



**Council for
Higher Education
Accreditation**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006
WASHINGTON, DC**

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair John D. Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY06 fourth quarter financial report.
- Accepted the FY06 external audit as presented.
- Approved the transfer of remaining funds from the FY06 budget into the CHEA Fixed Asset Reserve Fund.
- Agreed that CHEA will continue with current investment practices.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Appointment of CHEA Board of Directors Committees

Chair John D. Wiley announced the appointment of members to the following committees:

Committee on Directors

- Immediate Past Chair Richard P. Traina, Chair
- Larry L. Earvin, President, Huston-Tillotson University
- William Kirwan, Chancellor, The University System of Maryland
- Margaret A. McKenna, President, Lesley University
- Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, The California State University

Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee

- Treasurer Piedad F. Robertson, Chair
- R. Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College
- Gerald G. Garbacz, Managing Director, G3 LLC
- N. Victor Goodman, Partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recognition Report

The board of directors heard an update on CHEA recognition of accrediting organizations. From January through April 2006, the Committee on Recognition reviewed interim reports from 13 accrediting organizations. The committee will consider 12 interim reports in November 2006 and 13 reports in March 2007.

Fee for Recognition of Accrediting Organizations

The board of directors reviewed and approved the proposed amount for the recognition review fee required by the 2006 CHEA *Recognition Policy and Procedures*. The fee is to be \$6,000 for each accrediting organization seeking recognition and will be levied in two parts: \$2,000 at the time of the eligibility review and \$4,000 at the time of the recognition review. The recognition review fee covers the review process, applications for change of recognized scope of recognition, special reports and observation visitor expenses.

Report on 2005-2006 Organizational Goals

President Eaton highlighted a number of key activities during 2005-2006, including work on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA), completion of revisions to the CHEA recognition policy, work with the Commission on the Future of Higher Education and the CHEA membership drive.

Government Affairs

The board of directors heard a report on the current status of reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Based on the current issues before Congress, it is increasingly improbable that reauthorization will occur in this session of Congress. On Friday, September 16, 2006, H.R. 6138 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to extend the Higher Education Act until June 30, 2007.

CHEA hosted a meeting on degree mills and their impact on higher education and accreditation on July 11, 2006 in Washington, DC. Participants included staff from congressional offices, federal agencies and officials from four states that had recently passed new state degree mill legislation or modified existing legislation. Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) joined the meeting to discuss her pending federal bill on degree mills.

Update on CHEA Activities

The first meeting of the CHEA Tenth Anniversary Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 in Washington, DC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA
Board of Directors will take place
on January 29, 2007
in Washington, DC.**

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