

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 18, 2003
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges reorganized for the coming two years, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, November 18, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

The oath of office was administered to trustees elected April 1, 2003. George Andrew Fischer, Mt. Carmel; Larry Rost, Fairfield; and Marilyn J. Wolfe, Albion, were elected to six-year terms. Walter L. Koertge, Olney, was elected to fill a vacancy, with his term expiring in 2005.

Mr. Lane was reelected Chairman, Dr. Fischer was reelected Vice-Chairman, and Ms. Wolfe was reelected Secretary Pro Tempore.

Harry Hillis, Olney, was reappointed Board Secretary and Ethics Officer.

All of the officers were elected unanimously.

A resolution was adopted listing the dates, times and locations of regular monthly meetings for calendar year 2004. The meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for the December meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Meeting location will rotate between the four college campuses, as follows:

Tuesday, January 20, 2004, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, February 17, 2004, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, March 16, 2004, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, April 20, 2004, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, June 15, 2004, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, July 20, 2004, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, August 17, 2004, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, September 21, 2004, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, November 16, 2004, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, December 14, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Olney Central College

The IECC Institutional Effectiveness Plan for 2004 was approved. The plan, formerly called the Assessment Plan, focuses on the district's overall effectiveness. The assessment and evaluation contained in the document provides a systematic process for measuring the district against its stated mission objectives. It also uses assessment as a measure for decision-making and planning. The plan deals with ten goals of IECC, as outlined in its mission statement.

A Capital Renewal Grant application was approved in the amount of \$323,912, for the following projects:

Lincoln Trail College Arts Building: Repair/upgrade walls, \$44,000, and replace lighting, \$21,000.

Olney Central College: Upgrade/repair Vocational Tech Building, \$30,960.

Wabash Valley College: Replace lighting in Spencer Sports Center Gymnasium, \$30,325; upgrade toilets in Applied Arts Building, \$20,195.

Frontier Community College: New parking lot, \$104,167.

The application, which will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board for approval, also includes \$73,265 for contingencies, construction administration fee, architect/engineer compensation, on-site observation and reimbursables.

As of December 31, the district's Flexible Spending Account Program will be discontinued. This program allowed employees to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses and childcare expenses on a pre-tax basis.

The trustees approved a new Premium Conversion Plan offered by Kemper CPA Group. On January 1, the plan will replace the current Flexible Benefit Plan, which allows employees to pay their portion of dependent medical and dependent dental premiums in pre-tax dollars. The new prototype plan is updated to reflect current tax laws and regulations.

A timetable was approved for carryover projects to be completed with funds remaining from the district's \$3.5 million bond issue of December 2002, following completion of the 13 Protection, Health and Safety projects of PHS Phase 7.

An Affiliation and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Agreement was approved with St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, Indiana.

The following personnel were employed:

Jennifer Elliott, Curriculum Development Specialist, District Office.

Daniel Deck, Custodian, Olney Central College.

Janet Pflaum, Business Office Clerk, District Office.

Chad Schuetz, Computer Technician, Olney Central College.

James Patrick, Commercial Custodial Services Instructor, LTC/Lawrence Correctional Center.

Two personnel changes in status were approved as follows:

Ida McVaigh, Business Management Instructor, LTC/Lawrence Correctional Center, to Youthful Offender Counselor, LTC/Robinson Correctional Center, effective December 1.

Amy Johnson, Office Assistant, to Administrative Assistant, District Office.

The resignation of Gayle Lawn-Day was accepted as Dean of the College at Lincoln Trail College, effective January 30, 2004. She has accepted a position as Vice President of Business and Operations at a multi-campus community college.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.