA

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

Yvonne Barnes, Southern Regional Chair
Trident Technical College, SC

Carol Scott, Western Regional Chair
Del Mar College, TX

Anay Abraham
Miami Dade College, FL

Steven Anderson
Northeast Community College, NE

Shawn Boldt
Highland Community College, IL

Anthony Colón
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA

Carla Hedtke
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI

Deborah Ikeda
State Center Community College District, CA

H. Allen Langley
Cleveland Community College, NC

Doug Mah
South Puget Sound Community College, WA

Vivian Malauulu
Long Beach City College, CA

Susan Moore-Fontenot
Lee College, TX

Diane Noriega
Mt. Hood Community College, OR

Jermaine Reed
Metropolitan Community College, MO

Arturo Reyes
Mott Community College, MI

Tina Royal, Impact and Success Committee Chair
Davidson-Davie Community College, NC

Allen K. Williams
Monroe Community College, NY



ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2026

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 2026 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, 2025. Those interested in serving should submit the 2026 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:

• Impact and Success Committee — The Impact and Success Committee provides the expertise to ensure that the membership has access to best practices leading to effective policy-making for student success. ***Please note: the Impact and Success Committee replaced the former Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at the request of the committee in February 2025.***

• Finance and Audit Committee — 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 Committee — 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 Committee — 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 and other factors. 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 2025 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2026. 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 2026 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 8-11, 2026 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois on October 21-24, 2026. 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. 2026 Committee Interest Form (see page 14); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

These documents must be received at ACCT by November 1, 2025. Send to the ACCT Chair, via <https://www.acct.org/membership/benefits/acct-board-committees/board-committee-interest-form> or by email at assocmemb@acct.org.



ACCT

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



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.

- Impact and Success Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
- Member Communications and Education Committee
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

The Advisory Committee of Presidents provides presidential perspectives to the ACCT President & CEO on the services, policies and positions of the Association. Committee members are CEOs of ACCT member institutions and are appointed to the committee by the ACCT Chair.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Regional Nominating Committees are composed of five members and responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors.



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.

The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout ACCT's membership territory, which currently includes the United States and several outlying territories and other countries.



For more information, please visit <https://acct.org/about/acct-governance>



2026 Associate Committee Interest Form

Please rank the committees in your preferred order of service (1=Least Preferred; 5=Most 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.

- _____ Impact and Success 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
------	-------	--------

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, 2025.
 You can also fill out the form online at
<https://www.acct.org/membership/benefits/acct-board-committees/board-committee-interest-form>.

Association of Community College Trustees • 1101 17th Street, NW • Suite 300 • Washington, D.C. 20036
 202-775-4467 • assocmemb@acct.org



Association of Community College Trustees
1101 17th Street, NW
Suite 300
Washington D.C. 20036
866-895-ACCT (2228)

www.acct.org



ACCT DEADLINES

Visit www.acct.org for more information

- ▶ **Governance Leadership Institute: Oahu, Hawaii**
March 16 – 18, 2025
- ▶ **Governance Leadership Institute for New Trustees: Pittsburgh, PA**
August 6 – 8, 2025
- ▶ **Regional Awards Nomination Submissions**
June 23, 2025
- ▶ **Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations**
July 1, 2025
- ▶ **Amendments to the ACCT *Bylaws***
July 1, 2025
- ▶ **Submitting Senate Resolutions**
July 1, 2025
- ▶ **ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions**
May 23, 2025
- ▶ **Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2026**
November 1, 2025

Contact us at 202-775-4667

EDITORS

Andrew Laine – *Association Counsel*; email: alaine@acct.org

Karen Lomax – *Executive Coordinator to the President and Board of Directors*;
e-mail: klomax@acct.org

Robin Matross Helms – *Vice President, Membership & Educational Services*;
e-mail: rbelms@acct.org

Kielo Savilaakso – *Director of Member Engagement*;
email: ksavilaakso@acct.org

ACCT's *Advisor* is published by the Association of Community College Trustees and is a supplement to the *Trustee Quarterly Magazine*.

The *Advisor* is published as a member service by ACCT, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036. ACCT is a non-profit education organization of governing boards of public and private community, technical and junior colleges.