

CCC Board Retreat Follow-Up

September, 2021

As a follow-up to the CCC Board's request for a retreat, I have found some additional information for consideration.

The last formal Board retreat was held in Grand Island on February 25-26, 2015 by representatives from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), lead by Dr. Narcissa Polonio. It was held as the Nebraska Governance Leadership Institute and invited all Nebraska community college board members to attend. Estimated attendance was 30-50 and covered the topics of 1) Fundamentals of being an Effective Trustee, 2) Trends in Higher Education, 3) Diversity & Inclusiveness, 4) Role Clarifications and Operating Procedures, 5) Accreditation, 6) Board-President Relationship, 7) What Trustees Need to Know about the Print Media, Social Media, Underground Media and the Grapevine and 8) Advocacy. The event lasted from Thursday afternoon (3:30pm start) through Friday afternoon (4:45pm end). Cost was \$300 per person for the training in addition to the lodging costs for those requiring lodging.

ACCT continues to have regular training sessions for new and experienced board members. Their latest New Governance Leadership Institute was a virtual event held over three-days in August 2021 that was held for \$199/person. This training for board members will be repeated annually – goal is to be in-person in Washington DC in August 2022.

In February 2022, prior to the ACCT Legislative Conference there will be a one-day condensed Leadership Institute in Washington, DC.

Also in Spring 2022, a follow-up Leadership Institute (dates TBD) will be held (virtual or in-person) covering diversity, equity & inclusion topics in addition to student success goals.

ACCT is open to coming to Nebraska again for a joint session if 30-50 attendees possible. Price TBD. Christina Simons, who made arrangements and attended the 2015 event, will be our contact this time.

CCC is an ACCT member so most all resources above are also located on their website at: <https://www.acct.org/resources>. Most are free and open to the public, with some available only with Board login-information which can be granted since CCC is a member.

A more local contact used by Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors is Lori Smith, of Capstone Coaching & Consulting (www.capstone-cc.com). She will create a one-day Community visioning – goal setting experience with the Board as she has done with MCC. Price TBD, but likely a 9am-4pm timeframe to limit travel time and lodging for some board members.

Recommendations for follow-up in no particular order:

- 1) I have tentatively asked the other Nebraska Community College presidents if they feel there is an interest in hosting another Nebraska Governance Institute. Three are currently undergoing other updates/retreats, but three might be. We can assess potential board interest again at the NCCA meeting in October 2021.
- 2) It will be CCC's turn to host the annual NCCA meeting in October 2022 and we could suggest a representative from ACCT attend to provide a one-day training then.
- 3) We will be getting the proposal from Lori Smith in mid-October with her availability sometime this spring or summer 2022.
- 4) We can send interested board members to the Washington DC conference in February in addition to John Novotny and I getting updated information on other governance leadership sessions when we attend the ACCT Leadership Conference this October 2021.
- 5) Confirm all current Board members have log in access to the various ACCT resources offered at <https://www.acct.org/resources> .