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Advocacy on Capitol Hill and at the Administration... recognition of accrediting organizations... international activities ...member services. These are at the heart of what CHEA does, every day, to provide value to member colleges and universities and to the accreditation and academic community.

For CHEA, 2017-2018 was a year characterized not only by activity but also by accomplishment. CHEA’s position on the need for reforming federal laws and regulations governing accreditation was reflected in legislation introduced in Congress. Revisions to CHEA’s Recognition Policy and Procedures (to be launched early in 2019), responded to the need for more rigor in the recognition process, seeking to assure that accreditation truly indicates the quality of accredited institutions and programs. CHEA’s international work is part of its priority on shared understanding of quality around the world and advancing a discussion of such vital topics as the role of quality assurance in combatting academic corruption. And through meetings and Webinars, CHEA brought together higher education and accreditation leadership with key policymakers to exchange ideas and information.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the support we receive from our institutional members, not only through their dues but also through their active involvement in CHEA. Our success as an organization reflects the importance that higher education places on maintaining and advancing the value of quality and accreditation.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you in 2018-2019.

Sincerely,

Judith Eaton
President
Leadership in framing and acting on accreditation and quality assurance issues to Congress and the U.S. Department of Education (USDE)....

- Throughout 2017-2018, CHEA met with members of Congress, key education committee staff and USDE leadership staff to address legislation and regulation with an impact on accreditation.

- Several of the issues raised in CHEA’s Position Paper on Regulatory Relief for Accreditation became part of the PROSPER Act (Higher Education Act reauthorization legislation) introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in late 2017. Following the bill’s introduction and passage by the House education committee, CHEA hosted an all-accreditor meeting to discuss the impact of the bill on accreditation and posted HEA reauthorization resources on the CHEA Website.

- Representatives Virginia Foxx (R-NC) and Bobby Scott (D-VA), Chair and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, spoke at the CHEA 2018 Annual Conference. Foxx was lead sponsor of the PROSPER Act, while Scott led the introduction of the Democratic alternative bill, the Aim Higher Act, later in 2018.

- CHEA held a Roundtable for CHEA members and recognized accrediting organizations featuring House and Senate education committee staff and USDE’s senior leadership in an open discussion with accreditation stakeholders.

“Advocacy is central to CHEA’s value.”

“We met the people who really count and they had the opportunity to hear from us.”
“In an age of nationalizing educational systems, CHEA demonstrates that quality can be assured through non-governmental agencies and peer review.”

“Recognition means that we are doing what we said we would to do.... It means that we are hitting and exceeding standards.”

CHEA recognition of accrediting organizations... an authoritative and reliable indicator of the quality of U.S. accrediting organizations....

• CHEA’s Committee on Recognition, which is responsible for considering the eligibility and recognition status of new and continuing accrediting organizations, met three times during 2017-2018 and either made recommendations to the CHEA Board of Directors or took action affecting 45 CHEA-recognized accreditors.

• The committee made major progress on a revision of the 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, to introduce significant additional rigor to the recognition process. (In summer 2018, a draft of the recognition policy was made public and comments were received by the accreditation community; the revised policy was approved by the CHEA Board of Directors in Fall 2018, with implementation beginning on January 1 2019.)

• The 2017 CHEA Almanac of External Quality Review, an important compendium of information on accreditation in the United States, is now being completed, with a focus on the transition from a print to electronic document to allow for user interactivity. The target date for publication is Winter 2019.
The CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG)...a thought leader, convener and policy partner in international quality assurance.

- As of June 30, 2018, 96 institutions, quality assurance bodies, associations and individuals from around the world were CIQG members. There are now 65 signatories to the CIQG Memorandum of Affiliation, the agreement developed to create partnerships with colleagues around the world based on the 2015 CHEA International Quality Principles. The sixth CIQG Annual Meeting, addressing “Politics and Government: Globalization, Internationalization and Quality Assurance,” drew participants from 31 countries worldwide.

- CIQG has been active on the issue of quality assurance and combatting academic corruption, holding international Webinars and commencing work, through a research team at Coventry University UK, to produce a baseline study of what more than 250 quality assurance and related bodies around the world are doing to address corruption, with a final report to be completed by the end of 2018.

- Through the CHEA/CIQG Publication Series, CIQG's newsletter, Quality International and International QA in the News, a compendium of media coverage of quality assurance around the world, CHEA kept members and quality assurance stakeholders informed on quality assurance issues and events, as well as emerging issues for quality assurance.

- CHEA President Judith Eaton was a speaker or participants at conferences and other events addressing accreditation and quality assurance internationally in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America.
“Keeping people informed of what policymakers are planning and doing is extremely helpful.”

“The CHEA 2018 Annual Conference was] a very valuable meeting.”

The CHEA Website, meetings and Webinars... providing valuable and desired services to CHEA members, recognized accrediting organizations, accreditation leaders, the public....

- The CHEA 2018 Annual Conference drew hundreds of participants from colleges and universities, accrediting organizations, associations, government and media, from around the United States and from six continents, to address “The New Normal for Accreditation: Values, Practice and Policy.”

- CHEA publications – ranging from Accreditation in the News and the Federal Update to CIQG Policy Briefs, the CHEA Op-Ed Series by higher education and accreditation leaders and the CHEA/CIQG Publication Series – kept readers up to date on important accreditation news and information.

- CHEA’s redesigned Website made it easier for users to find accreditation-related research and other valuable information. And through social media, including Facebook and Twitter, CHEA delivered news and updates on accreditation-related issues and activities to an ever-larger audience.

- The CHEA Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations – often a significant stop for prospective students and parents before making enrollment decisions – was visited more than 750,000 times in 2017-2018.
2017–2018 Board of Directors

The CHEA Board of Directors is composed of up to 20 members elected for three-year terms. The members are current chief executive officers of degree-granting colleges and universities, other institutional members (e.g., deans, provosts, faculty) and public members.

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2017–2018 Committee on Recognition

The CHEA Committee on Recognition is responsible for considering the eligibility and recognition status of new and continuing accrediting organizations. The Committee consists of nine members, each serving a three-year term, and includes public members, members from regional, specialized, national and professional accrediting organizations and members from colleges and universities.

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CHEA-Recognized Accrediting Organizations
(As of June 30, 2018)

National Faith-Related
• Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation
• Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission
• Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools
• Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission

National Career-Related
• Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
• Distance Education Accrediting Commission

Regional
• Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Western Association of Schools and Colleges
• Higher Learning Commission
• Middle States Commission on Higher Education
• New England Commission of Higher Education
• Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
• WASC Senior College and University Commission

Programmatic
• ABET
• Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education
• Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
• Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
• Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
• Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
• Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.
• Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
• American Academy of Forensic Sciences Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission
• American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Council for Accreditation
• American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation
• American Council for Construction Education
• American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission
• American Library Association Committee on Accreditation
• American Occupational Therapy Association Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
• American Physical Therapy Association Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
• American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education
• American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation
• American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education
• Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering
• Aviation Accreditation Board International
• Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs, Inc.
• Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education
• Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
• Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care
• Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
• Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
• Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
• Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs, Inc.
• Commission on Opticianry Accreditation
• Commission on Sport Management Accreditation
• Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
• Council for Interior Design Accreditation
• Council for Standards in Human Service Education
• Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
• Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
• Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
• Council on Chiropractic Education
• Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation
• Council on Social Work Education Commission on Accreditation
• International Accreditation Council for Business Education
• International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Degree Assembly
• Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
• Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
• Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board American Society of Landscape Architects
• National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
• National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions
• Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
• Planning Accreditation Board
• Psychological Clinical Science Accrediting System