



Council for  
Higher Education  
Accreditation

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004  
WASHINGTON, DC

### Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair Richard Traina called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY04 fourth quarter financial report.
- Approved the transfer of FY04 remaining funds to the CHEA Reserve Fund.
- Accepted the FY04 external audit.
- Approved expansion of the charge of the Reserve and Investment Committee to include board of directors oversight of the external audit function.
- Discussed an increase in CHEA dues for institutional and organizational members in 2005-2006.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

##### **Report on Executive Session: Revision of CHEA Recognition Policy**

Judith Watkins, CHEA Vice President for Accreditation Services, reported on the executive (closed) session of the board held immediately prior to the public meeting. This session focused on the revision of the CHEA recognition policy that has been under way since fall 2003. Three public meetings have been held to discuss the framework for the review and Draft One of the proposed revisions (January, May and July 2004). Additional meetings will take place during October and November 2004. Following this consultation, the CHEA Committee on Recognition will prepare a second draft of the revisions. Draft Two will be discussed at a public meeting during the January 2005 Annual Conference.

##### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

A conflict of interest policy for the board of directors was approved.

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### **Committee on Directors**

Chair Traina announced that the CHEA Committee on Directors will initiate activities associated with the selection of new board members during the next several months rather than wait until February-March as in prior years.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Government Relations**

Gregory Fusco, CHEA Vice President for Government Relations and Public Affairs, reported on progress and activities related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. While reauthorization issues continue to be discussed in the House and Senate, it is unlikely that any final action on reauthorization will be taken during the remainder of 2004. Mr. Fusco called the board's attention to the CHEA *Update* #16 that contains a status report on reauthorization and a comparison of the CHEA *Reauthorization Agenda* and the major House bill on reauthorization, HR 4283. Four issues remain central to reauthorization in relation to accreditation: student learning outcomes, information to the public, distance learning and transfer of credit.

CHEA is continuing its work with Congress, higher education associations and accrediting organizations as reauthorization moves forward.

### **Committee on Recognition**

The board of directors approved a one-year re-appointment of five of the members of the CHEA Committee on Recognition whose terms are expiring in December 2004. These reappointments will enable CHEA to keep the membership of the committee intact through the review and revision of the CHEA recognition policy. The reappointments until December 2005 are:

- Caesar Andrews, Editor, Gannett News Service.
  - Lawrence "Mac" Detmer, Director Emeritus, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.
  - Patrick J. Ford, S.J., Chief Operating Officer, Chief of Provincial Staff; Provincial Assistant for Higher Education – Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus.
  - Mary Ann Swain, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Binghamton University, SUNY.
  - Malvin A. Williams, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Alcorn State University.
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### **Specialized/National Advisory Panel**

The board of directors approved the following appointments to the CHEA Specialized/National Advisory Panel for three year terms (January 2005 – December 2007):

- Steven D. Eggland, Executive Director, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (re-appointment).
- Barbara R. Grumet, Executive Director, National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (new appointment).

### **Year-End Report on CHEA 2003-2004 Goals**

President Judith Eaton directed the board's attention to the year-end report on CHEA's goals for 2003-2004 contained in the board materials.

### **Update on CHEA Activities**

President Eaton indicated to the board that, in addition to the ongoing work on reauthorization and recognition, CHEA was engaged in a number of other activities to serve constituents. These include a meeting to be held in November to discuss how to address providing additional information to the public about the results of accreditation reviews and a meeting in December to discuss how to address accreditation, degree mills and accreditation mills. CHEA is also preparing for the 2005 Annual Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona on January 24-26, 2005.

President Eaton provided the board with a short summary of the CHEA 2004 Summer Workshop that focused on international issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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**The next meeting of the  
CHEA Board of Directors  
will be held on  
Monday, January 24, 2005.**

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