

# CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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## January 22, 2001 Hotel Inter-Continental New Orleans, LA

### Summary of Major Actions

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

*Chair John T. Casteen III called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.*

### Treasurer's Report

The board of directors approved the Treasurer's Report through December 31, 2000.

### Committee on Recognition

The committee on recognition met on November 5-7, 2000 and reviewed eligibility applications from organizations seeking CHEA recognition. The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation that these accrediting organizations be deemed eligible to be considered for CHEA recognition:

- AACSB—The International Association for Management Education
- Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
- American Culinary Federation Accrediting Commission
- American Psychological Association Committee on Accreditation
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
- Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
- National Recreation and Park Association/American Association for Leisure and Recreation Council on Accreditation

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for deferral of action on change of scope of the following accrediting organization until the receipt of additional information from the accreditor:

- American Culinary Federation Accrediting Commission

At its September 25, 2000 meeting, the board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation that the American Dentistry Association Council on Dentistry Education Commission on Dentistry Accreditation be deemed ineligible to be considered for CHEA recognition.

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendations for recognition of the following fourteen accrediting organizations:

- Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges Commission on Accreditation

- Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council for Higher Education Accreditation
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
- American Council for Construction Education
- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
- Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada Commission on Accreditation
- Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation
- National Association of Schools of Dance Commission on Accreditation
- National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation, Commission on Non-Degree Granting Accreditation and Commission on Community/Junior College Accreditation
- National Association of Schools of Theatre Commission on Accreditation
- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Technical and Career Institutions

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for deferral of action on recognition for the following accrediting organization until receipt of additional information from that accreditor:

- Council on Rehabilitation Education Commission on Standards and Accreditation

## **President's Report**

### **Committee on Recognition**

The board of directors approved the reappointment of three members of the committee on recognition to three-year terms (February 2001 - January 2004) and the appointment of a new committee member to complete a two-year unexpired term (February 2001 - January 2003). The reappointed members are Roger R. Blunt, president and CEO, Blunt Enterprises, LLC; John C. Petersen, director emeritus, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and George D. Peterson, executive director Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. The new committee member is Margaret B. Lee, president of Oakton Community College (IL). Other committee members are: Ron Cowell, president, The Education Policy and Leadership Center; Lawrence Detmer, former executive director, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; Brother Patrick Ellis, Christian Brothers' Community, Calvert Hall College High School; Patricia McGuire, president, Trinity College (DC); Mary Ann Swain, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Binghamton University, SUNY.

### **Specialized/Professional/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel**

President Judith Eaton explained that the Specialized/Professional/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel was created in 1998 and meets two to three times per year. All members of the panel have two-year terms that expired in December, 2000. Each member of the panel has agreed to accept an additional term of one to three years, effective January 2001. The board of directors approved the reappointment of the following members of the Specialized/Professional/National Accrediting Association Advisory Panel:

Lawrence Detmer, former executive director, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (1-year); Kayem Dunn, executive director, Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (2-year); Bernard Fryshman, executive vice president, Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (3-year); Olive Kimball, executive director, National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (2-year); Carl Monk, executive director, Association of American Law Schools (1-year); George Peterson, executive director, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (3-year); Susanne Shaw, executive director, Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (2-year); and David Stevens, MD, secretary, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, vice president, Medical School Standards and Assessment, Association of American Medical Colleges (3-year).

## **Governmental Relations**

Tom Butts, CHEA vice president for government and external relations, reported that the Web-Based Education Commission, chaired by Senator Robert Kerrey, released its report on December 19, 2000. This report affirmed the leadership role of voluntary accreditation in assuring quality in distance learning. He also indicated that the U.S. Department of Education Distance Education Demonstration Program report, released in January 2001, identified a number of key issues for higher education including reconsideration of the traditional academic year, seat time, and the Carnegie unit. With a new administration and the changes at the U. S. Department of Education, CHEA will continue to make sure that the new members of Congress and the new administration understand the importance and complexity of accreditation and self-regulation issues and will assist to address those issues in a constructive manner.

## **Specialized Accrediting Association Advisory Panel**

Carl Monk, executive director of the Association of American Law Schools and chair, CHEA Specialized Advisory Panel was unable to be present. President Eaton reported that the advisory panel met in October 2000 with members of the AAU/NASULGC Task Force on Accreditation to consider a draft statement on accreditation standards. The panel's next meeting is in March 2001.

## **Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC)**

David Wolf, executive director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC), briefly reported the recent activities of C-RAC. He indicated that all regional accreditors have endorsed the policy which established the assurance of quality of institutions of higher education that operate sites in more than one region. He reported that the grant received from the Pew Charitable Trusts on behalf of the eight regional accrediting commissions will focus on measuring student learning outcomes with the development of good practices to be used within the regions. C-RAC is scheduled to meet again at the end of January 2001 when it will continue to deliberate policies and guidelines for distance education and other issues among the accrediting regions.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.*

*The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will be held  
April 30-May 1, 2001 in Washington, DC.*