

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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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 9:15 a.m.

Committee on Recognition

The committee on recognition met on November 27, 2001 and reviewed eligibility and recognition applications from organizations seeking CHEA recognition.

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for eligibility of the following organizations considered for CHEA recognition:

- American Academy for Liberal Education
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Council on Academic Accreditation
- Council on Social Work Education
Division of Standards and Accreditation
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
- North Central Association of Schools and Colleges
The Higher Learning Commission
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for deferral of action on change of scope for the following organization:

- North Central Association of Schools and Colleges
The Higher Learning Commission

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

- AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
American Physical Therapy Association
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Council on Aviation Accreditation
- National Association of Industrial Technology
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for deferral of action on recognition for the following organization:

- 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 to accept the special report from the following organization:

- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs

Treasurer's Report

The board of directors approved the FY02 first and second quarter financial report.

The president provided an update on direct billing of member institutions.

Chair's Report

Appointment of Committee on Directors

The board chair announced the appointment of the members of the committee that will recommend nominees for election to the board of directors and recommend officers for the CHEA board for 2002-2003. Gordon A. Haaland, immediate past chair of the board, is chair. The other members of the committee are Eleanor Baum, Edward Donley, Karen Morse, and Charles Nash.

Appointment of Board of Directors Task Force on Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

The board chair announced the appointment of a task force on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. John T. Casteen III will lead the task force. The task force members are: Michael F. Adams, Vernon O. Crawley, Alfredo G. de los Santos Jr., Robert B. Glidden, Piedad F. Robertson, and Arthur J. Rothkopf.

President's Report

Institute for Research and Study of Accreditation and Quality Assurance

The board of directors approved the establishment of the CHEA Institute for Research and Study of Accreditation and Quality Assurance. The institute will serve as a national center for research and analysis of accreditation, quality assurance, and related higher education issues. Through the institute, CHEA will undertake research, conduct surveys, support meetings, and produce publications on accreditation and quality assurance.

Government Relations Report

Vice President Diane Rogers reported that Congress would resume its session on January 23, 2002 and that President Bush is expected to introduce budget legislation in early February 2002. Vice President Rogers was appointed by the Department of Education to participate in negotiated rule making for discussions on the twelve-hour rule as an alternate for Charles M. Cook, New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Recognition Report

Vice President Judith Watkins provided an update on the recognition process and the work that lies ahead for the coming year. She reported that 58 accrediting organizations were deemed eligible to be considered for CHEA recognition by the CHEA board of directors between January 2000 and January 2002. One organization had its application denied, one was withdrawn, and one deferred. Vice President Watkins also reported that 34 accrediting organizations have been recognized to date, two were deferred, and one was reconsidered.

International Commission

Vice President Fred Hayward noted that the first meeting of the CHEA International Commission would be held on Friday January 25, 2002. The International Commission membership, approved by the board at its September 2001 meeting, includes approximately 35 members from 12 countries. The activities of the commission are funded by a grant from The Ford Foundation. The commission will focus on international quality assurance issues such as quality in distance learning, national and international quality assurance needs, and the role of the market in international higher education.

Specialized/National Accreditation Association Advisory Panel

George Peterson, executive director of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. and chair of the advisory panel, informed the board that the next meeting of the panel will be February 21, 2002 in Washington, DC. The advisory panel will begin to explore strategic issues for specialized and national accrediting organizations and priorities for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The panel will also consider international issues in relation to specialized and national accreditors.

Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions

President Eaton, reporting for Sandra Elman, chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC) and Executive Director, Northwest Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities, Commission on Colleges and Universities, noted that C-RAC was meeting on January 25-26, 2002. C-RAC continues its work on the grant from the Pew Charitable Trust. This project is designed to develop additional tools and capacity to address student learning outcomes and the relationship of evidence of student learning outcomes to accreditation and institutional judgments about quality.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors is April 29-30, 2002, in Washington, DC.