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Candidates for the 2026 Board of Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- (1) Three-Year Term in Each Region
(1) One-Year Partial Term in the Central Region

Following is the slate of nominees as of July 1, 2025.

Central Region – **Jermaine Reed***
Metropolitan Community College, MO

Central Region One-Year Partial Term –
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
(1) One-Year Partial Term

Following is the slate of nominees as of July 1, 2025.

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

Manny Gonzalez
Austin Community College District, TX

Andra Hoffman*
Los Angeles Community College District, CA

Robert Proctor*
Lansing Community College, MI

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

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all elections.

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 ACCT Chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

At the Annual ACCT Congress, one director is elected from each of the five regions during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and three directors are elected at-large during the Senate meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the week of February 9, 2025 to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed above.



2026 Board Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION



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.



Kathleen Bruinsma
Grand Rapids Community College, MI

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

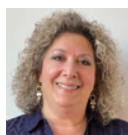
I am passionate about community and tribal colleges because they address inequalities – racial, ethnic, gender, income, and geographic. They provide open access to quality education; they

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 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

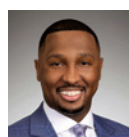
the community. Actively participating on several boards has enabled me to grow in my knowledge of student challenges and opportunities.

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. Dantzler, Jr.

Madison Area Technical College, WI

Donald D. Dantzler 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.



Manny Gonzalez

Austin Community College District, TX

Dr. Manny Gonzalez serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for Austin Community College District (ACC), one of the largest and most diverse community college systems in the country, serving over 70,000 students annually. He helped lead the district's successful \$770 million bond initiative in 2022 and played a central role in the development of ACC's first-dollar Promise program to expand access and affordability.

A first-generation college graduate and the son of Mexican immigrants, Dr. Gonzalez brings a deep commitment to equity, student success, and workforce alignment. He has contributed to ACCT through three years of service on the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, as a regional awards reviewer, and as a panelist for the New Trustee Orientation.

Professionally, he leads regional government and community relations for Western Governors University and previously served as Executive Director of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees. He is committed to advancing national trustee leadership.

**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 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.



Ratification of Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws

AMENDMENT #1

Article I Purpose/Mission and Goals

Goals

In order to achieve our mission:

- *We will enhance our knowledge and skills to master our role as board members.*
- *We will develop and affect public policy for the achievement of the mission and goals of our institutions.*
- *We will exemplify a standard of leadership behavior that is ethical and embraces **the totality of ACCT's membership diversity**.*

In February 2025, the Impact and Success Committee replaced the former Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at the request of the committee. The third bullet point goal in Article I of the Bylaws is not aligned with the new committee's title and focus. Additionally, ACCT seeks to reaffirm its commitment to ensuring our membership services are accessible and valuable to all members, across the range of institutional types and locations. ACCT greatly values the contributions and perspectives of all our member institutions and trustees, and is dedicated to fostering an environment where members feel supported and welcome within the association.

AMENDMENT #2

Article X Committees

Section 1, Appointment

The chair, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such committees of the Association as seem advisable

Section 2, Governance and Bylaws Committee

There shall be a Governance and Bylaws Committee composed of three or more members. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall perform the duties assigned in ARTICLES V and XIV, and those assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 3, Standing Committees

*There shall be the following Standing Committees, each composed of three or more members: the Finance and Audit Committee, the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, the ~~Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee~~ **Impact and Success Committee**, and the Member Communications and Education Committee. All Standing Committees shall perform the duties assigned by the Board of Directors.*

This change is related to Amendment #1. As previously indicated, in February 2025 the Impact and Success Committee replaced the former Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at the request of the committee. A corresponding adjustment in the Bylaws is necessary to reflect this committee replacement.



About the ACCT Board of Directors

The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout the United States and several outlying territories. ACCT's membership territory is divided into five regions (Central, Northeast, Pacific, Southern, and Western).

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At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions (Central, Northeast, Pacific, Southern, and Western) at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and three directors are elected at-large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees meet during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) in February to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. While meeting with Regional Nominating Committees is not required to be elected to the ACCT Board of Directors, it is *highly* encouraged, as candidates supported by their respective Regional Nominating Committees are designated as such during Regional Caucuses and the Senate meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress on all elections, however, provided that the nominee has a letter of support from his or her local board.

How to Join the ACCT Board of Directors*

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

The deadlines to submit nominations for inclusion in the fall 2025 ACCT Advisor newsletter and to be considered for the 2025 Nominating Committee interviews have passed. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.



56th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress

NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT • NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA • OCTOBER 22-25

ACCT REGIONAL CAUCUSES AND MEETINGS

Thursday, October 23, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Regional Caucus Rules of Procedure
3. Regional Nominating Committee Report
4. Election of Regional Director(s)
5. Election – Nominating Committee Members
6. Introduction of Director-at-Large Candidates
7. Regional Meeting
 - a. Update on the ACCT State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network
 - b. Regional Business as Determined by the Regional Chair

REGIONAL CAUCUS RULES OF PROCEDURE

As specified by the ACCT Bylaws, each region shall, at a Regional Caucus held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, prior to the Senate Meeting, elect a Regional Director and Regional Nominating Committee members.

Meeting Logistics:

Seating arrangement: The Regional Caucus Meeting room will be divided into two areas: The Voting Delegate Area and a General Seating Area.

1. The Voting Delegate Area is restricted to the voting delegates only.
2. In order to vote, voting delegates must wear their ACCT badges with “Voting Delegate” credentials.
3. In order for a delegate’s vote to be counted on any matter, the delegate must be seated in the voting delegate area.
4. The ACCT Bylaws provide for nominations from the floor on all elections. Nominations must be made by a voting delegate from each candidate’s respective institution. The voting delegate making the nomination must make the nomination on behalf of the member board and provide a letter affirming the member board’s support at or before the nomination.
5. ACCT’s regional teller is responsible for distributing ballots to voting delegates, collecting ballots, counting ballots, and reporting results to the Chair. The assistant regional teller and sergeant-at-arms help the regional chair with these responsibilities.
6. Candidates for director-at-large positions may be introduced individually within an organized group and may speak for two minutes.

Positions to be elected:

a. Regional Director:

Regional director elections will take place in accordance with rules listed in the ACCT Bylaws. A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election as director. On any ballot, voting delegates may cast as many votes as there are positions to be filled. On any ballot, only one vote may be cast for a candidate. If one or more candidates is elected on any ballot, then the remaining candidates shall continue to be eligible for election to any position remaining to be filled. If no person is elected on any ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on that ballot shall be dropped before the next ballot. If there are no more candidates than positions to be filled, the election shall be by acclamation.

b. Regional Nominating Committee Members:

Each Regional Nominating Committee is responsible for the nomination of Directors of the Association and shall be composed of five members each. These members shall be elected from the voting members of that region at the caucuses held during the Annual Congress of the Association. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Vacancies shall be filled by the regional chair with consideration given to filling the vacancy with a trustee from the same state as the committee member who vacated the position. A member of the Board of Directors cannot serve as a member of the Nominating Committee. In order to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors, a nominating committee member must tender his/her resignation to the regional chair, postmarked 30 days prior to the scheduled nominating committee meeting at the National Legislative Summit.

Nominating Committee members shall serve for two-year staggered 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 respective nominating committee at the close of the regional caucus and meeting.

Note: Campaign materials are not to be posted or distributed at the voting delegate sign-in table. Active campaigning is not allowed at the voting delegate sign-in table.



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ACCT SENATE MEETING

Friday, October 24, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Senate Rules of Procedure
3. Introductions
4. Election of Directors-at-Large
5. Ratification of Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws
6. State of the Association and Financial Report to the Membership
7. Other items

SENATE RULES OF PROCEDURE

As defined by the Association Bylaws, the Senate has the full authority of the membership and is composed of the voting delegates of the Voting Members of the Association.

The Senate will elect three Directors-at-Large during the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The Senate shall hold at least one meeting annually which is the Annual Meeting of the Association. Special meetings of the Senate may be called by the chair or a majority of the Board of Directors. The following Rules of Procedure will be followed during all Senate Meetings.

Meeting Logistics:

Seating arrangement: The Senate Meeting room will be divided into two areas: The Voting Delegate Area and a General Seating Area.

1. The Voting Delegate Area is restricted to the voting delegates only.
2. During the official Senate proceedings, non-voting members and guests are restricted from the Voting Delegate Area.
3. In order to vote, voting delegates must wear his/her ACCT badge with "Voting Delegate" credentials.
4. ACCT's regional teller is responsible for distributing ballots to voting delegates, collecting ballots, counting ballots, and reporting results to the Chair. The assistant regional teller and sergeant-at-arms help the regional chair with these responsibilities.

5. All voting delegates must wear their ACCT badge with "Voting Delegate" designation.
6. In order for a delegate's vote to be counted on any matter, the delegates must be seated in the voting area.
7. Only voting delegates may speak on any motion and must go to the microphone in order to speak: No voting delegate may speak to any motion for more than two minutes. No voting delegate may speak to any motion a second time until all voting delegates who wish to address the motion have been recognized. Voting delegates may be recognized for further discussion at the will of the Chair.
8. During the official Senate proceedings, non-voting trustees are restricted from the voting delegate area.
9. The ACCT Bylaws provide for nominations from the floor on all elections. Nominations must be made by a voting delegate from each candidate's respective institution. The voting delegate making the nomination must make the nomination on behalf of the member board and provide a letter affirming the member board's support at or before the nomination.
10. The ACCT coordinator of tellers supervises the ballot counting reporting process in accordance with Bylaws rules and regulations.
11. Campaign materials are not to be posted or distributed within the Senate meeting room.
12. A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election as director-at-large. On any ballot, voting delegates may cast as many votes as there are positions to be filled. On any ballot, only one vote may be cast for a candidate. If one or more candidates are elected on any ballot, then all remaining candidates shall continue to be eligible for election to any position remaining to be filled. If no person is elected on any ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped before the next ballot.
13. Director-at-large candidates shall receive only one opportunity to address the Senate in support of their candidacy. The order in which director-at-large candidates will address the Senate shall be determined by lot.

Director-at-Large Candidacy:

1. If a candidate is to be nominated from the floor at the Senate Meeting and has notified ACCT 10 days prior to the date of Regional Caucuses, the candidate will be eligible to address voting members at Regional Caucuses along with other nominated candidates. **Candidates who notify ACCT fewer than 10 days prior to the date of Regional Caucuses WILL NOT be eligible to address voting members at Regional Caucuses.**
2. Candidates shall meet with ACCT staff 15 minutes prior to the start of regional caucuses. The order of addressing the caucuses shall be determined by drawing a number. Candidates will be allowed to speak for two minutes at each caucus. After nominations from the floor have been completed, each candidate may address the delegates for two minutes. The order of speaking at the Senate will be the reverse of the order at the caucuses. Candidates will meet with ACCT staff at the side of the room in pre-determined order. The parliamentarian will serve as timekeeper for candidate speeches.

Voting Procedure:

1. The ACCT coordinator of tellers, appointed by the chair, supervises the ballot counting reporting process in accordance with Bylaws rules and regulations.
2. A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election as director-at-large:
 - a. On any ballot, voting delegates may cast as many votes as there are positions to be filled.
 - b. On any ballot, only one vote may be cast for a candidate.
 - c. If one or more candidates are elected on any ballot, then all remaining candidates shall continue to be eligible for election to any position remaining to be filled.
 - d. If no person is elected on any ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped before the next ballot.
 - e. If there are no more candidates than positions to be filled, the election shall be by acclamation.



ACCT CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

1. Campaign materials are not to be posted or distributed at the Voting Delegate Sign-In Table. Active campaigning is not allowed at the Voting Delegate Sign-In Table.
2. Campaign materials are not to be posted on the walls or distributed within the Senate meeting room or within Regional Caucus rooms.
3. Election volunteers shall not affix or wear campaign materials during the Senate or Caucus meeting.

Caucus election volunteers are the following:

Regional Chair (or designee), Regional Teller, Regional Assistant Teller, Regional Sergeant at Arms, Regional Nominating Committee Chair (or designee), ACCT staff and parliamentarian.

Senate election volunteers are the following:

ACCT Chair (or designee), Coordinator of Tellers, Assistant Coordinators of Tellers, Regional Tellers, Regional Assistant Tellers, Regional Sergeant at Arms, ACCT staff and parliamentarian.

4. Candidate promotional material will be displayed on a table provided by ACCT. The amount of table space will be determined by ACCT and in relation to space constraints at each respective

Congress location. Additional tables and/or easels shall not be purchased or used to display campaign material outside of the ACCT provided table space. Campaign material, posters, buttons and paraphernalia shall not be displayed on or leaned against an easel designated for Caucus Room signage or Senate room signage.

5. The ACCT Coordinator of Tellers and the Assistant Coordinators of Tellers shall be responsible for making sure that candidates comply with campaign material rules.
6. Candidates must comply with the ACCT Coordinator of Tellers and/or the Assistant Coordinators Tellers request(s) for removal of campaign material from undesignated areas. If the candidate does not comply, the Coordinator of Tellers and/or the Assistant Coordinators of Tellers remove the material.
7. Declared candidates, upon request, will be provided with a list of trustee mailing address by region in electronic form or on paper for use for in their campaign only. Staff shall provide a mailing list as long as the request was made 30 days prior to the Congress.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES?



Visit <https://www.acct.org/about/acct-governance/candidates>



ACCT Board Committees Seek Associates for 2026

Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees expands 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 asked to indicate their interest in serving as associate committee members for a one-year term by **November 1, 2025**. Those interested in serving should submit the 2026 Associate 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 second and third choices are indicated*). If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, please include them in 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.

ACCT Board Committees seeking volunteer members are:

- **Impact and Success** – 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.
- **Finance and Audit** – The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget, 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 ACCT Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.

- **Member Communications and Education** – 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, committee members evaluate and make recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education.

- **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 committees. In making appointments, the chair will consider regional representation and other factors. Each committee chair shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

Associate members may be appointed to a committee 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: Associate Committee Members currently 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.

ACCT committees will meet in 2026 just prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit, scheduled February 8-11, 2026 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the Annual 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 will send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance**, please submit the following:

1. 2026 Associate Committee Interest Form
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 e-mail at assocmemb@acct.org.



2026 Associate Committee Interest Form

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

An online version of this form can be completed at
<https://www.acct.org/membership/benefits/acct-board-committees/board-committee-interest-form>.

- 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
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☐ Letter of nomination from your board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee enclosed

COMMENTS:

This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by November 1, 2025.

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Seeking Regional Nominating Committee Members for 2026-27

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 nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT's mission - *Through the Association of Community College Trustees, community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation's community college system.*

Benefits of Serving on a Regional Nominating Committee

- Identify effective future leaders;
- Serve as a stepping-stone for you to aspire to a future leadership position;
- Strengthen leadership in your region; and
- Ensure more benefits to your college and state through strong, effective leadership of the association.

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 trustees for Regional Director. Nominating Committees may also support Director-at-Large candidates.

Election/Composition/Terms

Each of ACCT's five regions elects a nominating committee member from the Voting Members of that region at the regional caucuses 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 two years on staggered 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 the regional caucus.

Below are the seats that need to be filled for 2026-2027 terms:

CENTRAL REGION

Three (3) seats are available to members from the following states/territories: *Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio*

Dawn Erlandson (MN) and Vernon Jung, Jr. (WI) will continue to serve in 2026.

NORTHEAST REGION

Three (3) seats are available to members from the following states/territories: *District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Pennsylvania*

Betti Singh (NJ) and J. D. Urbach (MD) will continue to serve in 2026.

PACIFIC REGION

Three (3) seats will be available to members from the following states/territories: *Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Republic of Palau*

Evelyn Casuga (AZ) and Anna Franklin (WA) will continue to serve in 2026.

SOUTHERN REGION

Three (3) seats will be available to members from the following states/territories: *Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Bermuda, and British Virgin Islands.*

Rod Harrelson (NC) and Ismare Monreal (FL) will continue to serve in 2026.

WESTERN REGION

Zero (0) seats will be available to members.

Nancy Baca (NM), Eric Scott Killough (KS), Gerald Lopez (TX), Arlyn Uhrmacher (NE), and Carlton Underwood (WY) will continue to serve in 2026.



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ACCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change.)

NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT • NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA • OCTOBER 22-25, 2025

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 TH	
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	ACCT Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 ST	
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Member Communications & Education Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Governance and Bylaws Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Trustee Advisory Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Impact and Success Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 ND	
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
	Voting Delegate Desk
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	ACCT Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	NEW! Pre-Congress Academy: Preparing for a Strong Candidacy in the CEO Search Process: Showcasing Essential Skills and Experience (<i>Special Registration Required</i>)
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	New Special Event! Strategies to Address Child Care Needs and Retain Student Parents (Free for All Congress attendees, but must register in advance)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Pre-Congress Academy: The Chair's Academy (<i>Special Registration Required</i>)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Pre-Congress Academy: Effective Board Governance (<i>Special Registration Required</i>)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Congress Academy: The Trustee Role in Advocacy (<i>Special Registration Required</i>)
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	New Special Event! Building Momentum for Innovative Dual Enrollment Pathways Policies (Free for All Congress attendees, but must register in advance)
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Meeting: ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	ACCT Regional and Network Meeting: ACCT State, Province, and Territory Coordinators
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	ACCT Marketplace
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 RD	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
	Voting Delegate Desk
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions



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9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Student Trustee Advisory Committee
9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Community College Lawyers Roundtable
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	ACCT Regional Caucuses and Meetings
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Work Session for Professional Board Staff Members
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Association of Latino Community College Trustees Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	African American Trustees Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American Trustees Meeting
4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Joint Constituency Groups Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	WELCOME RECEPTION & ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 TH	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Voting Delegate Desk
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	ACCT Senate Meeting
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Professional Board Staff Network Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	REGIONAL AWARDS LUNCHEON
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	ACCT Board of Directors Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 TH	
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	SPECIAL SESSION: ACCT Regional and Association Awards Program
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	CLOSING GENERAL SESSION BREAKFAST



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January 8, 2026
- ▶ **National Legislative Summit Hotel Registration**
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