

# CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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## May 1, 2000 Washington, DC

### *Summary of Major Actions*

*Chair Gordon Haaland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's Report for January—March 2000.

### **Chair's Report**

#### **Election of CHEA Board Members, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003**

Director Robert Glidden, chair of the CHEA Committee on Directors, informed board members that nominations of individuals to serve on the CHEA Board of Directors for a three-year term (July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003) had been solicited from the 3,200 CHEA institutional members and 55 participating organizations earlier this year. 131 nominations were received.

The board of directors approved the committee's recommendation of individuals to serve on the CHEA board for the term beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2003. Current board members who will serve a second term are John T. Casteen III, president, University of Virginia; William DeLauder, president, Delaware State University; and Alfredo G. de los Santos Jr., research professor, Arizona State University. They will be joined by a new board member, Arthur Rothkopf, president, Lafayette College.

#### **Election of Board Officers 2000–2001**

The board of directors approved the slate of officers for 2000–2001 recommended by the Committee on Directors: John T. Casteen, III, chair; William DeLauder, vice chair; Eleanor Baum, secretary; and Edward Donley, treasurer. In addition to other responsibilities, the officers serve on the CHEA executive committee. Additional members of the executive committee will be Gordon Haaland, immediate past chair; and Vernon Crawley, at-large member.

### **President's Report**

#### **Committee on Recognition**

The Committee on Recognition met on March 28, 2000 and reviewed eligibility applications from organizations that had formerly been recognized and were 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:

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Council on Accreditation
- American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation
- American Optometric Association, Council on Optometric Education
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

- New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Technical and Career Colleges
- Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges
- Society of American Foresters, Committee on Accreditation

### **2000 –2001 Organizational Goals and Preliminary Budget**

The board of directors approved the 2000-2001 organizational goals and preliminary budget as presented. The preliminary budget calls for expenditures of \$1,666,000. Expenditures for the two CHEA conferences, grant expenditures and one-time expenditures are not included in this total. The goals funded by the budget are: sustaining CHEA as the national voice for accreditation and quality review; establishing a strategic governmental relations agenda; strengthening communication and cooperation among accreditors, higher education institutions and national higher education associations; establishing the CHEA [Recognition Policy and Procedures](#) as the authoritative and reliable indicator of the quality of accrediting organizations; producing policy analysis and research; and attending to organization building.

### **Governmental Relations**

CHEA continues to work with accreditors, Washington-based associations and the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to address issues related to assuring quality in distance learning. CHEA met recently with Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education Lee Fritschler and Director of Accreditation and State Liaison Karen Kershenstein to clarify and confirm USDE's expectations that the distance learning practices of accrediting organizations are subject to the same standards and regulations as are accreditor practices with site-based learning. CHEA will be presenting comments to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity on May 25, 2000 about accreditation and distance learning, as well as providing an update of CHEA activities. USDE has also scheduled a panel on transfer of credit in which CHEA will participate.

### **Specialized Accrediting Association Advisory Panel**

Carl Monk, executive vice president and executive director of the Association of American Law Schools and chair of the CHEA Specialized Advisory Panel, was not able to be present. In his absence, President Eaton reported on the April 17, 2000 meeting of the advisory panel. This agenda included discussion of the upcoming [2000 CHEA Enhancing Usefulness Conference](#), the CHEA Good Practices Database, [international quality assurance](#) and the recently-developed AAU/NASULGC draft statement on accreditation standards. The panel has asked staff to schedule three meetings in the next year, including a meeting with NASULGC and other provosts with a particular focus on the draft statement on accreditation standards and a meeting with the directors of the regional accrediting commissions.

### **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), was unable to be present. Dr. Wolf provided information about the activities of C-RAC, including the recent efforts to develop a common policy that pertains to branch campuses of an institution that operate in another region. At its May, 2000 meeting, C-RAC will focus on distance education operations that cross regional boundaries with the intent of developing a common policy. Dr. Wolf also indicated that C-RAC would be meeting in August, 2000 with the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA).

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*

*The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors is September 25-26, 2000 in Washington, D.C. at the Hotel Washington.*