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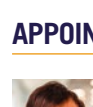
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Amanda Howland
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Bergen Community College, NJ



Yvonne Barnes, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair
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Steven Anderson
Northeast Community College, NE

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Mt. San Antonio College, CA

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*Note: Stephan Castellanos from San Joaquin Delta College (CA), John Leal from State Center Community College District (CA), and Alton Smith from Lone Star College System (TX) were not re-elected to their college boards.



About the ACCT Board of Directors

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

The 26-member ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally at the Caucus, 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.

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

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



2022 Board and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Nomination Process and Deadlines

Each member of the Board of Directors and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee 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. No more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member of the ACCT Board of Directors (or Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee) at the same time.*

Candidates who plan to come before a nominating committee are required to submit written notification to the ACCT President & CEO at the Washington, D.C. office of their intent to run. Notification must be received by e-mail (preferred method) by close of business on **Thursday, January 21, 2021** or by

post with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 21, 2021.**

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:

- A letter of declaration to run for office;
- 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.
- A one-page resume that should focus on community college-related service and other civic activities and may include brief information on education and occupation;
- A narrative statement, not to exceed 150 words, on qualifications (for inclusion in voting materials to be printed);
- A 5" x 7" head-and-shoulders photo, preferably in color. Submit by e-mail (preferred) or by mail (print photos will not be returned). Photos submitted

electronically should be 300 DPI or higher resolution; and

- An optional single letter of support from an ACCT member board. This letter of support must be limited to one page.

The ACCT president will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to each member of the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee by **Monday, February 15, 2021.**

You are encouraged to submit your nomination online. Please e-mail to: nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via return e-mail within three working days. Please contact Jee Hang Lee, Senior Vice President, at jhlee@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days. Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Note: 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.

Openings for ACCT Regional Directors

There will be one opening for a three-year term as Regional Director in each ACCT region. Listed below are the ACCT Board Members who currently hold these positions. (**eligible for re-election*)

CENTRAL REGION

Dawn Erlandson

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN

NORTHEAST REGION

Marsha Suggs Smith*

Montgomery College, MD

Completing a two-year partial term

PACIFIC REGION

Bernie Rhinerson

San Diego Community College District, CA

Vacancy (*2-year partial term*)

Vacancy (*1-year partial term*)

SOUTHERN REGION

Ed Dalrymple*

Central Piedmont Community College, NC

WESTERN REGION

Dan Mims*

San Jacinto College, TX

Openings for ACCT Directors-at-Large

There will be three (3) openings for three-year Directors-at-Large terms. Listed below are the ACCT Board Members who currently hold these positions. (**eligible for re-election*)

Dan Altmayer*

Highline College, WA

William Kelley

Harper College, IL

Vacancy

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Directors-at-Large Election Process

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until **Thursday, July 1, 2021** to appear in the Advisor.

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. No more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member of the ACCT Board of Directors (or Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee) at the same time.

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in San Diego during the 2021 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and want to appear in the Fall Advisor, you are required to submit written notification of your intent to run to the ACCT President & CEO at the Washington, D.C. office. Your notification must be received by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on until **Thursday, July 1, 2021** or with a postmark date of **Thursday, July 1, 2021**. The president will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to the ACCT membership in September.

Note: If you would like to seek the support of your regional nominating committee, your nomination materials must be received by electronic mail (preferred method) by the close of business on **Thursday, January 21, 2021** or with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 21, 2021**.

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:

- A letter of declaration to run for office;
- A letter of support from the individual's board indicating your institution's commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member**;
- A one-page resume that should focus on community college related service and other civic activities and may include brief information on education and occupation;
- A narrative statement, not to exceed 150 words, on qualifications (preferred electronically, for inclusion in voting materials to be printed);
- A 5" x 7" head and shoulders photo, preferably color (photos will not be returned) or electronically (preferred) – 300 DPI or higher; and
- An optional single letter of support from

an ACCT member board. This letter of support must be limited to one page.

You are encouraged to submit your nomination online. Please e-mail to: nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via return e-mail within three working days. Please contact Jee Hang Lee, Senior Vice President, at jhlee@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days. Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036.

****Financial support includes payment of conference fees and any expenses related to travel to and from meeting venues (NLS and Leadership Congress). For members of the ACCT Board of Directors, when attending an annual meeting in person, the association will reimburse the cost of your hotel room for the two nights prior to the Annual Leadership Congress and the National Legislative Summit to support your attendance at committee and Board meetings scheduled on those days.**

2021 ACCT REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CENTRAL REGION

Joan Gebhardt, Chair
Schoolcraft College, MI

Bruce Clark
Hawkeye Community College, IA

Jon Looney
Black Hawk College, IL

Cheryl Tefer
MN State Colleges & Universities, MN

John Wyatt
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

NORTHEAST REGION

Cathy Guild, Chair
Bunker Hill Community College, MA

BJ Ayars
Salem Community College, NJ

Blake Eisenhart
Bucks County Community College, PA

Jorge Gardyn
Nassau Community College, NY

Cordell Hunter
Hartford Community College, MD

PACIFIC REGION

Jim Osterling, Chair
Pasadena Area Community College District, CA

Mohamed Alyajouri
Portland Community College, OR

Doug Mah
South Puget Sound Community College, WA

Linda Thor
Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ

Leanavaotaua Sekuini Seva'aetasti
American Samoa Community College, AS

SOUTHERN REGION

Alvie Johnson, Chair
Northern Virginia Community College, VA

Steve Cousins
South Arkansas Community College, AR

Betty Holness
Daytona State College, FL

Helen Rosemond-Saunders
Tri County Technical College, SC

Mac Sherrill
Randolph Community College, NC

WESTERN REGION

Arlen Leiker, Chair
Colby Community College, KS

K. Paul Holt
McLennan Community College, TX

Brenda Lyttle
Laramie County Community College, WY

Ernie Mehl
Mid-Plains Community College, NE

Roberta Scott
University of New Mexico-Valencia, NM



Openings for ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

The Diversity, Equity, & 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 opportunities for underrepresented populations. The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

There will be one opening for a two-year term in each ACCT region. Listed below are the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee members who currently hold these positions. (*eligible for re-election)

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

WESTERN REGION

Belen Robles*
El Paso Community College, TX

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Chair
David Mathis
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY
- Chair-Elect
James Cooksey
Moberly Area Community College, MO
- Vice Chair
Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX
- Secretary-Treasurer
Jay Nardini
Hawkeye Community College, IA
- Immediate Past Chair
Dawn Erlandson
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN

REGIONAL CHAIRS

- Central Regional Chair
William Kelley
Harper College, IL
- Northeast Regional Chair
Marsha Suggs Smith
Montgomery College, MD
- Pacific Regional Chair
Gilbert Wong
Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA
- Southern Regional Chair
Tamela Cullens
South Florida State College, FL
- Western Regional Chair
Dan Mims
San Jacinto College District, TX

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

- (Three-year terms)
- Central Region
James Cooksey
Moberly Area Community College MO
- Northeast Region
Sheetal Ranjan
Bergen Community College, NJ
- Pacific Region
John Leal
State Center Community College District, CA
- Southern Region
Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA
- Western Region
Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

- (Three-year terms except where noted)
- Amanda Howland**
College of Lake County, IL
- John Lukas**
Lakeshore Technical College, WI
- Gilbert Wong**
Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair
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Trident Technical College, SC
- Carol Del Carlo**
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV
- Sheila Ireland**
Community College of Philadelphia, PA
- Diane Noriega**
Mt. Hood Community College, OR
- Linda Wah**
Pasadena Area Community College District, CA

ACCT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

- (Two-year terms except where noted)
- Central Region
Zaida Hernandez-Irrison
Gateway Technical College, WI
- Northeast Region
Pamela Gardner
Hudson County Community College, NJ
- Pacific Region
Richard Fukutaki
Bellevue College, WA
- Southern Region
Dipa Shah
Hillsborough Community College, FL
- Western Region
Carolyn Thomas Morris
Navajo Technical University, NM

RETIRING ACCT BOARD MEMBERS

- Meredith Brown**
Peralta Community College District, CA
- Connie Hornbeck**
Iowa Western Community College, IA
- Larry Meyer**
Lansing Community College, MI
- Hector Ortiz**
Harrisburg Area Community College, PA
- Dennis Troy**
Bladen Community College, NC



Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the Bylaws

According to Article XIV of the 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 Director's 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 Director's 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 which 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.
- f. Proposed amendments not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate if the Senate votes to suspend the rules to consider the amendment by a two-thirds vote. The amendment shall require a two-thirds vote to be adopted.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING SENATE RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7, of the 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 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. This report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than thirty 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.



2022 Associate Committee Interest Form

An online version of this form can be completed at <https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form>. Please rank the committees in your preferred order of service (1=Most Preferred; 5=Least Preferred).

- *If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may NOT be placed on another committee.*

- _____ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- _____ Finance and Audit Committee
- _____ Governance and Bylaws Committee
- _____ Member Communications and Education Committee
- _____ Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

INFORMATION:

(Please fill out completely)

PREFIX	NAME	SUFFIX
TITLE		INSTITUTION
ADDRESS		
CITY / STATE / ZIP		
PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
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Letter of nomination from your board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee enclosed

COMMENTS:

This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by November 1, 2021.

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ACCT DEADLINES

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- ▶ **Board of Directors Candidate Nominations**
January 21, 2021
- ▶ **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidate Nominations**
January 21, 2021
- ▶ **Virtual National Legislative Summit**
February 8-10, 2021
- ▶ **Amendments to ACCT Bylaws**
July 1, 2021
- ▶ **Submitting Resolutions**
July 1, 2021

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