

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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Summary of Major Actions

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

Chair Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

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

The board of directors accepted the FY02 external audit as presented.

The board of directors approved the first increase in annual dues to regionally-accredited and nationally-accredited member institutions since 1996-97. These increases will be effective with the FY04 fiscal year and are as follows:

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Under \$10m	\$100	\$200	\$100
\$10-40m	\$300	\$400	\$100
\$40-100m	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$200
More than \$100m	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$300

Chair's Report

Appointment to CHEA Task Force on Reauthorization

Chair Rothkopf reported that Edward Donley, a member of the first CHEA board of directors and former chairman of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., has agreed to serve on the board of directors task force on reauthorization.

President's Report

Appointment to the CHEA International Commission

The board of directors approved the appointment of Norma S. Rees, president of California State University, Hayward, to the CHEA International Commission, effective September 24, 2002.

Appointments to the CHEA Committee on Recognition

The board of directors approved the appointments of Ron Cowell, president, the Education and Leadership Center and Margaret Lee, president, Oakton Community College, to serve on the committee on recognition for the term January 2003 - December 2005.

Appointments to the CHEA Specialized/National Advisory Panel

The board of directors approved the reappointments of Kayem Dunn, executive director of the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research; Olive Kimball, chief executive officer of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences; and Suzanne Shaw, executive director of the Accrediting Council

on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, to the Specialized/National Advisory Panel for the term January 2003 - December 2005.

Recognition Report

Vice President of Accreditation Services Judith Watkins reported that, to date, the committee on recognition has recommended 57 organizations to be eligible for recognition review. Forty-two (42) accrediting organizations have completed the recognition process. An additional 13 will complete recognition this year. By December 2003, all of the original cohort of 56 organizations that were part of CHEA will have completed recognition, joined by several organizations that are new to CHEA.

The next meeting of the committee on recognition is scheduled for November 25-26, 2002 in Washington, DC.

Governmental Relations Report

Vice President for Governmental and External Relations Diane Rogers presented an update on recent congressional activity and reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Two hearings, one in the Senate on distance education and one in the House on accreditation, will be held during the next several weeks. President Eaton has been asked to be a witness on the accreditation panel as has Charles Cook, director of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Vice President Rogers outlined the issues to be addressed in the accreditation hearing, namely, accountability, "political correctness," the cost of accreditation, and decoupling accreditation and Title IV.

Vice President Rogers reviewed the timeline and discussed CHEA's participation in a number of higher education community meetings working on developing community-wide proposals for reauthorization. She stated that the major issues are expected to be access, retention, persistence/graduation rates, increased loan limits, and additional dollars for student aid programs. With respect to accreditation, Vice President Rogers reported that the key issues were accountability, consumer information, distance education, transfer of credit and operational improvements. The Board requested periodic updates on key issues and events.

Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions

President Eaton, reporting for Sandra Elman, Chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC), indicated that she and vice president Watkins attended the C-RAC biannual retreat held in August, 2002. Two main initiatives in which C-RAC is engaged are a grant with the Pew Charitable Trust and exploratory efforts to establish a commission on international accreditation.

Specialized/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel

President Eaton, reporting for George Peterson, Chair of the Specialized/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel, indicated that the panel last met on September 4, 2002. Members have agreed to focus on four strategic issues: globalization, accountability, cost of accreditation, and alternative delivery systems. Globalization and accountability are to be the main areas of attention this year. The panel also discussed the 2003 Enhancing Usefulness conference and the pending reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The panel will meet again in February, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is January 27, 2003. The board meeting will be held in conjunction with the CHEA 2003 Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.