ACI Board Recognizes Departing Presidents, Reappoints Members, Reviews Current Fiscal Year

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At its annual meeting April 16, ACI board members expressed appreciation to three member college and university presidents who are retiring this year. Board members also updated the organization's bylaws and reviewed the current fiscal year results.



Retiring presidents of ACI-affiliated colleges and universities are, from left, Teresa L. Amott, Knox College, Donna M. Carroll, Dominican University and John C. Bowling, Olivet Nazarene University.

The annual meeting was held virtually because of the ongoing pandemic.

The three presidents are retiring after long tenures. They include President Teresa L. <u>Amott</u>, Knox College, 10 years; <u>President Donna M. Carroll</u>, Dominican University, 27 years; and <u>President John C. Bowling</u>, Olivet Nazarene University, 30 years. Amott and Carroll spoke to the board about their experiences.

"We want to thank you for the time you've spent with your institutions, but also as part of ACI," said Lyn Bulman, ACI board chair, on the board's behalf. "It matters to us that we have presidents who are involved. We wish you every success as you move into the next phase of your lives."

Board reappoints members, revises bylaws



Lyn Bulman, chair, ACI Board of Trustees

The full board reappointed 11 members to two-year terms. Reappointed were Justin Lee Allen, Elizabeth Cook, Demetrio Garcia, Kelly Kirkman, Ray Knouse, Barry Mastin, Debora Osgood, Chloe Overstreet, Nicholas Simpson, Bradley Summers and Angie Winschel. The board also clarified terms of office for all other current board members.

The board approved minor revisions to the ACI bylaws, relating to membership and leadership responsibilities. It also approved revisions to board members' roles and responsibilities.

2020-2021 fiscal year led to program adjustments, executive director says Mick Weltman, ACI executive director, reported about the organization's accomplishments in the current fiscal year ending May 31, and future plans. A number of adjustments were required because of COVID-19 restrictions, he said:

- ACI organized four virtual <u>Work and Life Skills Boot Camps</u>. <u>Recordings</u> of all four are available on the ACI website. ACI will likely host two boot camps next academic year.
- <u>Career mentoring</u> was initiated, with seven ACI schools participating
- In conjunction with Knox College, ACI will plan two virtual career fairs for next academic year
- ACI expects to expand from 11 to 12 sites for its <u>Peer Mentoring Program</u> next academic year
- ACI's Fall 2020 Professional Development Conference, held virtually, attracted 225 staff from member schools
- Regular, informal quarterly conversations have been started with presidents and provosts, and presidents and corporate trustees
- ACI hopes to establish an endowment fund this year
- Staff changes and new appointments were shared with the board