



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017
WASHINGTON, DC**

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

(These are not official minutes of the CHEA Board of Directors)

Chair James Gaudino called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY17 first and second quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY17 institutional membership.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The board of directors approved the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Committee on Recognition's recommendations to:

- Continue the deferral of CHEA recognition for:
 - American Culinary Federation Education Foundation – Accrediting Commission (ACFEF-AC)
- Defer the CHEA recognition decision for:
 - Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA)
- Return the recommendation to recognize the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) to the Committee on Recognition for reconsideration and in particular to assess whether ACICS has the resources and capacity to sustain itself over a significant period of time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Judith Eaton announced that during the Working Session the board approved, as part of CHEA's 20th Year activities, a "Framework for Change," an exploration of four areas of potential change for CHEA. These areas are CHEA's purpose or mission, CHEA recognition, CHEA international quality assurance work, and the current CHEA membership and business model.

Government Affairs

Vice President Jan Friis reported that there is little information to date on the new administration's approach to higher education or accreditation, with the work of the transition team coming to a close and the Senate still considering the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education. In the Congress, both the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee that address higher education have completed the appointment of their respective members. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) is chair of the Senate Committee and Virginia Foxx (R-NC) is chair of the House Committee. Whether the administration and the Congress will address reauthorization of the Higher Education and when this might be done are not known at this time.

2017 Annual Conference and CIQG Annual Meeting

President Judith Eaton provided information about the 2017 Annual Conference and CIQG Annual Meeting to be held immediately following the board meeting.

**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place
May 1-2, 2017 in Washington, DC.**