

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
WASHINGTON, DC**

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair David G. Carter called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Accepted the FY12 external audit as presented.
- Received the FY12 fourth quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY12 institutional membership.
- Approved the transfer of FY12 remaining funds to the CHEA Fixed Asset Fund.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The board of directors approved the CHEA Committee on Recognition's recommendations to:

- Grant eligibility for a recognition review to:
 - Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
 - American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
 - Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education
 - Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs
- Award CHEA recognition to:
 - Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
 - Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education
 - Psychological Clinical Sciences Accrediting System

- Forensic Science Educational Program Accreditation Commission
- Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care
- Award CHEA recognition with a report in one year to:
 - Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
- Award CHEA recognition with a report in one year and approve a formal request for change of scope to:
 - Council on Rehabilitation Education
- Extend CHEA recognition for three years beginning January 1, 2013 with a full recognition review by CHEA prior to the end of that period to:
 - Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
- Defer CHEA recognition for:
 - Council for Interior Design Accreditation
 - Society of American Foresters
- Continue to defer CHEA recognition for:
 - Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering
 - Council for Standards in Human Services Education
 - Planning Accreditation Board
 - American Library Association Committee on Accreditation

Election of CHEA Board Member

The board of directors elected one individual to serve on the CHEA board for 2012-2015:

- Harold L. Martin, Sr., North Carolina A&T State University

Appointment of 2012-2013 Board of Directors Committees

Board members are serving on committees as follows:

Committee on Directors

- Caesar Andrews, Public Member, Chair
- Dorothy Leland, Chancellor, University of California Merced
- Joe D. May, President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System
- Craig D. Swenson, Chancellor, Argosy University
- Satish Tripathi

Committee on Membership

- Judy C. Miner, President, Foothill College, Chair
- Andrew Benton, President, Pepperdine University

- Madlyn L. Hanes, Vice President, Commonwealth Campuses, Pennsylvania State University
- David Johnson, III, Intermountain Healthcare
- Elsa Núñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University

Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee

- Treasurer John Bassett, President, Heritage University, Chair
- John C. Bravman, President, Bucknell University
- Chuck Larson, ViaGlobal Group
- Karen W. Morse, President Emeritus, Western Washington University
- Paula Peinovich, President, National Labor College

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Appointments to the Committee on Recognition

The board of directors appointed the following members to the Committee on Recognition to three-year terms (January 2013 – December 2015):

- Barbara Brittingham, President and Director, New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education *
- Mary Ann Swain, Professor and Director of Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University and former member of the CHEA Board of Directors

**Reappointment*

CHEA International Quality Group Update

President Eaton announced that the launch of the International Quality Group took place on September 13, 2012. CHEA has already received a number of memberships.

Appointment of CIQG Advisory Council

The board of directors approved the appointment of a 20-person advisory council to the CHEA International Quality Group.

Advisory Statement: Accreditation and Academic Freedom

The board of directors approved the statement on accreditation and academic freedom developed by the American Association of University Professors and CHEA, working with a committee of accreditors and academic freedom experts, with the understanding if any changes are made it will come back before the board.

Government Affairs Report

Vice President for Government Affairs Jan Friis updated the board on a number of developments related to federal law and policy. In June 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit overturned the U.S. Department of Education's (USDE) recent state authorization regulations related to distance education. In February 2012, the U.S. House of Representatives had approved legislation to repeal USDE's state authorization and credit hour regulations, with a bipartisan majority. Similar legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate. USDE announced its intent to establish a negotiated rulemaking to prepare regulations designed to prevent fraud within

the context of technologies such as those used in distance education. H.R. 3120, the “Student Visa Reform Act” was introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA). The bill provides that, for non-immigrant students to be granted a student visa, the Secretary of Homeland Security may require that these students attend an institution that is accredited by USDE recognized accreditor or is moving toward accreditation within the next three years. The full House of Representatives passed the bill in August 2012. In September, Senators Charles Schumer (D-NY), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Diane Feinstein (D-CA), and Claire McCaskill (D-MO) introduced a similar bill. In July ranking member Miller introduced H.R. 6135, a bill to regulate transfer policy and practice in public colleges and universities.

2011-2012 Progress Report

President Eaton reported on the progress for the 2011-2012 organizational goals that addressed CHEA’s three major function areas of government affairs, recognition and membership services; the actions resulting from the *CHEA Initiative*; the Accreditation Advocacy Campaign and the newly established CHEA International Quality Group.

**The next meeting of the CHEA
Board of Directors will take place
January 28, 2013 in Washington, DC.**



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