

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC

VIRTUAL MEETING

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

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

Chair Orlando Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY20 third quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY20 institutional membership.

AD HOC SEARCH AND TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The board of directors approved the estimated budget to fund the *Ad Hoc* Search and Transition Committee. Funds from the Directors Book Fund will be used to finance the search for a new CHEA president.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Vice President for Government Relations Jan Friis reported that Covid-19 pandemic has dominated agendas in Washington. CHEA has worked with other higher education associations to advocate for Covid-19 assistance for students and institutions with community letters to Congress and several federal agencies. He also reported that there is a likelihood of another Covid-19 relief bill at the end of May or the beginning of June. The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has issued waivers for institutions and accrediting organizations in meeting the challenge of Covid-19 concerning distance education and accreditation visits. USDE is considering extending the waivers, perhaps semester by semester.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

At the Working Session, President Eaton reported on CHEA's efforts to maintain service to its member institutions and accrediting organizations during the pandemic. Staff have been working remotely since the last week in March 2020. All major CHEA functions, government affairs, recognition, membership services and international quality assurance, are being maintained. CHEA has hosted a number of webinars for its institutional members and the public as well as webinars with the accrediting community. Other CHEA events, e.g., the May 2020 board of directors meeting and the June 2020 committee on recognition meeting, are being held virtually, as will the 2020 Summer Roundtable scheduled for late June 2020. CHEA has continued regular issues of *Accreditation in the News*, *International Quality Assurance in the News*, the *Federal Update*, the *Quality International* newsletter and *Inside Accreditation*. The webinars for the public are being recorded and posted on the CHEA Website and an accreditation-Covid-19 resource page has been established as well.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors elected the following individuals to serve on the CHEA board for 2020–2023:

- Kassandra Ardinger, Trustee, University of New Hampshire
- Darrell Cain, President, Pierce College Puyallup
- F. Javier Cevallos, President, Framingham State University
- Sharon DeVivo, President, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
- Orlando Taylor, Distinguished Senior Advisor to the President, Fielding Graduate Institute*
- Jean A. Wyld, Professor *Emeritus* and Retired Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Springfield College*

** Incumbent elected to serve a second three-year term.*

ELECTION OF 2020-2021 BOARD OFFICERS

The board of directors elected the following officers and members of the board executive committee:

- Chair: Orlando Taylor, Distinguished Senior Advisor to the President, Fielding Graduate University
- Vice Chair: Jean Wyld, Professor *Emeritus*, Springfield University
- Secretary: Nancy Marlin, Professor and Provost *Emerita*, San Diego State University
- Treasurer: Rich Pattenaude, President *Emeritus*, Professor of Political Science, Ashford University
- Member-at-Large: Gena Glickman, President, Massasoit Community College

2020-2021 ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS AND BUDGET

President Eaton presented and the board approved the 2020-2021 organizational goals and budget that address CHEA's major function areas of government affairs, recognition, membership services and international quality assurance.

**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place
October 4-5, 2020 in Washington, DC or virtually, as needed.**