

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**April 20, 2015**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 reorganized for the next two years, at the regular meeting, Monday, April 20, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The Board adopted a resolution certifying the election returns of April 7. Those returns confirmed the election of Marilyn Wolfe, Andrew Fischer, Michael Correll and Al Henager. The oath of office was administered to trustees George Andrew Fischer, Mt. Carmel and Alan (Al) Henager, Mt. Carmel. Dr. Fischer was seated for a six-year term, expiring in 2021. Mr. Henager was seated to fill the remaining four years of William Hudson's term (Hudson was elected Circuit Judge), which will expire in 2019. Trustee Elect Marilyn Wolfe, Albion, Trustee Elect Michael Correll, Robinson, and Student Trustee Elect Drew Halter, Palestine, were absent and will be seated at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee G. Andrew Fischer was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Elect Marilyn Wolfe was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Renee Smith was appointed Board Secretary and District Ethics Officer.

Trustee Gary Carter was re-appointed Secretary Pro Tempore.

Roger Browning was re-appointed District Treasurer.

All of the officers were elected unanimously.

Action was taken to adopt all rules, regulations, policies and actions of prior Boards of Trustees.

A resolution was adopted listing the dates, times and locations of regular monthly meetings for remainder of calendar year 2015. 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. Meeting location will rotate between the four colleges, as follows:

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Trustees were joined by members of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for a discussion on the work of the Board on behalf of the District. The HLC team is conducting an accreditation evaluation of the IECC District. This evaluation is conducted every ten years.

The Credit by Examination Policy was updated to include language to clarify the criteria the District uses to grant credit through proficiency examinations.

Activity Fee allocations for Fiscal Year 2016 were approved for LTC, OCC and WVC. The Board adopts the allocation of student activity fees at these three colleges each year. There are minimal changes in the allocations from the past year. The allocation notes what percentage of each dollar will be turned over to an appropriate self-balancing account in the auxiliary fund.

A new \$5.00 student identification card replacement fee was approved and a per course cost recovery fee of \$15.00 was added to new Gunsmithing courses.

An addendum to the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing articulation agreement between Illinois Eastern and McKendree University was approved. This is an addendum to the current agreement for a 10% Discount Tuition Guarantee for IECC nursing graduates who continue their nursing education at McKendree.

Athletic Training Services Agreements were approved to meet guidelines proposed by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Rules on Athletic Trainers. Agreements were approved for Frontier, Olney Central, and Wabash Valley.

The 2015 Distance Delivery Education Plan was approved. The purpose of the plan is to outline the required procedures, training, and support to assist faculty with distance delivery courses and program development.

A revised Radiography Program Student Handbook was approved. The revised handbook includes a number of changes that were needed.

Affiliation agreements were approved with several area health care institutions.

The bid of \$2,676,397.00 by K. Wohltman Construction, Effingham, IL, was approved for District wide general improvements.

Three faculty members were employed. Laurie Jenkins was employed as Health Programs Lead Instructor at Lincoln Trail, effective August 13, 2015, Keith Nash was employed as Process Technology Instructor at Lincoln Trail, effective August 13, 2015, and Jodi Peach was employed as

Health Informatics Instructor at Frontier, effective August 13, 2015. Thomas Kent was employed as Fitness Center/Athletic Director, Frontier Community College, effective July 1, 2015. Taryn Bunting was employed as Office Assistant at Olney Central, effective April 27, 2015. Ernest Majors was employed as a Maintenance Worker, Wabash Valley, effective May 1, 2015.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College, Olney.