

# CHEA Board of Directors Meeting

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## September 25, 2000 Washington, DC

### Summary of Major Actions

*Chair John T. Casteen, III called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.*

### Treasurer's Report

The board of directors approved the Treasurer's Report for April–June 2000.

### Chair's Report

#### **FY00 Audit**

Chair Casteen reported that Paula C. McDaniel, certified public accountant with Hetrick & Associates, joined the executive committee of the board of directors to discuss the FY00 audit. She indicated that CHEA is financially healthy and the financial controls are operating effectively. With the recommendation of the executive committee, the board of directors accepted the FY00 audit as presented.

#### **New Board Members**

Chair Casteen introduced and extended a warm welcome to new board members Lloyd Reuss, former president of General Motors Corporation, and Arthur Rothkopf, president of Lafayette College (PA).

Chair Casteen also noted that Barbara Brittingham, founding CHEA board member, has joined the staff of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., Commission on Institutions of Higher Education as deputy director, and has resigned her position on the CHEA board of directors effective September 2000.

### Committee on Recognition

The board of directors took action on a committee on recognition recommendation regarding eligibility for recognition.

### President's Report

#### **Committee on Recognition**

With the resignation of Shirley Peterson from the committee on recognition, the board of directors approved the appointment of Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity College (DC), to fill the remaining term on the committee of September 25, 2000–January 2002.

Judith Watkins, CHEA vice president for accreditation services, updated the board on the recognition activities. During 1999–2000, 31 organizations completed the eligibility phase of the recognition process and by 2000–2001, 50 accrediting organizations will have completed eligibility or recognition reviews. In addition, six organizations new to CHEA have submitted letters of intent to pursue CHEA recognition.

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

The board of directors approved the revised 2000–2001 organizational goals and FY01 budget as presented.

#### **Draft Statement from the Committee on Transfer and the Public Interest**

The board of directors approved the draft *Statement to the Community: Transfer and the Public Interest* developed by the CHEA Committee on Transfer and the Public Interest.

The document will be made available to member institutions, accrediting organizations and the Washington-based associations.

### **Governmental Relations**

Tom Butts, CHEA vice president for governmental and external relations, updated the board on governmental relations issues. Following the election in November, CHEA will work with the new administration as well as the leadership in the House and Senate. CHEA will continue to work closely with the higher education community in preparation for the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Recent CHEA activities include testifying before the Web-based Education Commission established by Congress to develop policy recommendations for Web-based learning and continuing to work with the commission on distance education issues. CHEA participated in the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity in May 2000 by offering comments about transfer issues and providing an update on CHEA activities. CHEA has also initiated a study of state quality review activities and the relationship of these activities to accreditation.

### **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, reported that the advisory panel will meet in October 2000 with the joint AAU/NASULGC Committee on Accreditation to discuss the AAU/NASULGC approved *Statement of Good Practices in the Establishment of Specialized Accreditation Standards*. The meeting will help determine next steps with regard to the statement.

### **Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions**

Dr. 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 agreements among the regional accreditors to assure consistent levels of quality in higher education offered by institutions that are expanding across the boundaries of individual regions. In addition, each of the regional accreditors have adopted a policy that defines a separately accreditable institution which will assist in determining when a branch campus operating in a region other than that of the parent institution would be accredited by the region in which it is located. The regional accrediting organizations are also developing guidelines for electronically delivered education.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*

*The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors is January 22, 2001, in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The board meeting will be held in conjunction with the CHEA 2001 Annual Conference.*