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Dear Karen:

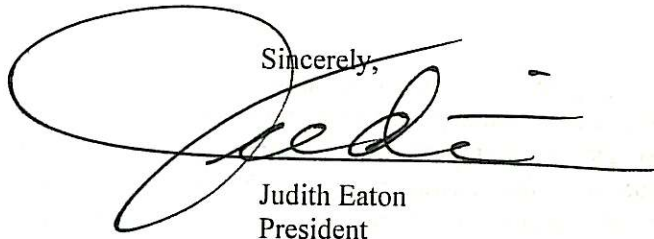
At its meeting on April 29-30, 2013, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the recognition application submitted by the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation (ALA-COA). I am pleased to inform you that the board of directors accepted the committee's recommendation and granted ALA-COA recognition.

The 2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures (#16, p. 9) provides that, at a minimum, the accrediting organization will undergo a recognition review every 10 years. Recognized accrediting organizations will provide interim reports, normally at the end of the third and sixth years. Furthermore, CHEA may elect to review a recognized accrediting organization out of sequence when (1) the accrediting organization proposes to change the scope of its activities or other fundamental aspects of its organization or accreditation activities; (2) there has been a pattern of documented concerns related to CHEA eligibility or recognition standards from institutions or programs following accreditation reviews by the accrediting organization over time, and received by CHEA, and the institutions have utilized the accrediting organization's procedures for addressing complaints; or (3) there have been documented concerns that, in its judgment, the Committee believes indicate that the organization may not be meeting one or more of the CHEA eligibility or recognition standards (*2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures (#17, p.10)*).

Under the *2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, CHEA will provide notice through its publications that ALA-COA is a CHEA-recognized accrediting organization and will provide ALA-COA with a copy of CHEA's *Public Notice: Recognition Decision Summary* that will appear on the CHEA Website.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Judith Eaton
President

c: Judith Watkins, Interim Vice President for Recognition Services