January 24, 2000
Washington, DC

Chair Gordon Haaland called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Treasurer's Report

The board of directors approved the Treasurer’s Report for July—December 1999.

Chair's Report

The board of directors reviewed and approved a statement of CHEA principles that describe the foundation on which CHEA will carry out its responsibilities to its institutional members and participating accreditors. The principles ensure CHEA’s commitment to the coordination and improvement of quality review by providing for thoughtful leadership to formulate issues of quality assurance; developing needed tools and strategies to sustain the value of quality assurance to institutions, accreditors, and students; providing a forceful and articulate advocacy role for private accreditation of higher education to the public, government, and other interested individuals, groups and countries; providing high-quality service to its member institutions, accrediting organizations, students, and the public; maintaining core academic values central to higher education and quality assurance; providing an independent and authoritative voice for strengthening accreditation to strengthen higher education; and, sustaining an environment of active consultation and participation among its member institutions and participating organizations as well as encouraging cooperation and exchange throughout the higher education and quality assurance communities.

Director Vera King Farris, president of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and secretary of the board, resigned from the CHEA board of directors effective November 1999. At the request of Chair Haaland, Director William Delauder will serve as acting secretary. The board of directors approved the appointment of Karen W. Morse, president of Western Washington University, to complete the unexpired term of Director Farris. The term for President Morse runs from January 24, 2000 until June 30, 2001.

Committee on Recognition

The Committee on Recognition met on December 6, 1999 to review 24 eligibility applications from 20 organizations that had formerly been recognized and were seeking CHEA recognition and 4 organizations seeking initial recognition. The board of directors accepted the Committee on Recognition’s recommendations for eligibility of each of the accrediting organizations as presented. Those organizations include:

Formerly Recognized Organizations

- Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges
- Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council
- Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- American Council for Construction Education
- American Library Association
- Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (American Occupational Therapy Association)
- American Veterinary Medical Association
The board of directors approved the reappointments of Brother Patrick Ellis, president emeritus of Catholic University of America, and Ron Cowell, president of the Education Policy and Leadership Center and the appointment of John Pickelman, chancellor of North Harris Montgomery Community College District to three-year terms on the Committee on Recognition, effective February 1, 2000 to February 1, 2003. Other members of the committee include Roger Blunt, president and CEO of Blunt Enterprises, LLC; Lawrence Detmer, executive director emeritus of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; John Petersen, director emeritus of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of Western Association of Schools and Colleges; George Peterson, executive director of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; Shirley Peterson, president of Hood College; and, Mary Ann Swain, provost and vice president for academic affairs of Binghamton University.

The board of directors approved the appointment to the CHEA Specialized Advisory Panel of David Stevens of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to complete the unexpired term (January 24, 2000—December 31, 2001) of his predecessor, Donald Kassebaum. In addition, the board approved the appointment of Susanne Shaw, executive director of the Commission on Accreditation of Journalism and Mass Communications, for a three-year term (January 24, 2000—December 31, 2002). Other committee members include: Lawrence Detmer, executive director emeritus of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; Kayem Dunn, executive director of the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research; Bernard Fryshman, executive vice president of the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools; Olive Kimball, executive director of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science; Carl Monk, executive director of the Association of American Law Schools; and, George Peterson executive director of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.

Carl Monk, chair of the CHEA Specialized Advisory Panel and executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, indicated that the panel would meet this spring. Among other agenda items, the
panel will assist in developing the program for the fourth Enhancing Usefulness Conference to be held in Washington, DC in June, 2000.

**Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (CRAC)**

President Eaton reported that the regional accreditors have developed a proposal to pilot a three-year initiative that will help to address cross-regional accreditation issues. It is now under review by each of the commissions and, if approved by the commissions, the proposal will go into effect on July 1, 2000.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.*