



Council for
Higher Education
Accreditation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005
WASHINGTON, DC

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair Richard Traina called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY05 fourth quarter financial report.
- Accepted the FY05 external audit as presented
- Approved the transfer of remaining funds from the FY05 budget to the CHEA Reserve Fund.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Executive Session

The board discussed the CHEA *Recognition Policy and Procedure* review and revision process in executive session.

Appointment of CHEA Board of Directors Committees

Chair Richard P. Traina announced the appointment of members to the following committees:

Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee

- Piedad F. Robertson (Chair), President, Education Commission of the States
 - R. Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College
 - Gerald G. Garbacz, Managing Director, G3 LLC
 - N. Victor Goodman, Partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP
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Committee on Directors

- Arthur J. Rothkopf (Chair), Senior Vice-President and Counselor to the President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Margaret A. McKenna, President, Lesley University
- Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, The California State University
- John D. Wiley, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Carolyn Williams, President, Bronx Community College

Change in Council for Higher Education Accreditation Bylaws

The board of directors approved changes to the CHEA Bylaws to increase the number of board members from 17 to up to 20 members, effective September 20, 2005.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recognition Report

Vice President for Accreditation Services Judith Watkins reported that the committee on recognition was reviewing comments received on Draft Two of the review and revision of the CHEA *Recognition Policy and Procedures*. The committee intends to have additional revisions available in early November and there will be opportunity for comment at the committee on recognition meeting November 21. The committee will bring its recommendation to the CHEA Board of Directors for action at the January 2006 meeting.

Government Relations

President Judith Eaton reported that the two major developments related to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act were the passage of the major House and Senate reauthorization bills. The House Committee on Education and the Workforce passed its bill on July 22, 2005, and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee passed its bill on September 8, 2005. While both bills reflect considerable improvement in accreditation provisions as compared with earlier proposed legislation, CHEA remains concerned about a number of remaining issues and the potential impact on accreditation. CHEA will continue working with Washington-based higher education associations and accrediting organizations on these provisions. A detailed analysis of the accreditation provisions of both bills may be found in the CHEA *HEA Update #26* available on the CHEA Website at

http://www.chea.org/government/HEAupdate/CHEA_HEA26.htm

The work of reauthorization has been affected by Hurricane Katrina and the various efforts of Congress to provide assistance to students and institutions in the states hit by this disaster. Budgetary considerations associated with Katrina relief are having an impact on the previous budget reconciliation. At the time of the board meeting, the House was considering legislation to extend the current Higher Education Act. Whether this legislation passes in both houses will have considerable influence on CHEA's next steps on reauthorization.

CHEA Committee on Recognition - Extension of Terms

The board of directors approved the extension of the terms for one year (until December 31, 2006) for the following members of the CHEA Committee on Recognition:

Ron Cowell, Chair, President, The Education Policy and Leadership Center
Caesar Andrews, Editor, Gannet News Service
Lawrence Detmer, Director Emeritus, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs
Margaret B. Lee, President, Oakton Community College
Mary Ann Swain, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Binghamton University,
State University of New York
Malvin A. Williams, Vice President Emeritus, Alcorn State University

Tenth Anniversary Plan: Focus on the Future of Accreditation and the Next Decade

The board of directors approved the outline of a Tenth Anniversary Plan with a focus on the future of accreditation, its role in serving the public interest and the role of self-regulation in the next decade.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

**The next meeting of the
CHEA Board of Directors
will take place on January 23, 2006
in San Francisco, CA.**

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