

## 2015-2016 CALA Annual Committee Report Template

### **Instruction:**

1. Please use this template for your report and save final copy in PDF format
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  - c. 2016\_rpt\_annual\_{com, tf, chapter, office, etc.}-name\_attach2{.docx, .pdf, or .xlsx, etc.}

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3. When ready, submit your report at <http://cala-web.org/forms/com-report>

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**Committee/Office Charge:**

- Seeking nominations for the Best Book Award and to find books about general and modern life in China and Chinese-American life in the United States
- Contacting publishers and other parties to send books for review
- Reading, and contributing opinions for as many nominated books assigned as possible

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

- Developed a work plan that included goals, action plan and budget plan
- Posted online call for nominations for the Best Book Award and sent out the call for nominations to CALA members, friends, and many professional organizations and publishers
- Received 10 nominated books, classified them into four categories (Fiction, Non-fiction, Juvenile Books, Children's Books), and reviewed the books in two groups (Fiction/Non-fiction, Juvenile books/Children's Books)

- Selected a special Recognition Award for Fiction, and one Best Book Award each for Non-fiction, Juvenile Books, and Children's Books

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

- Increased CALA's impact at the local and national levels by collaborating with authors, professional organizations, and publishers
- Promoted Chinese and Chinese American culture by raising the awareness of values of books on Chinese topics by authors of Chinese descent
- Selected awarded books according to our action plan

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

- We hoped we could have more nominated books to choose from

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

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

**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 2015 CALA Best Book Award Committee worked diligently to solicit nominations from CALA members, friends, authors and publishers. The award was promoted to various professional organizations, individuals and publishers and nominations were sought consistently. The committee received ten nominated books from publishers. The committee members worked very hard to review and select the winners from the pool. These activities increased CALA's impact among the authors, academia, and publishing world, and promoted Chinese culture as well.