

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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Chair Gordon Haaland called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Treasurer's Report

The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's Report for April-June 1999.

FY99 Audit

Frank M. Hetrick and Paula C. McDaniel, certified public accountants with Hetrick & Associates, joined the board of directors to discuss the FY99 audit. They indicated that CHEA is financially healthy. Financial controls are operating effectively. The auditors offered several modest suggestions to strengthen these controls.

The board of directors accepted the FY99 audit as presented.

Board Election Procedures: Revision of CHEA Bylaws

The board of directors approved changes to Article V, Section 2 (Number, Election, and Term); Article VI, Section 3 (Nominating Committee) and Article VI, Section 4 (Tenure) of the CHEA bylaws effective October 1, 1999.

These changes to the CHEA bylaws alter the process by which individuals are elected to the board of directors. The current Nominating Committee composed of nine members (board members and individuals nominated by presidential associations, accrediting bodies, and other similar bodies) is replaced with a Committee on Directors composed of five members of the CHEA board of directors. The current practice of the Nominating Committee identifying proposed board members is replaced by a process of CHEA organizations and institutions recommending nominations for proposed members directly to the Committee on Directors. The Committee on Directors will then recommend new board appointments to the board of directors.

The intent of this revision is to broaden participation in the board nominating process through soliciting nominations for the board directly from all CHEA dues-paying organizations and institutions. The board directed staff to ensure that CHEA organizations and institutions are fully informed about the nomination process and urge vigorous participation in the process.

FY00 Organizational Goals and Budget

During the May 1999 board meeting, the board of directors approved the preliminary FY00 budget and organizational goals. President Judith Eaton presented a revised FY00 budget for board consideration. The organizational goals presented during the May meeting have not changed: to sustain CHEA as a national voice for quality assurance, to sustain strong and effective governmental relations presence, to provide quality service to the CHEA community of organizations and institutions, to produce policy analysis and research, and to pursue revenue development and enhancement.

The board of directors approved the FY00 organizational goals and revised budget as presented.

Government Relations

President Eaton reported that the U. S. Department of Education is undertaking a comprehensive review of all regulations. The Department held several meetings throughout the country seeking public comments on the regulations.

Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (CRAC)

President Eaton reported that the regional accreditors are continuing to devote significant time to the important issue of how regional accreditation can address cross-regional issues.

Specialized Advisory Panel

Carl Monk, chair of the CHEA Specialized Advisory Panel and executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, reported that the panel met in December 1998 with representatives of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges' Council on Academic Affairs and held a joint subcommittee conference call in March 1999. The panel also held a joint meeting with the directors of the regional accrediting commissions in March 1999. Since that time, CHEA has developed a draft statement of good practices and shared responsibility to strengthen the relationship between institutions and specialized accreditors, has hosted the third Enhancing Usefulness Conference, and has shared the description of CHEA's mediation process with CHEA institutional members and organizations. The next meeting of the Panel will be in November 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.