

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007
WASHINGTON, DC

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair John D. Wiley called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors received the FY07 third quarter financial report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Recognition Report

The CHEA Board of Directors approved changes in recognized scope of accreditation for three CHEA-recognized accrediting organizations as recommended by the CHEA Committee on Recognition:

- American Culinary Federation Foundation Accrediting Commission
- Association for Biblical Higher Education
- National Association of Industrial Technology

Election of 2007–2010 Board Members

The board of directors elected the following individuals to serve on the CHEA Board for 2007–2010:

- Caesar Andrews, Executive Editor, Detroit Free Press
- David G. Carter, Chancellor, Connecticut State University System
- Scott Cowen, President, Tulane University
- Loren Crabtree, Chancellor, University of Tennessee
- Madlyn Hanes, Chancellor, Penn State Harrisburg*
- Karen Morse, President, Western Washington University
- Paula Peinovich, President, Walden University**
- John D. Wiley, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin–Madison**

* *Serving 2007–2009, completing the term of a departing board member*

***Incumbents elected to second term*

Election of 2007–2008 Board Officers

The board of directors elected the following officers and members of the board's executive committee:

- John D. Wiley, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Chair
- Gregory M. O'Brien, President, Argosy University/Chicago, Vice Chair
- Mary Ann Swain, Provost, State University of New York at Binghamton, Secretary
- R. Judson Carlberg, President, Gordon College, Treasurer
- Carolyn Williams, President, Bronx Community College, Member at Large
- William Kirwan, Chancellor, The University System of Maryland, Member at Large

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Government Affairs

Vice President for Government Affairs Jan Friis reported on various federal policy issues related to the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. He also discussed the current negotiated rulemaking on accreditation and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

In February 2007, CHEA held an accreditation briefing for staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor and the personal staff of Members of the Committee. In March 2007, the Committee on Education and Labor circulated a letter inviting stakeholders to share their "best ideas for ensuring that the promise of the HEA is fulfilled for this generation of students..." The committee will draft legislation likely to be introduced late this summer. CHEA sent a letter to the committee consistent with the 2007 CHEA *Higher Education Reauthorization Agenda*.

The U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP) has been holding bipartisan discussions in preparation for a new bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act (HEA). To date, Title IV, containing the provisions on accreditation, has not been completed. The current HEA expires on June 30, 2007.

The third session of negotiated rulemaking on accreditation took place on April 24–26, 2007. A fourth session has been called for early June. Paula Peinovich, CHEA board member, and Judith Eaton, president of CHEA, are participating in negotiated rulemaking as nonfederal negotiators.

CHEA continues to be active in the area of degree mills and accreditation, sending letters to state governors, attorneys general and secretaries of education. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint states with CHEA's work in this area and inform them of the legislation on degree mills introduced by Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN).

2007–2008 Organizational Goals and Budget

The board of directors approved the 2007–2008 CHEA organizational goals and budget. Major goals for next year include efforts to:

- Continue to provide a national voice for the value and importance of accreditation and quality assurance and national advocacy for self-regulation of higher education.
- Continue work on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and related policy issues and provide for the government affairs, public relations and grassroots and membership activities needed to support reauthorization work and subsequent activity related to negotiated rulemaking.
- Sustain CHEA's commitment to an effective and responsive recognition process, including CHEA's efforts to strengthen accreditation practice as well as improve the relationship among accreditors, institutions and higher education associations.

Specific priorities for 2007–2008 include accreditation and the challenge of accountability, accreditation's responsibility to serve the public interest, an expanded role for presidential leadership in accreditation and sustaining a leadership role in international quality review.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA
Board of Directors will take place
on September 24 – 25 in Washington, DC.**

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