

# CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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## April 30, 2002 Washington, DC

### Summary of Major Actions

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

**Chair John T. Casteen III called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.**

### Committee on Recognition

The committee on recognition met on March 17-19, 2002 and reviewed eligibility and recognition applications from organizations seeking CHEA recognition.

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations that the following accrediting organizations be deemed eligible to be considered for CHEA recognition:

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.
- Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for deferral of action on eligibility of the following organizations:

- American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education
- American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education
- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for approval of change of scope for the following organization:

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for recognition of the following organizations:

- Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
- American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
- American Psychological Association Committee on Accreditation
- Foundation for Interior Design Education Research
- Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Higher Education
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for recognition with a report for the following organizations:

- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs American Counseling Association

- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for deferral of action on recognition from the following organizations:

- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
- American Society of Landscape Architects Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board

## **Treasurer's Report**

The board of directors approved the FY02 third quarter financial report.

Treasurer Edward Donley provided an update on direct billing for 2001-2002.

## **Chair's Report**

### **Election of CHEA Board Member to Complete Unexpired Term**

The board chair announced approval of the appointment of Kenneth R. Baker, president, chief executive officer and member of the board of trustees of Altarum, to complete the unexpired term of Lloyd Reuss (May 1, 2002-June 30, 2003). Altarum (formerly Environmental Research Institute of Michigan) is a nonprofit research institution with a 50-year history in technology and research.

### **Election of 2002-2005 Board Members**

Director Gordon Haaland, chair of the committee on directors, announced that 58 nominations were received from CHEA institutional members and participating organizations during February and March 2002. The committee's recommendations of individuals to serve on the board from July 1, 2002-June 30, 2005 were approved by the CHEA board. Current board members who will serve a second term are Vernon O. Crawley, president, Moraine Valley Community College; and Malcolm Gillis, president, William Marsh Rice University. New public members are Gerald G. Garbacz, managing director, a private consulting firm; and N. Victor Goodman, attorney and partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff.

### **Election of 2002-2003 Board Officers**

The board of directors approved the following slate of officers for 2002-2003: Arthur J. Rothkopf, chair; Malcolm Gillis, vice chair; Eleanor Baum, secretary; and Richard P. Traina, treasurer. These officers serve on the CHEA executive committee and for 2002-2003 are joined by the immediate past chair, John T. Casteen III, and member-at-large William DeLauder.

## **President's Report**

### **2002-2003 Organizational Goals and Budget**

The board of directors approved the 2002-2003 organizational goals and budget as presented. The 2002-2003 budget anticipates revenues of \$1,644,500 received from membership dues, operating interest, grants, and publications. The budget calls for expenditures of \$1,644,500.

The 2002-2003 organizational goals continue CHEA's efforts to provide a national voice for the value and importance of accreditation and quality assurance and national advocacy for self-regulation of higher education. The budget will allow CHEA to continue its priorities of assuring quality in distance learning, student learning outcomes in accreditation, and sustaining a leadership role in international quality review.

President Eaton also alerted the board to several emerging issues for accreditation. Although not recommended as priorities at this time, these issues are putting significant pressure on accreditation. They include calls for additional public information about the meaning of "accredited status," how to deal with questionable providers of higher education and quality review, and how to address the growing significance of the sub-degree training activity that is not currently part of the purview of many accrediting commissions. The 2002-2003 goals sustain CHEA's commitment to an effective and responsive recognition process, and to strengthen accreditation practice as well as improve relationships among accreditors, institutions, and higher education associations.

## **Governmental Relations Report**

Vice President Diane Rogers reported on two items of interest: reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and the recently concluded negotiated-rulemaking sessions held by the United States Department of Education (USDE). Vice President Rogers and Charles Cook, director of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, represented accreditors for purposes of the 12-hour rule. The law requires negotiated rulemaking with the higher education community when the Department wants to revise or issue new regulations. She reported that the negotiators did not reach consensus on 2 of the 24 issues before them, including the 12-hour rule. The Department did not consent to an agreement on the 22 items on which consensus was reached. As a result, USDE is free to issue regulations of its choice and is not bound by an agreement reached during negotiations. Likewise, the nonfederal negotiators are free to comment negatively if they so choose.

Regarding reauthorization, Vice President Rogers noted that the USDE strategic plan stresses four principles that will guide the Administration's planning: accountability (particularly in teacher education), flexibility, expanding educational options, and research into what works. The Department is currently forming internal working groups and is in the process of deciding the best way to receive input from the community. The current federal statute governing higher education expires in October 2003.

## **CHEA Activities**

President Eaton provided the board with additional information about the upcoming Usefulness Conference (June 27-28, 2002) in New Orleans, Louisiana. She indicated that CHEA was holding three Student Learning Outcomes Workshops in 2002. The first workshop was in Washington, DC, in March 2002. Two additional workshops will be held in Portland, Oregon (July 16, 2002), and Chicago, Illinois (September 25, 2002). She noted that two recent CHEA publications, *Different Perspectives on Information about Educational Quality: Implications for the Role of Accreditation* by Dennis P. Jones and *Accreditation and Assuring Quality in Distance Learning*, have just been published and shared with CHEA constituents and other interested persons.

## **Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions**

William DeLauder, board vice chair, reported on the C-RAC meeting on January 25-26, 2002 in San Francisco, California. C-RAC focused on three areas: sharing information about accreditation standards; the Pew funded project on student learning outcomes; and international accreditation.

## **Specialized/National Accreditation Association Advisory Panel**

George Peterson, executive director of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. and chair of the specialized/national advisory panel, reported on the February 21, 2002 meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting focused on reauthorization, international quality assurance, and cooperation among specialized, national, and regional accrediting organizations. He noted that the advisory panel had identified four strategic issues: increasing emphasis on quality and accountability; the interface between accreditors and institutions regarding the value of accreditation; the implications of alternative delivery systems for accreditation; and the impact of globalization on the increased demand for quality assurance.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.*

*The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors is September 23-24, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois.*