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## Candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors

### REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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

*Following is the slate of nominees as of July 1, 2023.*

Central Region – **Carla Hedtke\***  
*Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI*

Northeast Region

**Blake Eisenhart**  
*Bucks County Community College, PA*

**Reza Jafari**  
*Chesapeake College, MD*

**Allen Williams**  
*Monroe Community College, NY*

Pacific Region – **Deborah Ikeda\***  
*State Center Community College District, CA*

Southern Region

#### No Nominees

(1) Three-Year Term	Tim Hardy's and
(1) One-Year Partial Term	Ed Dalrymple's service on their local boards ended.

Western Region – **Carol Scott\***  
*Del Mar College, TX*

### DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

*Following is the slate of nominees as of July 1, 2023.*

**Anay Abraham\***  
*Miami Dade College, FL*

**Barbara Calhoun**  
*Compton Community College District, CA*

**Amanda Howland\***  
*College of Lake County, IL*

**Samantha Vaive**  
*Lansing Community College, MI*

**Oscar Valladares\***  
*Rio Hondo College, CA*

*\* 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 5, 2023 to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed above.



# 2024 Board Candidate Statements

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR

### CENTRAL REGION



**Carla Hedtke**  
*Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI*

For over 28 years, Carla Hedtke has been an active member of the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) District Board.

As an NWTC Board member, she has supported decisions that have advanced the College's offerings and innovations for student success which led NWTC to become the first Wisconsin college to be named an Achieving the Dream College.

She is highly regarded in the pain management field throughout Northeast Wisconsin as a Trigger Point Therapist.

Ms. Hedtke has held several leadership positions on the DBA including President. She represented state Trustees during Wisconsin bi-annual budget development. Ms. Hedtke was appointed by the governor to the State of Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Board.

Ms. Hedtke has been an active ACCT Associate Committee member for over 20 years. She is the recipient of the ACCT 2020 Central Region Trustee Award.

### NORTHEAST REGION



**Blake Eisenhart**  
*Bucks County Community College, PA*

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

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

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

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

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



**Reza Jafari**  
*Chesapeake College, MD*

Reza Jafari is the Chairman of the Trustees Board of Chesapeake College. He has served on the ACCT Technology Taskforce; Communication and Education Committee; and Finance and Audit Committee. He is currently serving on the ACCT Government Relations and Policy Committee and as the ACCT State Coordinator for Maryland. He is a Board member of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges. He is a successful entrepreneur who has created several innovative companies focusing on training and education and workforce development. He has been and continues to be an avid advocate of educational opportunities and equitable access to information and connectivity for all throughout his professional career at small and very large companies as well as his volunteering services at local, state, national and international organizations.

He has been a key participant of strategic planning and DEI policy development for Chesapeake College. He is a recipient of the Gold Award from the Council for Advancement of Science and Technology in Education.



**Allen Williams**  
*Monroe Community College, NY*

Monroe Community College Trustee Allen K. Williams has helped to increase opportunities for MCC students to achieve academically and professionally through public higher education. His advocacy reinforces the College's reputation for institutional excellence and innovation and helps the College effectively respond to challenges faced during times of economic uncertainty and systemic racism. His insights and experience help ensure MCC prioritizes inclusion and a sense of belonging in its programs, policies, campus life, employment, and community involvement. MCC is consistently invited to the table when the Greater Rochester community and New York state seek solutions to increase student success, economic recovery, and workforce development. His work has improved the early childhood to K-12 to college pipeline and responded to the needs of regional employers through MCC's robust career-technical programs. As a trustee Allen Williams inspires MCC to deliver an exceptional educational experience to the college's diverse student population.

### PACIFIC REGION



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

I was elected and served two full terms on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee and currently elected to serve on the Board of the California



Community College Trustees (CCCT) that represents 116 CA community colleges and over 1.8 million students. I have served as the board president and vice-president of our District Board of Trustees. In 2022, I was humbled and honored to receive the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award from ACCT for making a significant contribution toward promoting the community college concept.

As a retired founding president of Clovis Community College in Fresno, California, I have personally witnessed the transformational power a community college education affords students from underrepresented populations. We change lives by making decisions that are in the best interest of our students. If elected, I will continue to advocate for making choices that benefit students through the advocacy work of the ACCT organization and member of the Board of Directors.

**SOUTHERN REGION**

**No Nominees**

**WESTERN REGION**



**Carol Scott**  
*Del Mar College, TX*

A proven leader, Carol is credited with strategic developments among the many organizations she has served. Serving her third term as Chair of the Del Mar College Board of Regents, she has also served as chair of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees which experienced growth in programming, member engagement and advocacy success even during the pandemic. She most recently served on the Texas Commission on Community College Finance revamping the model for community finance in the state. She was Texas State Coordinator for ACCT for five years.

Carol is a Distinguished Alumni from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Other leadership roles include: Corpus Christi ISD

Board, Leadership Texas, Leadership Corpus Christi, Chamber of Commerce, Texas Public Relations Association (TPRA). She received the TPRA's highest individual honor for service to the profession, is a member of Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows and received PRSA's Paul M. Lund Public Service Award.

**DIRECTOR AT-LARGE**



**Anay Abraham**  
*Miami Dade College, FL*

Serving on the Miami Dade College District Board of Trustees, Dr. Anay M. Abraham has a strong background in education and a passion for improving communities. With over 20 years of experience in the field, she has served in various executive and advisory roles at organizations such as Springboard Education in America, The SEED Public Boarding Charter School, and City Year. Her leadership and foresight are in bringing a keen focus on neurodiversity and bringing best practices, policy change, & awareness. She is a champion for educational excellence and opportunity for all. In addition to her work in education, Dr. Abraham is actively involved in initiatives for special needs communities in Miami, serves as the Executive Director of Casa Familia and a Board member for Work for America. It would be an honor to serve on the ACCT Board of Directors and continue to advocate for education and opportunity for all students.



**Barbara Calhoun**  
*Compton Community College District, CA*

As a community college student, I understand the struggles of community college students. I attend Los Angeles Trade-Tech College. I resided in

the City of Compton and retired after more than 34 years of service to the City of Los Angeles. I have served as a council member for the City of Compton from 2003 through 2011. From 2001 through 2003, I served on the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees. In 2018, I was elected to serve on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees. In 2020, I was re-elected to the Board, and I am the President of the Board of Trustees.

My experience and education have prepared me to serve on the Association of Community College Trustees' Board of Directors. I am committed to addressing the many inequities our students face as they work toward completing their educational goals at our institutions.



**Amanda Howland**  
*College of Lake County, IL*

I am privileged and honored to have served the ACCT for several years, first as a member of the DEI Committee, and now as a Director at Large. As my current term ends this October, I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve as an ACCT Board Member.

ACCT is an exceptional organization that supports our community colleges. As a Board, we help set policy, we lobby, we prioritize, all for the benefit of our students and community. I completely support the mission and goals of our organization. I strongly believe that our community colleges will continue to gain importance and will be leaders in preparing our future workforce.

As a former teacher, principal, and currently a civil rights attorney I would be honored to have your support to serve as an ACCT Board Member.



**Samantha Vaive**  
*Lansing Community College, MI*

For the past four years, I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve the greater Lansing area as a Board of Trustees member for Lansing Community College. It has been an honor to impact change in the lives of so many. During this time, I helped to select a new college president who—I can confidently say—is beloved by our community. I started an initiative to supply free menstrual products in the bathrooms. This initiative has been an enormous success, and I was able to present on the topic at ACCT’s Annual Congress in 2021. Attending inspiring presentations at ACCT has helped bring about change on our campus. After the ACCT Congress in New York, we are working on our own LGBTQAIP+ bill of rights. ACCT supports those who are dedicated to improving the lives of their communities. I want to do whatever I can to support those efforts.



**Oscar Valladares**  
*Rio Hondo College, CA*

As a proud former Dreamer and graduate of East Los Angeles Community College and current Trustee for Rio Hondo College Board, I kindly ask for your support and vote for Director – Pacific Region. Access and success in postsecondary education is what has allowed me and other Americans to change my social and economic reality. I work as a Mental Health Social worker for my local County Department of Mental Health. As a Trustee, I advocate for housing, food, technology and mental health as basic needs for all of our students. I currently serve on the ACCT – Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. During my tenure as Board President, I also completed the Aspen Institute Fellowship Program and currently attend the California Diversity, Equity and Inclusion sessions. I believe that together we can continue to build a 21st century community college experience for all students who want to transform their socio-economic status.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

### CENTRAL REGION



**Torrie Mark Newsome**  
*College of Lake County, IL*

In my service the past two years on the College of Lake County (CLC) Board of Trustees the key motivating factor is enhancing, promoting and celebrating student success and to help in creating economic empowerment for our students, their families and our communities.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a most important topic not only for our community and country, but the world and it means a lot to sit at the national table of community college leaders and discuss these most important and life changing issues and try to come up with solutions.

It is important that we develop each and every student to the best of their abilities, so they can graduate and achieve their dreams.

In my experience as a husband, father, son, family member, friend, paper boy, factory worker, night student, veteran, attorney, volunteer, member of the community, community college graduate, teacher and trustee, I hope to be a catalyst and share what I know to develop policies that put our students first.

### NORTHEAST REGION



**Sandra Moore**  
*Anne Arundel Community College, MD*

I have served on the Board of Trustees for Anne Arundel Community College since 2015. I held the position of vice-chair for three years, and most recently, chair for three years. Anne Arundel Community College has been recognized as a leader in DEI throughout the country.

During my time as chair of the board

of trustees, I made a concerted effort to increase the minority representation of the board. The board is now majority minority. I continue to work closely with the county senate delegation to expand our board and create positions for more minority representatives. This legislation will also mean that the board will have representatives from more districts in our county. During my time on the board, I have resurrected the policy committee, which has led to the college’s DEIA policy and is evidenced by the diversity on our board. Under my direction as chair, the board has developed a sense of collegiality which has helped to meet our goals.

I have been a teacher and leader in the field of higher education in health care. For many of my minority students, this meant they were the first person in their families to have a professional career where they could help their families and support the community by becoming health care professionals.

On both a personal and professional level, I believe there is still work to be done for our minority students. I believe I have the voice, dedication, and experience to serve on this committee.

### PACIFIC REGION



**Jose Alcalá**  
*Riverside Community College District, CA*

As a Trustee of The Riverside Community College District and in my career as an educator for 20 years, I have been committed to advocating for equity of all students.

When truly doing equity work, our goal should be to provide our students to equal access to all educational opportunities. Access should not be denied because of gender discrimination, ethnicity, language, special needs, immigration status, or socio-economic status.

Working to a fully integrated society means that we eliminate by statute and practice, barriers of race, color, national



origin, language, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, economic status and genetic characteristics that prevent some individuals, adult or juvenile, from exercising rights enjoyed by others.

**SOUTHERN REGION**



**Tina Royal**  
*Davidson-Davie  
Community College, NC*

I am honored to have the opportunity to apply for a second term to become a member of the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. I have served for many years as a Board of Director/member for various boards throughout my community. I started a non-profit organization within my community called Anything for Our Youth Group, Inc. My interest was to serve the youth in my community who were from a lower income family and would not be able to attend events and programs due to financial stress. My organization hosts events for youth so they can attend without the worry of money to participate. I am a firm believer in “Community first” this is the drive and energy that sparks me to give my time and knowledge to organizations.

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

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

**WESTERN REGION**



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

Throughout my career and community involvement, I have been committed to playing an active role in the corridors of power to ensure that underrepresented voices are heard. I believe that education is key to equity and understand that community colleges are a strong, friendly choice for diverse students. I was part of the community members and organizations that fought to establish El Paso Community College in 1969 and have remained involved ever since.

As a member of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee since 2017, I would continue to advance ACCT’s efforts to strengthen connections and collaborate with members to make our nation’s community colleges more equitable to all students. We need to work together to be as inclusive as possible so that students can successfully achieve their dreams by not only starting, but successfully finishing their education.

I am committed to serving ACCT, our member colleges and our nation’s students by being a bold voice in support of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the governance activities of ACCT.

**Announcement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Candidates**

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee consists of 10 members, two from each region. Committee members serve staggered two-year terms. At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one member is elected from each of the five regions during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the week of February 5, 2023, to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

**2024 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

(1) Two-Year Term in Each Region  
*Following is the slate of nominees:*

CENTRAL REGION

**Torrie Mark Newsome\***  
*College of Lake County, IL*

NORTHEAST REGION

**Sandra Moore**  
*Anne Arundel Community College, MD*

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

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



# 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).

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.

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

*\*The process to run for elected Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee seats is identical to the process described above for the Board of Directors.*

*The deadlines to submit nominations for inclusion in the fall 2023 ACCT Advisor newsletter and to be considered for the 2023 Nominating Committee interviews have passed. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.*



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## ACCT REGIONAL CAUCUSES AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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. Election – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member(s)
7. Introduction of Director-at-Large Candidates
8. 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, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee member(s), 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. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee elections will take place using the same guidelines as outlined for regional director elections.

A majority of ballots cast is necessary for election to the committee.

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 a 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,

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##### c. Regional Nominating Committee Members:

Each Regional Nominating Committee is responsible for the nomination of Directors of the Association and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee 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.

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*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

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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. State of the Association and Financial Report to the Membership
6. Ratification of Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws
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 AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE 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/page/governance>.



# ACCT Board Committees Seek Associates for 2024

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 2024 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, 2023**. Those interested in serving should submit the 2024 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:

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee ensures leadership for the involvement of historically underrepresented diverse populations within the governance activities of ACCT. It promotes respect for and acceptance of diverse individuals and promotes awareness and educational opportunity for underrepresented populations. It advises the ACCT Board by strengthening links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

- **Finance and Audit** – The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget, 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, gender, and diversity. 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 2023 MUST re-apply if they are interested in serving in 2024. 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 2024 just prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit, scheduled February 4-7, 2024 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in Seattle, Washington on October 23-26, 2024. 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. 2024 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, 2023. Send to the ACCT Chair, via <https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form> or by e-mail at [assocmemb@acct.org](mailto:assocmemb@acct.org).**



# 2024 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:

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**This form must be returned to [assocmemb@acct.org](mailto:assocmemb@acct.org) by November 1, 2023.**

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# Seeking Regional Nominating Committee Members for 2024-25

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 and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating trustees for Regional Director and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee membership. Nominating Committees may also support Director-at-Large candidates.

## Election/Composition/Terms

Each of ACCT's five regions elects 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 2024-2025 terms:

## CENTRAL REGION

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

Betty Bruski Mallek (WI) and Doris Graham (MO) will continue to serve in 2024.

## NORTHEAST REGION

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

Joseph Barreto (NJ) and John Williamson (MD) will continue to serve in 2024.

## PACIFIC REGION

Two (2) seats will be available to members from the following states/territories: *Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Guam, and Republic of Palau*

Lois Bernstein (WA), Charles Cepeda (MP), and Marie Sullivan (AZ) will continue to serve in 2024.

## 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.*

Linda Lockman-Brooks (NC) and Nicole Washington (FL) will continue to serve in 2024.

## WESTERN REGION

One (1) seat will be available to members from the following states: *Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming.*

Annette Chavez y De La Cruz (NM), Mark Hamill (KS), Clint Kingsbery (TX), and Fred Uhe (NE) will continue to serve in 2024.



## ACCT STATE, PROVINCE, AND TERRITORY COORDINATORS NETWORK

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Regional Chair

**John Lukas**  
*Lakeshore Technical College, WI*

#### Illinois

**Aaron Smith**  
*John A. Logan College*

#### Iowa

**Moudy Nabulsi**  
*Southeastern Community College*

#### Michigan

**Mary Kay Thayer**  
*Monroe County Community College*

#### Minnesota

**Cheryl Tefer**  
*Minnesota State Colleges and Universities*

#### Missouri

**Doris Graham**  
*St. Louis Community College*

#### Ohio

**Thomas Milligan**  
*Edison State Community College*

#### Wisconsin

**Lorraine Laberee**  
*Northwood Technical College*

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### Regional Chair

**Sheetal Ranjan**  
*Bergen Community College, NJ*

#### Maryland

**Reza Jafari**  
*Chesapeake College*

#### Massachusetts

**Cathy Guild**  
*Bunker Hill Community College*

#### New Jersey

**Jessica Stewart**  
*Camden County College*

#### New York

**Tony Colón**  
*Mohawk Valley Community College*

#### Pennsylvania

**Sheila Ireland**  
*Community College of Philadelphia*

### PACIFIC REGION

#### Regional Chair

**Gilbert Wong**  
*Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA*

#### Arizona

**Patty Garcia**  
*Coconino Community College*

#### California (Northern)

**Danny Kelley**  
*College of the Redwoods*

#### California (Southern)

**Desiree Portillo-Rabinov**  
*Glendale Community College*

#### Nevada

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

#### Northern Mariana Islands

**Charles Cepeda**  
*Northern Marianas College*

#### Oregon

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

#### Washington

**Todd Woodard**  
*Community Colleges of Spokane*

### SOUTHERN REGION

#### Regional Chair

**Yvonne Barnes**  
*Trident Technical College, SC*

#### Georgia

**Patricia Goodwin**  
*Augusta Technical College*

#### North Carolina

**Tina Royal**  
*Davidson-Davie Community College*

#### South Carolina

**David McMillan**  
*Horry-Georgetown Technical College*

### WESTERN REGION

#### Regional Chair

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

#### Kansas

**Arlen Leiker**  
*Colby Community College*

#### Nebraska

**R. J. Savely, Jr.**  
*Western Nebraska Community College*

#### New Mexico

**Evelyn Rising**  
*New Mexico Junior College*

#### Texas

**Gigi Edwards Bryant**  
*Austin Community College*

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*South Texas College, TX*

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*Hawkeye Community College, IA*

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**Anthony Colón**  
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*College of Lake County, IL*

**Sheila Ireland**  
*Community College of Philadelphia, PA*

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*Mt. Hood Community College, OR*

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**Arturo Reyes**  
*Mott Community College, MI*

**Oscar Valladares**  
*Rio Hondo College, CA*

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

## CURRENT STATE, PROVINCE AND TERRITORY COORDINATOR VACANCIES

Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arkansas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Marshall Islands, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.



# 2023 ACCT Leadership Congress

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change.)

ARIA RESORT & CASINO • LAS VEGAS, NEVADA • OCTOBER 9-12, 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 <sup>TH</sup>	
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	ACCT Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 <sup>TH</sup>	
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Member Communications & Education Committee Meeting
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Governance and Bylaws Committee Meeting
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Public Policy and Advocacy Committee
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Trustee Advisory Committee Meeting
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 <sup>TH</sup>	
7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Registration
	Voting Delegate Desk
8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	ACCT Board of Directors Meeting
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Pre-Congress Academy: The Chair's Academy — The Board Chair, Leading with Integrity ( <i>Special Registration Required</i> )
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Pre-Congress Academy: Effective Board Governance ( <i>Special Registration Required</i> )
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Pre-Congress Academy: What Trustees Need to Know About Advocacy ( <i>Special Registration Required</i> )
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Meeting: ACCT Corporate Council Roundtable
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	ACCT Regional and Network Meeting: ACCT State, Province, and Territory Coordinators
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	ACCT Marketplace
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 <sup>TH</sup>	
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration
	Voting Delegate Desk
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Student Trustee Advisory Committee
9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Community College Lawyers Roundtable



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 <sup>TH</sup>	
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	ACCT Regional Caucuses and Meetings
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Work Session for Professional Board Staff Members
3:15 p.m. – 5:30 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 p.m.	WELCOME RECEPTION & ENTERTAINMENT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 <sup>TH</sup>	
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration
8 a.m. – 9 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 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Professional Board Staff Network Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.	REGIONAL AWARDS LUNCHEON
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	ACCT Board of Directors Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 <sup>TH</sup>	
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Briefing: ACCT Regional Nominating Committees
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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- ▶ **Application to Serve as Associate Committee Member in 2024**  
*November 1, 2023*
- ▶ **National Legislative Summit Early Bird Registration**  
*December 13, 2023*
- ▶ **Board of Directors Candidate Nominations**  
*January 4, 2024*
- ▶ **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Candidate Nominations**  
*January 4, 2024*
- ▶ **National Legislative Summit Hotel Registration**  
*January 17, 2024*

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