

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair Arthur J. Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

The board of directors received the FY03 first and second quarter financial report.

The board of directors approved a five-year rotation cycle for external auditors as a normal practice and contingent upon satisfactory performance effective with the FYO4 external audit.

The board of directors established a Reserve and Investment Committee to oversee CHEA reserve and investment policies and practices. The committee will be chaired by the treasurer of the board of directors and will have two members appointed by the chair of the board.

Chair's Report

Recognition

The CHEA Committee on Recognition met on November 25-26, 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 Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.
- American Council on Pharmaceutical Education

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for denial of eligibility of the following organization:

- American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education

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

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

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

- National Recreation and Park Association/American Association for Leisure and Recreation Council on Accreditation
- The Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for deferral of action on recognition and denial of change of scope for the following organization:

- American Culinary Federation, Inc. Accreditation Commission for Culinary Education

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for deferral of action on change of scope for the following organization:

- Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council

Committee on Directors

Chair Rothkopf appointed the members of the 2002-2003 committee on directors. They are John Casteen (chair), Mike Adams, Bill DeLauder, Charles Nash and Piedad Robertson. The committee has two responsibilities: to recommend individuals to serve on the CHEA board for the class of 2006 and to recommend the 2003-2004 slate of officers for the CHEA board. The board will consider the committee's recommendations at the April 2003 meeting.

CHEA will be soliciting nominations for the six board vacancies from member institutions, associations and accrediting organizations during February and March 2003.

President's Report

2002-2003 Membership Survey: Preliminary Report

President Eaton reported on the preliminary findings of the 2002-2003 CHEA membership survey currently underway. CHEA has surveyed its institutional members, accrediting organizations and Washington-based higher education associations to learn of their familiarity with CHEA, their views of CHEA's effectiveness since the 1997-98 membership survey, their views of the most important accreditation-related issues that CHEA might address over the next five years and their views of the accreditation process itself, independent of CHEA.

More than 45% of institutions, accreditors and associations have responded to the survey to date. Early findings indicate that the majority of respondents are generally familiar with CHEA and find the organization to provide effective service in recognition, governmental relations and its various membership activities. Respondents identified student learning outcomes as the most important accreditation-related issue followed by distance learning and transfer of credit. Respondents also indicated general satisfaction with accreditation.

The final report of the survey will be presented to the CHEA board at its April 2003 meeting. President Eaton cautioned that this was the first stage of data analysis and that the profile described above could change significantly when all data have been evaluated.

Recognition Report

Vice President for Accreditation Services Judith Watkins reported that through January 2003 the CHEA Committee on Recognition considered 66 accrediting organizations and recommended 59 for eligibility to conduct a CHEA recognition review. Forty eight of these have completed the recognition process. By December 2003, of the original cohort of 56 organizations that were part of CHEA, 52 will have completed recognition, joined by six organizations that are new to CHEA. The next meeting of the committee on recognition is scheduled for March 10, 2003 in Washington, DC.

Governmental Relations Report

Vice President for Governmental and External Relations Diane Rogers reported that committee assignments in the House of Representatives and Senate for the 108th Congress were almost complete and staff would provide the board with this information as soon as it was available. She also reported that CHEA has participated in the development of the community position letter on the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act as requested by the House of Representatives from the Washington higher education associations. CHEA will also be responding to the call for comment by the U.S. Department of Education on the reauthorization. This is due on February 28, 2003.

Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions

President Eaton, reporting for Sandra Elman, Chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC), indicated that the next meeting of C-RAC is scheduled for February 10 -12, 2003. The major topic of consideration is student learning outcomes and the grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Specialized/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel

George Peterson, Chair of the Specialized/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel, reported that the panel is focusing on four strategic issues: globalization, accountability, cost of accreditation, and alternative delivery systems. These issues are being addressed as the panel assists CHEA staff in developing the 2003 Enhancing Usefulness Workshop scheduled for June 19-20 in Washington DC and provides ongoing consultation on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The panel next meets on February 27, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is April 28-29, 2003 in Washington, DC.