

## 2015-2016 CALA Annual Committee Report Template

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**Committee/Office Charge:**

*The Midwest Chapter is one of seven CALA Organization's local chapters. It is under CALA National Organization leadership and is aimed to carry out its 2020 Strategic Plan.*

**Tasks completed (according to the goals outlined in the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan if applicable- be specific):**

*Nomination Committee led by Haiwang Yuan sent out a call for nominations for the position of vice president/president elect of Midwest Chapter. The Committee received two members as candidates. The membership committee verified the candidate's membership status and both of them are in good standing. The MW Chapter election is in process.*

*Public Relations Committee did tremendous work in the past year. They organized many activities and helped recruit new CALA members from UIUC's GSLIS program. They planned trips to visit CALA co-founder Dr. Tze-Chung Li with other members and students. These activities demonstrated CALA's tradition and care for its members. They also paid visit to the late CALA former President Lisa Zhao when she was fighting her cancer. One of the greatest things they did was to have raised \$1,000 by Committee Co-Chair Shuyong Jiang for MW Annual Conference, which enabled many members to get financial support to participate the annual conference in person. In addition, they also contributed their news to*

CALA Newsletter constantly. Due to their efforts, the MW Chapter added 15 new members, most of them are students from UIUC's GSLIS program. Co-chair Jianying Shou, also our chapter's treasure, helped select presents for Dr. Li, memorial picture for Lisa's family, and reimbursed all the expenses of the Chapter's social events and professional conference. It was a great deal of work and very time consuming.

Membership Committee led by Wen-Ling Liu worked hard to remind members in the Midwest to renew their membership several times. They also worked with nomination committee and national membership committee to ensure the status of candidates who were running for the MW vice president/president elect during 2017-18.

Professional Development Committee Led by c-chairs of Lijun Xue and Yan He began to work by suggesting where to host the annual conference. Through a survey and discussion within the Executive Committee, it was decided to be at University of Indiana South Bend, IN, on May 13. They sent out call for proposals and received 13 proposals for presentation. This year, the Professional Development Committee decided to invite a keynote speaker from outside of CALA. Their choice was Miguel A. Figueroa from Center for the Future of Libraries of ALA. It turned out their decision was so right as the annual conference was a great success. All those presentations were posted on the MW Chapter Website.

Web Committee Led by Vincci Kwong posted news of award, chapter activities, and professional conference timely and regularly. They maintained information and content up-to-date very impressively. They also worked closely with Public Relations Committee and Professional Development Committee and ensured MW Annual Conference took place smoothly. In addition, they set up all executive virtual meetings as well as virtual platform for the annual conference and election.

**Goals and objectives accomplished for the whole year (and highlight those accomplished after mid-year report):**

1. Called for volunteers and formulated 5 committees. Selected and appointed committee chairs and as Executive Committee members.
2. Sought goals, action plan, and budget request from each committee members for the year of 2015-16.
3. Discussed where, when, and how to hold MW Chapter annual conference.
4. Assisted Vickie Doll, veteran member, to set up a GoFundMe site for former CALA President Lisa Zhao to raise money to help her fight against cancer.
5. Sent Executive Committee meeting notes to all MW members to enhance communication and engage them.
6. Coordinated with CALA national organization on taking care of former CALA President Lisa Zhao's funeral.
7. Held MW Chapter Annual Conference in South Bend, IN and evaluated business such as conference presentations, next location preference, and format of such conference.
8. Celebrated Dr. Tze-Chung Li's 90th Birthday celebration in Chicago, IL.

**9. Conducted MW Chapter election**

**10. Recruited 15 new members into CALA organization (an approximate 22% increase compared with last year)**

**Goals and objectives not completed (and concerns):**

*I planned to merge the membership committee and Public Relations Committee. I felt, many times, the PR job would result in recruiting new members and retaining old members. However, after consulting with executive board members, we gave up this idea to be consistent with the CALA national organization structure. In the past year, our PR Committee, led by Shuyong Jiang and Jainying Shou actually helped recruit many new student members by inviting them to some activities and visits to Dr. Tze-Chung Li twice in Chicago.*

*Another goal that we did not accomplish was to set up a 5, 10, 15,... years anniversary for our members. This celebration would increase our pride of being a CALA member, remind them of continuing to serve CALA, and to appreciate their services.*

**Budget requirements or reimbursement Requests (if any):**

*As MW Chapter is a big chapter, it need \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year in order to cover professional development activities such as conference and training, network and social activities, and recruitment activities.*

**Questions/Comments/Suggestions for the Board (if any):**

*When does the national treasurer allocate fund to the local chapter? If the MW Chapter could have known how much it would get and if at beginning of a fiscal year to get it, it would help us plan and organize some activities beforehand.*

**Summary: In a few sentences, highlight your achievements, concerns, or suggestions that you mostly want addressed. This should be the main point of your committee report.**

*The MW Executive Committee is a strong leadership team. Each committee worked closely among themselves and with other committees as well. Together we achieved many things! We have clear goals and action plans, each committee chair or co-chair execute their plans very well. We recruited new student members by bringing them or engaging them in actual PR activities such as visiting Dr. Li. We also supported them in attending MW Chapter annual conference. We celebrated Dr. Li's 90th Birthday. We collaborated with CALA national organization to host memorial service of former CALA President Lisa Zhao. We successfully hosted MW Annual Conference, which had 13 presentations and with a keynote speaker from ALA organization, who gave an excellent speech at the conference..*

*Two notable things we need to mention here is the donation of \$1,000 raised by Public Relations Committee co-chair Shuyong Jiang for MW Annual Conference. With such money, the Executive Committee decided to support any MW Chapter members who attended the annual conference on site with \$100 per person on hotels. The MW Chapter picked up to cover others when the amount of \$1,000 was used up. Another good thing is that Sharon Hu, the immediate Past president retired and relocated to California, the MW Executive Board invited Haiwang Yuan, former MW Chapter President and a member of nomination committee to step up to serve as chair of nomination committee. Prof. Yuan graciously accepted our invitation and began to render his service to the MW Chapter. The Executive Board felt very grateful to him for his great service.*

*President Fu Zhuo appreciated close cooperation and strong support he received from the Executive Committee and members of MW Chapter as a whole. The above achievements are due to great team efforts. They belong to a great team which consist of outstanding members Vincci Kwong, Jianying Shou, Shuyong Jiang, Wen-Ling Liu, Haiwang Yuan, Lijun Xue, and Yan He.*

*There will be one more virtual meeting on June 15 to summarize and assess our work during 2015-16 and announce the winner of MW Chapter election Haiwang Yuan. That is the last meeting of the fiscal year 2015-16.*