

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, January 29, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair Glickman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY24 first and second quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY24 institutional membership.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The board of directors, upon recommendation from the Committee on Recognition acted to approve recognition for a period of seven years with a follow-up report due in December 2024 and an interim report due at the midpoint of the recognition term to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (AAFS-FEPAC), Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Accreditation Council (AERAC) and Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Further, they acted to approve recognition for a period of seven years with an interim report due at the midpoint of the recognition term to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).

Vice Chair King reported that, during the Working Session, the board received a report from the Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee that included an update on CHEA's investments. They received a report from Loretta Waldron on the Recognition Tutorials created for the updated recognition process and a report from Jan Friis and Jahan Culbreath on Government Affairs advocacy and interactions with federal agencies.

The board was also updated on CHEA engagement with the Accreditation Advisory Council.

The establishment of a non-state system was brought before the board and the board tasked the Committee on Membership with creating a policy structure for the potential new system.

Government Affairs Report

Vice President Jan Friis reported that the College Cost Reduction Act, H.R. 6951 was introduced including provisions to lower college costs for students, however, also recommends several significant changes to the accreditation provisions of the Higher Education Act. CHEA met with staff to review

the accreditations provisions. There are other provisions that are bad for accreditation. If enacted, these changes in the accreditation provisions of the law would be a major shift for students, institutions, and accreditors.

Friis also reported that H.R. 6585 Workforce Pell was introduced and approved by the Education Committee. This bill includes several accreditation provisions suggested by CHEA.

Friis added that the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has published issue papers and draft regulatory changes for the negotiators to consider in negotiated rulemaking, which is to be held in February 2024. There will be a final negotiated rulemaking session in March 2024. USDE's Institutional Quality and Program Integrity Committee will discuss six topics, three of which impact accreditation: Accreditation, State Authorization, and Distance Education. Although there are some improvements in the regulatory text, further work is needed.**President's Update**

2024 Annual Conference

Special Assistant to the President Joel Espinoza updated the board on the 2023 CHEA\CIQG Annual Conference taking place January 29 – February 1, 2024, in Washington DC. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place
May 13, 2024, in Washington, DC.**