



Council for
Higher Education
Accreditation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

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 FY05 third quarter financial report.
- Appointed a new external auditor to perform the annual financial audit.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Executive Session

The board discussed the CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedure review and revision process in executive session.

Election of 2005-2008 Board Members

The board of directors elected the following individuals to serve on the CHEA Board for 2005-2008:

Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College (MA)*

Gerald Garbacz, Managing Director, G3, LLC (MD)*

N. Victor Goodman, Partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff (OH)*

Charles Mitchell, Chancellor, Seattle Community College District (WA)

Carolyn G. Williams, President, Bronx Community College/CUNY (NY)

**incumbents elected for a second term*

Election of 2005-2006 Board Officers

The board of directors elected the following officers for 2005-2006:

Richard Traina, Trustee, George I. Alden Trust (MA), *Chair*

Gregory O'Brien, President, Argosy University (IL), *Vice Chair*

Charles Nash, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Alabama System (AL), *Secretary*

Piedad Robertson, President, Education Commission of the States (CO), *Treasurer*

These officers and Arthur Rothkopf, immediate past chair of the CHEA Board of Directors, will compose the Board Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Government Relations

Gregory Fusco, CHEA vice president for government and public affairs, reported on activities related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) and several other items. The adoption on April 29, 2005 of the Congressional Budget Resolution will probably mean cuts in the current loan programs and slow progress on the reauthorization of HEA. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee began its work on reauthorization by requesting its staff to produce a bipartisan bill to be reported by the committee by the end of June. CHEA HEA Update # 20 details Senate actions.

The House of Representatives has had little public action on reauthorization during the past few months but continues to consider the informal accreditation proposals, including those discussed in February 2005 with some from the higher education community. CHEA representatives continue to meet with individual House members on accreditation issues. Issues related to informing the public and fairness/due process in accreditation remain prominent. CHEA continues to work with institutions, higher education associations and accrediting organizations on reauthorization.

In other areas, Congress has held hearings on tax policies for non-profit organizations, lifelong learning and college access.

2005-2006 Organizational Goals and Budget

The board of directors approved the 2005-2006 CHEA organizational goals and budget. The major issues before CHEA in 2005-2006 are reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and related public policy issues and finalizing the review and revision of the CHEA recognition policy. In addition, CHEA will focus on three major priorities during the year: (1) accreditation and accountability initiatives, including responsibilities to the public; (2) presidential leadership in accreditation; and (3) accreditation and international quality review.

Approval of the 2005-06 budget also included approval to eliminate the annual fee for CHEA- recognized accrediting organizations. This required some modification of the dues increase for CHEA member institutions for 2005-06.

Expansion of Education and Degree Requirements in Professional Fields

Judith Eaton, president of CHEA, reported that, at the request of board members, CHEA staff have developed and tested a description of expansion of degree levels and education requirements in professional fields and are surveying specialized accrediting organizations to identify various fields and learn the extent to which these expansions are taking place. Upon completion of the survey, CHEA plans to convene accreditors, graduate school deans, provosts and others to discuss the issue and explore an action agenda.

Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations

Tony Phillips, director of print, web and database services, presented a review of the expanded database and noted that it now included records of approximately 7,000 degree-granting and non-degree-granting institutions and over 17,000 programs that are accredited by U.S. accrediting organizations that have been recognized either by CHEA or by the United States Department of Education. The CHEA database is the most comprehensive Web-based compilation of U.S. accredited institutions and programs available anywhere.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

**The next meeting of the
CHEA Board of Directors
will take place on September 19-20, 2005
in Washington, DC.**

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