

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008
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 8:56 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors received:

- the FY08 third quarter financial report.
- an update on the progress of renovation of the CHEA offices.
- a report on CHEA investments from the reserve, investment and audit committee.

The board also received an update on institutional membership for FY08 CHEA membership and membership revenue. Both the numbers of institutions and accompanying revenue show significant growth compared to FY07.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report on Executive Session

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

- defer action on the eligibility of the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation and
- request a special report from the National Recreation and Park Association, Council on Accreditation.

Election of CHEA Board Members

The board of directors elected the following individuals to serve on the CHEA Board beginning July 1, 2008:

- John Bassett, President, Clark University (MA)
- R. Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College (MA)*
- Bobby Fong, President, Butler University (IN)
- Charles Larson, Admiral, U.S. Navy (retired)**
- Chris McCarthy, President/Superintendent, Napa Valley Community College (CA)***
- Carolyn Williams, President Bronx Community College (NY)*

* Incumbents elected to second term

** Serving 2008-2010, completing the term of a departing board member

*** Serving 2008-2009, completing the term of a departing board member

Election of 2008-2009 Board Officers

The board of directors elected the following officers and members to the board's executive committee:

- John D. Wiley, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Chair
- Gregory M. O'Brien, President Emeritus, Argosy University/Chicago, Vice Chair
- Mary Ann Swain, Provost, State University of New York at Binghamton, Secretary
- R. Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College, Treasurer
- Carolyn Williams, President, Bronx Community College, Member at Large
- William Kirwan, Chancellor, The University System of Maryland, Member at Large

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2008-2009 Organizational Goals and Budget

The board approved the 2008-2009 organizational goals and budget. The goals call for the launch of a CHEA multi-year initiative with two objectives: (1) to refocus oversight of accreditation by the federal government and (2) to strengthen public confidence and trust in self-regulation through accreditation, with a particular emphasis on accreditation's quality improvement role. CHEA's major function areas of government affairs, recognition and membership services will give priority to this initiative, as well as sustaining the ongoing work in these various areas. A budget of \$2,310,702 in revenue and expenditures will provide the resources needed to achieve next year's goals.

Government Affairs

Vice President for Government Affairs Friis reported on recent activities related to federal policy and especially reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA). Although a formal conference committee has not yet been formed, staff in both the House of Representatives and the Senate have been working to resolve differences in each chamber's reauthorization bill, with the intent of completing work by the end of May 2008. Vice President Friis also reported that CHEA continues to monitor five key accreditation-related issues: the language on student achievement, the extent to which accreditors are responsible for federally required institutional disclosures, the reorganizing of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, the potential formation of a federal office of "accreditation ombudsman" and language for a federal definition of degree mills.

Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)

Cynthia Davenport, executive director of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), updated the CHEA Board of Directors on recent ASPA activities, including the election of a new ASPA board of directors, ASPA's work on reauthorization of HEA and the upcoming release of a report on accreditation and the professional doctorate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA
Board of Directors will take place
on September 28, 2008 in Washington, DC.**

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