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Announcement of Board Candidates

The 26-member ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors-at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

During the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Regional Caucuses and Meetings, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions. Three directors are elected at large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met on February 4th to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed below.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

2025 Candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region

The following is the slate of nominees:

Central Region – **Samantha Vaive***
Lansing Community College, MI

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

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

Shawn Boldt*
Highland Community College, IL

Carol Del Carlo*
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

Vivian Malauulu*
Long Beach City College, CA

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2024 in order to appear in the fall 2024 issue of Advisor. Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committee. Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.



2025 Board and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION



Samantha Vaive
Lansing Community College, MI

For five years, I have had the opportunity to serve Michigan as a Trustee for Lansing Community College. It has been an honor to impact change in my community. During my time, I have had many notable achievements, including my involvement in the selection of a beloved college president, initiating a program to supply free menstrual products in the bathrooms, presenting on this program at ACCT, and helping to initiate an LGBTQ+ bill of rights at LCC.

I have also been active in this organization, serving on Governance & Bylaws and Finance & Audit Committees. I have been serving on committees since my first years as a trustee. I have presented twice at Congress. I also founded the Under 45 Caucus—where I currently serve as secretary after two terms as chair—and co-founded the LGBTQ+ Caucus.

I look forward to continuing to serve this vital organization.

NORTHEAST REGION



Anthony Colón
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Anthony “Tony” Colón has been a dedicated member of the MVCC – NY Board since 2008, presently in his third successive seven-year term. Holding the role of Northeast Regional Director on the ACCT Board, his term is scheduled to conclude in 2024. Tony actively participates in the Board’s

Finance and Audit Committee. He is also an engaged member of the ACCT Latino Caucus.

In a recent capacity, he served as the Chair of the ACCT DEI Committee and currently contributes to the ACCT’s Ad Hoc 3-member panel, involved in shaping new language for the organization’s DEI Strategic Initiative. Since 2016, Tony has taken on the responsibility of NY State Coordinator, demonstrating his commitment to coordinating and advancing initiatives within the state.

Tony is actively involved with the NY State Community College Trustee Association. His notable contributions have been acknowledged through the receipt of the Distinguished Trustee Service Award from the association.

Following a decade of service as the Latin American Sales Director for a California-based organization, Tony returned to New York to establish multiple businesses. Over the past nearly 25 years, he has utilized his skills as a certified legal Spanish Interpreter for both Federal and NYS Courts. Concurrently, he has served as a Behavioral Manager, addressing the emotional and mental health needs of the youth in his community.

PACIFIC REGION



Richard Fukutaki
Bellevue College, WA

Rich Fukutaki currently serves as chair-elect of ACCT and chairs the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. He is the chair of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees and led the searches for both the interim president and president. Rich consistently demonstrates a keen sense of creative

problem-solving and a proactive desire to listen and collaborate across regional and organizational stakeholder groups. He enjoys addressing complex issues to discover what is possible versus being tethered to what has been done in the past. Smarterville, Kinetic City (AAAS), and Franchise Basketball are examples of innovative programs Rich helped introduce to encourage STEM education in underrepresented groups. His role in identifying and introducing Pokemon to the U.S. market also demonstrated strategic foresight. Rich Fukutaki serves in several capacities for the Washington State Association of College Trustees on the Finance, Awards (chair), DEI (co-chair), Audit, Education and Visioning Committees.

SOUTHERN REGION



H. Allen Langley
Cleveland Community College, NC

Having lived in this community since the early 1970’s, I have had the opportunity to serve it in many ways. I am committed to making Cleveland County a better place for its residents, with a concentration on its students.

Since August of 1987, I have been a member of the Shelby Rotary Club. In these years, I have served as President, District Governor, and currently Secretary. Each year our club supplies dictionaries to local elementary schools, and we provide back packs of food each week to children in need. We also raise funds, by various means, to help eradicate Polio around the world.

Community is important to me. I have served as Chairman of the Board for the Cleveland County Chamber of



Commerce, and am currently Chairman of Shelby, North Carolina's Parks and Recreation Board, including Chairman of the annual Merry-Go-Round Festival.

Being the longest serving member of the Cleveland Community College's Board of Trustees has given me the opportunity to be involved in structuring the high quality of education its students receive and thus ensure the college provides the community with skilled and productive members of society.

Being a member of ACCT now gives me the chance to serve a broader community.

WESTERN REGION



Pretta VanDible Stallworth
Houston Community College System, TX

I am committed to ACCT's mission and goals for community and technical colleges. I serve as Director-at-Large, Secretary-Treasurer, on Governance-Bylaws and Audit-Finance committees. My state commitment includes CCATT – Commission on Community College Finance. Locally I served as HCC Vice Chair and held Committee Chair positions.

I work with communities to promote and engage constituents. Engagements include Policy (HB3554 "No Trafficking Zone"); COVID-19 (masks distribution, Food lines, Concerts, Children's Museum passes, Hot Spots, Chrome Books); Seniors (AARP, Young at Heart, tuition free education, scholarships); Life Achievement Awards (Teachers, Volunteers, Guiding Star); TPT CDC (Volunteer Houston, United Way, AFL-CIO, NAACP, LULAC, Job Fairs); Health (Men's Forum, Community

Health/Wellness); Education (Medgar Evers A-TEAAM, Early College/Dual Credit); and STEM (Robotics, AI, IT, Coding, Solar). I now focus on ABCs – Athletes Bound for Colleges, Adults Bound for Careers, and Academics Benefiting Communities.

I respectfully and humbly ask for your support.

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE



Shawn Boldt
Highland Community College, IL

As a product of a Community College, and as a parent of two Community College graduates and a Student Trustee, I have benefited greatly from the system. Now it's time to give back, preserve, and improve the Community College experience.

I served 14 years on the local City Council, plus the boards of Big Brothers/Sisters, Northern Illinois Economic Development, 6 years as Chair/CFO of Immanuel Church and School, and 8 years as their Athletic Director.

Since 2019, I have been a part of ACCT, and have attended every Summit and Congress. I served one term on the Member Communications and Education Committee, two terms on the Finance and Audit Committee, and served as Teller for last year's elections.

I believe service to our students and staff is paramount. Suicide prevention, DEI, mental health, access for disabled students, technology training, and access in rural areas are just as important as curriculum, and must be a part of all that we do for the Community College system.

Announcement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Candidates

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

Regional Nominating Committees met on February 4th to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

2025 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

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

CENTRAL REGION

No Nominees

NORTHEAST REGION

Trinh Nguyen*

Bunker Hill Community College, MA

PACIFIC REGION

Sharmila Swenson*

Highline College, WA

SOUTHERN REGION

Keyatta Priester*

Aiken Technical College, SC

WESTERN REGION

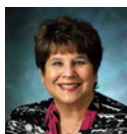
Linda Hoskins Sutton*

Kansas City Kansas Community College, KS

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



2025 Board and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Candidate Statements (continued)



Carol Del Carlo
Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

My “North Star” are the students I serve in the Nevada System of Higher Education. With four community colleges and 60,000 students combined, my focus as an elected regent since 2017 is transforming students’ lives to meet the workforce needs of Nevada.

I’m a first-generation college student. While working full-time, I obtained an associate, bachelor’s (magna cum laude) and master’s degree. I enjoyed a 21-year corporate career in management, labor relations and sales from General Motors.

Currently, I serve as the ACCT Vice Chair. Since 2021 ACCT Board of Directors Member,

State Coordinator 2019-2023, Nominating Committee 2018, Presenter at six Congresses, Attended seven Leadership Congresses and five Legislative Summits.

I’ve served as NSHE Vice Chair, Chair Pro tempore, Committee Chair/ Vice Chair on eight committees. I proudly serve statewide on the ad hoc committee on higher ed funding.

I respectfully ask for your vote as Director At-Large from the Pacific Region!



Vivian Malauulu
Long Beach City College, CA

Serving as an ACCT Director-At-Large is a privilege which I am honored to have. Earning the CCCT endorsement again is also a source of great pride because it

allows me to continue advancing ACCT’s mission with the support of my State’s leadership. First elected to the LBCC Board of Trustees in 2016, I am currently serving my second term as Board President. My unique personal background as a first-generation immigrant from Honduras who was adopted and raised by my African-American stepfather, and my broad professional experiences as a career educator, labor union officer, and journalist all influence my work advocating for community colleges. I am passionate about workforce development and I pour my heart and soul into programs which prepare our students and future-proof our career-readiness efforts. My direct ties to the Pacific Islander community and my activism with working families enable me to serve underrepresented demographics on the frontline of higher education.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CENTRAL REGION

No Nominees

NORTHEAST REGION



Trinh Nguyen
Bunker Hill Community College, MA

I am deeply honored to offer myself as a candidate for the New England regional member position on ACCT’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. As a Governor-appointed Trustee of Bunker Hill Community College since 2018,

I’ve actively collaborated with the City of Boston Mayor’s Office to enact progressive state legislation benefiting community colleges statewide. My dedication extends to spearheading initiatives such as the inaugural tuition-free community college program and advocating for increased access for undocumented immigrant students. With over 26 years of executive management roles in community nonprofits and public agencies, I’ve consistently championed DEI efforts, leveraging substantial funding to support marginalized populations and implementing inclusive policies and hiring practices. If selected, I aim to apply key DEI principles, mobilize diverse coalitions, eliminate systemic barriers, and uphold our commitment to DEI as a trustee, public servant, and Boston resident. This opportunity aligns with my professional expertise and aspirations to contribute to ACCT’s DEI objectives while fostering personal growth through networking and learning.

PACIFIC REGION



Sharmila Swenson
Highline College, WA

Sharmila Swenson has served on the Highline College Board of Trustees since 2019 and on the ACCT DEI committee since 2021.

DEI is the issue that first led Swenson to service as a Trustee, with a desire to see more people of color in leadership positions to support students from diverse and underserved populations.

Her career has been dedicated to service and public policy - her



professional background includes experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Swenson is currently an insurance VP and leads the Government Affairs and Social Impact programs, which she has focused on issues of equity and inclusion.

Swenson is a passionate, dynamic leader with a history of coalition building and the ability to drive results. She continually seeks to engage and lift-up diverse perspectives, and her broad mix of personal and professional experiences make her uniquely positioned to continue providing valuable perspective to the committee.

SOUTHERN REGION



Keyatta Priester

Aiken Technical College, SC

I am Keyatta Priester,
a proud Executive

Committee member (secretary) and a commissioner appointed to the Aiken County Commission for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the governing board for Aiken Technical College. As the Community Development Manager at Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC), I am honored to be the first African American woman to hold this position, paving the way for others in the industry. In my role, I provide strategic leadership in mission-related programs, shape the company's direction, and execute initiatives to achieve our goals. Cultivating

relationships with key organizations, advocating for our objectives, and monitoring industry trends are integral aspects of my responsibilities. With over 25 years of experience in the utility sector, I bring a wealth of knowledge to my role. I hold and have held membership in numerous local, state, and national organizations including Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, ACCT Board member, Vice President of Rotary Club of Aiken/Rotary International; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Chair of South Carolina Association of Technical College; Registered lobbyist for Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina; American Heart Association Heart Walk (2018) Co-Chair raising over \$700K for the CSRA; United Way of Aiken County Chair, Vice Chair Women Leadership Council; Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Board Member; Leadership Aiken County; Aiken Partnership Board Member. I am passionate about this opportunity and look forward to continuing to serve.

WESTERN REGION



Linda Hoskins Sutton

*Kansas City Kansas
Community College, KS*

I am seeking reelection to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for such a time as this when DEI is under attack because the work must continue. A life-long educator, Linda Hoskins Sutton retired from Kansas

City Kansas Community College in 2014 after 30 years of service. Having worked in all aspects (financial, continuing education & community services, student services and adjunct faculty), she knows that community colleges are the bedrocks of higher education. As a retired community college employee and now trustee, her motto is still the same: "Students First".

Linda started serving her second four-year term as a Trustee at Kansas City Kansas Community College in January 2022. She currently serves as Chair on KCKCC's Board Policy Committee. Her other trustee committee assignment is the KCKCC Foundation Board.

Linda is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for all and enjoys working on ACCT's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. DEI benefits all of us because we are all part of the same humanity.



HOW TO JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Declaring your candidacy for a seat on the ACCT Board of Directors indicates that once elected, you will honor your commitment as a board member to attend and participate in all committee and board meetings. These meetings are held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, the National Legislative Summit and the Annual Summer Board Retreat; and when necessary, via teleconference between these three annual meetings if and when required to transact the business of the association. Your declared candidacy also serves as confirmation that your institution is willing to financially support your expenses related to travel and hotel accommodations during these meetings.

There are two ways to run for a seat (Regional Director or Director at-Large) on the ACCT Board of Directors:

To declare your candidacy in advance of elections at the ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the <i>Advisor</i> , you must:	To run for a seat from the floor at the ACCT Leadership Congress, you must:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a trustee in good standing at an ACCT member college.• At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. "Volunteer service to ACCT" is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network.• Submit a letter of declaration to run for office.• Submit a letter of support from your local board indicating your institution's commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member, including participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress, Community College National Legislative Summit, and Annual Summer Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting.• Submit a one-page resume that emphasizes community college-related service and other civic activities. Information about professional history and education may also be included.• Submit a narrative statement that details qualifications, not to exceed 150 words, for inclusion in printed voting materials.• Provide ACCT with a print-quality (300 dpi or higher) head-and-shoulders photograph by e-mail, for inclusion in printed voting materials. If an electronic photo is not available, a 5" x 7" head-and-shoulders photo, preferably color, may also be accepted. (Photos will not be returned.)• Provide an optional second letter of support from another ACCT member board (for example, a state association). This letter of support must be limited to one page.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a trustee at an ACCT member college.• At the time of election, you must have completed a minimum of one year of volunteer service to ACCT and have attended at least one ACCT Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. "Volunteer service to ACCT" is defined as service as an elected or appointed member of a Standing Committee or the Governance and Bylaws Committee, service as an elected or appointed member of a Regional Nominating Committee, or service as an appointed Coordinator in the ACCT State, Province and Territory Coordinators Network.• Must be nominated from the floor by a voting delegate from the candidate's respective institution.• Submit a letter of support from your local board indicating your institution's commitment to provide financial support for your service as an ACCT Board member, including participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress, Community College National Legislative Summit, and Annual Summer Board of Directors Retreat and Meeting.

If you wish to run for a seat in Seattle during the 2024 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the *Advisor*, you are required to notify the ACCT President at the Washington, D.C. office in writing of your intent to run.

Your notification must be received with a postmark date of **July 1, 2024**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2024**. The president will send candidate information received within 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Any candidate who declares their intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors up to 30 days prior to the election will automatically receive from the appropriate ACCT staff all the same information provided to candidates who declared their candidacies by the July 1 deadline.

Please e-mail your nomination materials to nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Association Counsel Andrew Laine at alaine@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days.

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

NOTE: Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as *governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of*

state systems that include such institutions.

Per the ACCT Bylaws, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

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

****The process for running for an elected seat on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is the same as running for a seat on the board, with the exception of the requirements of one year of minimum volunteer service to ACCT and attendance of one Annual Community College Leadership Congress and one Community College National Legislative Summit. All trustees interested in serving as an elected member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee should use the same instructions listed above.***



DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Although Directors-at-Large may run from the floor during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Senate Meeting, there are distinct benefits to submitting nominations by the July 1 deadline.

Benefits include the following:

- 1) Official candidate nomination materials, including a photo and short biography, will appear in the pre-Congress issue of *Advisor*. This issue is used as a reference during elections held at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.
- 2) Individuals who declare their candidacy by the July 1 deadline will receive election-related reminders from ACCT and will receive 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, contact information for their use in campaigning.
- 3) Those nominated prior to the deadline will have the opportunity to appear at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held on Thursday during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, to campaign prior to the election during the Senate Meeting on Friday.

For these reasons, ACCT strongly recommends that those who wish to run for a Director-at-Large position submit their nominations by the July 1 deadline.

Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws

According to Article XIV of the ACCT Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

Section 1. Origination

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing by the Executive Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or at least five Voting Members.

Section 2. Procedure

- a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than July 1 of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Directors' recommendations.
- b. If the Governance and Bylaws Committee recommends modification of a proposal and the Board of Directors approves the modification or approves an alternative

modification, the sponsor shall be so notified of the proposed modification. Should the sponsor find the modification unacceptable, the original proposal, together with the Board of Directors' recommendation, shall be submitted to the Senate for action.

- c. Written notice of the proposed change shall be sent to each Voting Member at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- d. The Senate shall consider all proposed amendments that meet the requirements, and any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be adopted.
- e. An amendment becomes effective at the close of the Senate meeting at which it was adopted.



PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7 of the ACCT Bylaws, resolutions to be voted on by the ACCT Senate may be submitted in the following ways:

- a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president no later than July 1 of that year. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by a Voting Member, the Board of Directors, or by the Governance and Bylaws Committee.
- b. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall study all proposals received and shall forward with comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. Such report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 days in advance of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.
- c. Proposed resolutions following the process of paragraphs a. and b. above must have a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be adopted.
- d. Proposed resolutions not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate under the following procedure:
 1. The proposed resolution must be submitted to the president in writing, signed by the voting delegates of at least five Voting Members prior to the Senate meeting.
 2. The Senate must suspend the rules, without debate, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
 3. The proposed resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
- e. Resolutions adopted by the Senate shall expire on the termination date set in the Resolution, or if there is not a termination date, three years after the date of adoption, unless re-authorized by the Senate.

Regional Nominating Committee

ACCT Regional Chairs invite member trustees to serve on Regional Nominating Committees. The commitment of Nominating Committee members in carrying out their duties helps to ensure that the Association's future leadership is comprised of member trustees who have demonstrated quality leadership in community colleges. Nominating Committee members interview and nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT's vision — *Community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation's community college system.*

Responsibilities

Regional Nominating Committees are the key to a successful election process for the ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating person(s) 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 nominating committee member(s) from the Voting Members of that region at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Nominating Committees are composed of five members each. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Nominating Committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms. They may serve more than one term, but terms may not be consecutive. The chair of each Nominating Committee shall be elected by the members of the respective Nominating Committee at the close of each Regional Caucus.

Committee Meetings (Interviews)

Regional Nominating Committee meetings are scheduled annually in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit that takes place in Washington, D.C. Committee members receive interview schedules and candidate information prior to the meeting(s). All expenses related to attending the meeting are the college's responsibility.



Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2024 ACCT Leadership Congress in Seattle during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 24th at the Seattle Convention Center. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. **Please note that terms ending in 2024 will expire upon the conclusion of the Regional Caucuses and Meetings. Only newly elected and sitting committee members will vote for the chair of the Committee at the close of the meeting.**

CENTRAL REGION (2 seats expire in 2024)

- **Betty Bruski Mallek**, *Committee Chair*
Mid-State Technical College, WI
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Esther Combs**, *Montcalm Community College, MI*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Doris Graham**, *St. Louis Community College, MO*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Pennie Groezinger**, *Highland Community College, IL*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Bridget Saffold**, *Hawkeye Community College, IA*
Term Expiration: 10/2025

NORTHEAST REGION (2 seats expire in 2024)

- **David Mathis**, *Committee Chair*
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **David Grossman**, *Delaware County Community College, PA*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Ellen Nicholson Byrne**, *Atlantic Cape Community College, NJ*
*Term Expiration: 10/2024**
- **Barur Rajeshkumar**, *Quinsigamond Community College, MA*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **John Williamson**, *Hagerstown Community College, MD*
Term Expiration: 10/2024

PACIFIC REGION (3 seats expire in 2024)

- **Marie Sullivan**, *Committee Chair*
Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Lois Bernstein**, *Tacoma Community College, WA*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Charles Cepeda**, *Northern Marianas College, MP*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Adrienne Grey**, *West Valley-Mission Community College District, CA*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Andrew Speer**, *Mt. Hood Community College, OR*
Term Expiration: 10/2025

SOUTHERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2024)

- **Chip Jackson**, *Committee Chair*
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA
Term Expiration: 10/2025

- **Dan Bozard**, *Northeastern Technical College, SC*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Linda Lockman-Brooks**, *Central Piedmont Community College, NC*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Joseph Huggins**, *Northern Virginia Community College, VA*
Term Expiration: 10/2025
- **Nicole Washington**, *Miami Dade College, FL*
Term Expiration: 10/2024

WESTERN REGION (5 seats expire in 2024)

- **Clint Kingsbery**, *Committee Chair*
Alamo Colleges, TX
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Annette Chavez y De La Cruz**, *Central New Mexico Community College, NM*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Mark Hamill**, *Johnson County Community College, KS*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Fred Uhe**, *Metropolitan Community College, NE*
Term Expiration: 10/2024
- **Carlton Underwood**, *Central Wyoming College, WY*
*Term Expiration: 10/2024**

*One-year partial term to fill a vacancy and is therefore eligible for reelection.

If you are interested in serving on a Regional Nominating Committee, please email your Regional Chair or ACCT at nominations@acct.org:

Central Regional Chair

Amanda Howland

Northeast Regional Chair

Sheila Ireland

Pacific Regional Chair

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg

Southern Regional Chair

Anay Abraham

Western Regional Chair

Dan Mims

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jay Nardini, Chair

Hawkeye Community College, IA

Richard Fukutaki, Chair-Elect

Bellevue College, WA

Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair

Nevada System of Higher Education, NV

Pretta VanDible Stallworth, Secretary-Treasurer

Houston Community College System, TX

Rose Benavidez, Immediate Past Chair

South Texas College, TX

Amanda Howland, Central Regional Chair

College of Lake County, IL

Sheila Ireland, Northeast Regional Chair

Community College of Philadelphia, PA

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Pacific Regional Chair

Kern Community College District, CA

Anay Abraham, Southern Regional Chair

Miami Dade College, FL

Dan Mims, Western Regional Chair

San Jacinto College, TX

Steven Anderson

Northeast Community College, NE

Yvonne Barnes

Trident Technical College, SC

Anthony Colón

Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Maureen Dunne

College of DuPage, IL

Carla Hedtke

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI

Deborah Ikeda

State Center Community College District, CA

H. Allen Langley

Cleveland Community College, NC

Vivian Malaualu

Long Beach City College, CA

Susan Moore-Fontenot

Lee College, TX

Diane Noriega

Mt. Hood Community College, OR

Keyatta Priester, Diversity, Equity, and

Inclusion Committee Chair

Aiken Technical College, SC

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ACCT Board Committees Seek New Members for 2025

Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees has expanded membership participation in the governance of the Association while bringing new ideas and expertise to committee deliberations.

Committees for 2025 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are required to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by November 1, 2024. Those interested in serving should submit the 2025 Committee Interest Form indicating committee preferences. **(If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may not be placed on another committee unless a second and third choice is stated.)** If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, you may fill this in under the “Comments” section of the form. Each request must have a letter of nomination from the individual’s board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee. The ACCT Chair will appoint members to the following committees:

- **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 the 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 and the financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs

and services, and reporting to the Board of Directors.

- **Governance and Bylaws** — The Governance and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the Association, amendments to the Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent the member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.

- **Member Communications and Education** Committee — The Member Communications and Education Committee is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to strengthen the Board’s links with the membership; identifying issues that require member input; and recommending strategies to gather input. Additionally, it evaluates and makes recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education. The committee also assists in identifying Regional Nominating and Regional Award Committee members.

- **Public Policy and Advocacy** — The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is charged with reviewing public policy issues and recommending positions to the Board of Directors.

ACCT Board Policy states that the ACCT Chair will appoint committee members. In making appointments, the ACCT Chair will consider regional representation, gender, and diversity. Each committee chair shall be a member of the ACCT Board of Directors.

Associate members may be selected for committee membership under the following conditions:

1. They shall be selected from Voting Members.

2. They may serve three consecutive one-year terms per committee.
3. No more than one associate member from a college shall serve on any one board committee.
4. All related expenses are the responsibility of their college.
5. They have full voting rights.
6. They shall have a letter of nomination from their board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

Please Note: ALL APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVING IN 2024 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2025. Colleges may submit a letter of support covering two years of service, but the Committee Interest Form must be filled out each year. Your application will be considered incomplete and will NOT be processed without the letter of support from your institution.

ACCT committees will meet in 2025 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 9-12, 2025 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 22-25, 2025. Committee work may also be done through e-mail and postal mail.

If you are interested in serving and **your board has agreed to send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance** at the events above, please submit the following:

1. 2025 Committee Interest Form (see page 15); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

These documents must be received at ACCT by November 1, 2024. Send to the ACCT Chair, via <https://www.acct.org/membership/benefits/acct-board-committees/board-committee-interest-form> or by email at assocmemb@acct.org.



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COORDINATORS NETWORK

The State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the association by linking the Board of Directors and staff directly to the membership. Coordinators, appointed by the ACCT Regional Chairs, are the voices and faces of ACCT in their local communities, and a primary source of information from their communities back to the ACCT Board and staff.

Coordinators are expected to attend the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and the Community College National Legislative Summit. Coordinators are appointed to three-year terms with no limit on the number of terms they may serve, and are reappointed with the approval of the ACCT Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COORDINATOR:

- Serves as the communications link between the Regional Chairs and ACCT member college boards
- Secures and retains ACCT member institutions
- Shares feedback regarding the association's products, services, and activities



ACCT COMMITTEES

BOARD COMMITTEES

Board committees communicate with the membership and inform the Board of Directors about membership values, interests, and challenges.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Regional Nominating Committees are composed of five members and responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.



STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Student Trustee Advisory Committee provides a forum for the exchange of information regarding students' interests and priorities with ACCT Board, staff and community colleges on the national level.

TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Trustee Advisory Committee provides expert guidance and historical perspective on ACCT trustee education programs and services. Committee members are comprised of former members of the ACCT Board.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 26-member Board of Directors includes 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. All occur during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

The Board of Directors meets three times per year: prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., a day or two before the Annual Leadership Congress, and during the Summer Board Retreat. Work is also done through telephone, e-mail, and postal mail.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors establishes policies that supervise, control, and direct the affairs of the Association within the limits of and consistent with the Bylaws and Resolutions promulgated by the Senate.

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





2025 Associate 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

☐ 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, 2024.

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

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- ▶ **Governance Leadership Institute: Long Beach, CA**
March 20 – 22, 2024
- ▶ **Governance Leadership Institute for New Trustees: Jackson, MS**
August 7 – 9, 2024
- ▶ **Regional Awards Nomination Submissions**
June 3, 2024
- ▶ **Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations**
July 1, 2024
- ▶ **Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**
July 1, 2024
- ▶ **Submitting Senate Resolutions**
July 1, 2024
- ▶ **ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions**
May 24, 2024
- ▶ **Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2025**
November 1, 2024

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