



**Council for
Higher Education
Accreditation**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009
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 1:03 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors received the FY09 first and second quarter financial report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wiley reported on actions taken during the board working session, including recommendations from the CHEA Committee on Recognition. The board of directors accepted the recommendations of the committee to:

- Deem the following accrediting organizations eligible to be considered for CHEA recognition:
 - Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE) and
 - Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA).
- Defer action on eligibility for the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE).
- Approve a change of recognized scope of accreditation for the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).
- Deny recognition for the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), with an invitation to reapply at an appropriate time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Eaton provided the board with background information regarding the *CHEA Initiative* and noted the second National Accreditation Forum was taking place during the upcoming CHEA Annual Conference.

Government Affairs

Vice President for Government Affairs Friis reported on recent activities related to the Higher Education Opportunity Act that became law in August 2008 and federal policy, including nominations for negotiated rulemaking committees, the Department of Education's *Dear Colleague Letter* and a possible technical corrections bill. He noted that CHEA had met with members of the Obama transition team to identify immediate priorities for the new administration and reported that CHEA continues to update the U.S. Congress and Department of Education about the ongoing *CHEA Initiative*.

COUNCIL ON REGIONAL ACCREDITING COMMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATION OF SPECIALIZED AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITORS

Barbara A. Beno, president of the Council on Regional Accrediting Commissions and Cynthia A. Davenport, executive director of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors, offered prepared comments regarding the CHEA *Initiative*. Marie Smith, Commissioner, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, and Susan Zlotlow, Director, Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association, also offered comments.

SPECIALIZED/NATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL

George Peterson, chair of the CHEA Specialized/National Advisory Panel (S/NAP), presented the recommendations determined at a recent S/NAP meeting including a call for a town meeting to discuss the value of nongovernmental accreditation and to explore related efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA
Board of Directors will take place
on April 27-28, 2009 in Washington, DC.**

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