

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012
WASHINGTON, DC**

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair David G. Carter called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY12 first and second quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY12 institutional membership.
- Approved the appointment of a new external auditor as presented.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The board of directors approved the CHEA Committee on Recognition's recommendations to:

- Grant eligibility to seek CHEA recognition to:
 - ABET, Inc.
 - Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions
 - New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
- Defer eligibility to seek CHEA recognition to:
 - Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs
- Award CHEA recognition to:
 - American Veterinary Medicine Association Council on Education
- Award CHEA recognition, with a report in one year to:
 - Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada

- Defer the CHEA recognition decision on:
 - American Library Association Committee on Accreditation
- Continue to defer the CHEA recognition decision on:
 - Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Government Affairs Report

Vice President for Government Affairs Jan Friis reported that the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) met in December 2011. The meeting included a discussion of the work that the committee is undertaking to prepare recommendations about the future role of accreditation, as requested by the Secretary of Education in 2010. These recommendations will serve as the basis for USDE legislative proposals in advance of the next HEA reauthorization, expected to get underway in 2013.

NACIQI released a discussion draft focused on the role of accreditation in October 2011. The report outlines several directions that policy recommendations might take, including options related to maintaining, modifying or removing the link between accreditation and the federal government.

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) submitted comments to NACIQI on the draft report. The letter from CHEA focuses on the accreditation-federal government relationship. CHEA also coordinated a letter with the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors and 27 accrediting organizations that was sent to NACIQI on November 23, 2011, commenting on a number of the options discussed in the draft report.

Mr. Friis reported that the USDE published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend gainful employment regulations and also announced two negotiated rulemaking committees: One committee will prepare proposed regulations addressing teacher preparation programs and TEACH grant programs and the other will propose regulations governing federal student loans authorized under Title IV of the HEA.

Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) Chair of the Health, Education, Labor, And Pensions Committee, is planning to hold hearings on college costs during 2012. This will likely lead back to the for-profit institutions and perhaps to accreditation. Senator Harkin is exploring proposed legislation concerning accreditation and, with Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), is working on legislation that may change the 90/10 rule to 85/15 for federal financial aid and include DoE, DOD and VA educational assistance.

Update on the *CHEA Initiative*

President Eaton reported that the work of the CHEA Initiative will be completed in 2011-2012. Two additional national accreditation forums will be held, one at the 2012 Annual Conference immediately following the board meeting and one at the 2012 Summer Workshop. This will culminate in an action plan addressing the two goals of the Initiative to be presented to the CHEA Board at its September 2012 meeting.

The recommendations will be used by CHEA, working with institutions, programs, associations and accreditors, to bring about desired change in accreditation and to develop a foundation for future policy positions.

2012 Annual Conference and International Seminar

President Judith Eaton described the 2012 Annual Conference and International Seminar to be held January 23-26, 2012. Attendance at the conference is approaching 400 people, the largest attendance at a CHEA conference to date. This includes international colleagues from 25 countries.

**The next meeting of the CHEA
Board of Directors will take place
April 30/May 1, 2012 in Washington, DC.**



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