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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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must 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.
<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"> 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. 	



2025 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.*

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.

Candidates who plan to come before a nominating committee are required to submit written notification to the ACCT President &

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.

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 4, 2024** or by post with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 4, 2024**.

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.

****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.**

The ACCT President & CEO will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to each member of the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee by **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**.

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 ACCT at nominations@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.

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

Maureen Dunne*
College of DuPage, IL

NORTHEAST REGION

Anthony Colón*
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

PACIFIC REGION

Richard Fukutaki*
Bellevue College, WA

SOUTHERN REGION

H. Allen Langley*
Cleveland 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*)

Carol Del Carlo*
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

Vivian Malauulu*
Long Beach City College, CA

Pretta VanDible Stallworth*
Houston Community College System, TX



Directors-at-Large Election Process

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until **Monday, July 1, 2024** 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.*

Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election 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.

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in Seattle during the 2024 ACCT Leadership Congress and want to appear in

the fall issue of the *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 **Monday, July 1, 2024** or with a postmark date of **Monday, July 1, 2024**. The President & CEO 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 4, 2024** or with a return receipt postmark date of **Thursday, January 4, 2024**.*

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 ACCT at nominations@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.

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2024 ACCT REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CENTRAL REGION

Betty Bruski Mallek, Chair
Mid-State Technical College, WI

Esther Combs
Montcalm Community College, MI

Doris Graham
St. Louis Community College, MO

Pennie Groezinger
Highland Community College, IL

Bridget Saffold
Hawkeye Community College, IA

NORTHEAST REGION

David Mathis, Chair
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Joseph Barreto
Bergen Community College, NJ

David Grossman
Delaware County Community College, PA

Barur Rajeshkumar
Quinsigamond Community College, MA

John Williamson
Hagerstown Community College, MD

PACIFIC REGION

Marie Sullivan, Chair
Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ

Lois Bernstein
Tacoma Community College, WA

Charles Cepeda
Northern Marianas College, MP

Adrienne Grey
West Valley-Mission Community College District, CA

Andrew Speer
Mt. Hood Community College, OR

SOUTHERN REGION

Chip Jackson, Chair
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA

Dan Bozard
Northeastern Technical College, SC

Linda Lockman-Brooks
Central Piedmont Community College, NC

Joseph Huggins
Northern Virginia Community College, VA

Nicole Washington
Miami Dade College, FL

WESTERN REGION

Clint Kingsbery, Chair
Alamo Colleges, TX

Annette Chavez y De La Cruz
Central New Mexico Community College, NM

Mark Hamill
Johnson County Community College, KS

Fred Uhe
Metropolitan Community College, NE



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

Zaida Lange-Irison
Gateway Technical College, WI

NORTHEAST REGION

Pamela Gardner
Hudson County Community College, NJ

PACIFIC REGION

Sharmila Swenson
Highline College, WA

SOUTHERN REGION

Keyatta Priester
Aiken Technical College, SC

WESTERN REGION

Linda Hoskins Sutton
Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

2023 ELECTION RESULTS

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College of Lake County, IL

Northeast Regional Chair
Sheila Ireland
Community College of Philadelphia, PA

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

Southern Regional Chair
Anay Abraham
Miami Dade College, FL

Western Regional Chair
Dan Mims
San Jacinto College, TX

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

(Three-year terms except where noted)

Central Region
Carla Hedtke
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI

Northeast Region
Allen Williams
Monroe Community College, NY

Pacific Region
Deborah Ikeda
State Center Community College District, CA

Southern Region
Anay Abraham
Miami Dade College, FL

1-year Partial Term
H. Allen Langley
Cleveland Community College, NC

Western Region
Carol Scott
Del Mar College, TX

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

(Three-year terms except where noted)

Amanda Howland
College of Lake County, IL

Susan Moore-Fontenot
Lee College, TX

Oscar Valladares
Rio Hondo College, CA

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair
Keyatta Priester
Aiken Technical College, SC

ACCT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

(Two-year terms except where noted)

Central Region
Torrie Mark Newsome
College of Lake County, IL

Northeast Region
Sandra Moore
Anne Arundel Community College, MD

Pacific Region
Jose Alcala
Riverside Community College District, CA

Southern Region
Tina Royal
Davidson-Davie Community College, NC

Western Region
Belen Robles
El Paso Community College, TX

RETIRING ACCT BOARD MEMBERS

James Cooksey
Moberly Area Community College, MO

Ed Dalrymple
Central Piedmont Community College, NC

Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA

Zaida Hernandez-Irison
Gateway Technical College, WI

John Lukas
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

Bonnie Soria Najera
El Paso Community College, TX

Sheetal Ranjan
Bergen Community College, NJ

Gilbert Wong
Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA



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.



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- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Amendments to ACCT Bylaws**
July 1, 2024
- ▶ **Submitting Resolutions**
July 1, 2024

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