

## 2015-2016 CALA Annual Committee Report

### CALA Newsletter

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**Committee Charge:**

The Committee is charged with publishing two annual issues of the newsletter in spring and fall to disseminate news of the Chinese American librarians' community and to report initiatives and activities of the Chinese American Librarians association.

**Tasks Completed (according to the 5 Goals Outlined in the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan if Applicable- Be Specific):**

**Call for Contribution distributed.** The "Call for Contributions: CALA Newsletter, 2016 Spring Issue" was distributed to the CALA Listserv on March 18. Reminders were sent out in April and May multiple times. The following topics were included in this call: News & Announcements, Special columns, Features (Interviews of librarians or CALA advocates), Member News, Achievements, Promotions & Awards, Publications & Reviews, Visits, Conferences & Travels, Opinions & Perspectives (on current library issues), Trends, Technology & Observations, Chapter Highlights, Library Fun & Anecdotes, International Outreach and Albums (of people, events and cool things). The deadline was set to May 15. Extensions later were given to two members per request. The Call was also published on the CALA's Facebook page.

**Materials for the Newsletter collected and compiled.** The team received over 20 contributions by the due date among which were mostly news of members, awards, publications, travel reports and chapter activities. The more prominent articles in this issue are the President's greeting and report, two interviews of library deans, a special column to remember Lisa Zhao, and a report on the 2015 Chinese Library Annual Conference. Sai was responsible for collecting, compiling and editing news, and Xiaojie was responsible for designing and creating the newsletter. At the same time, both can address content and design issues. During the materials collecting process, Sai created a new column "Interview of Library Deans" and conducted two interviews, one was with Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dean Emeritus of Ohio University Libraries, and the other was with Haipeng Li, University Librarian at the University of California, Merced. Dr. Lee graciously wrote an opening message for this column. Sai also collected news from announcements made by committees, taskforces and members in CALA's listserv. As a tradition, the Newsletter includes a section on reports of CALA committees, taskforces and local chapters. All files were arranged in order under 10 section folders in the *CALA Newsletter* collaboration folder in Dropbox and a master table of contents file was created to direct the layout process.

**The Newsletter files were created.** Xiaojie began to layout the newsletter upon receiving the compiled materials in Dropbox in late May. She used the online print & digital publishing software Lucidpress for the newsletter production. The Newsletter was created in several parts in order to accommodate pictures with higher pixel count and more color elements for the layout.

**Goals and Objectives Accomplished for the whole year:** Resources for the 2016 spring newsletter have been collected, compiled and edited, including about 40 news and articles (not counting CALA committee/taskforce/chapter reports). The initial layout was finished at the beginning of June. The Newsletter is currently under final review and revision. It is expected to be published in early June, and it will be available at: <http://www.cala-web.org/newsletter>. The announcement will be made on CALA Listserv, website and social media channels.

Previously, the *CALA Newsletter* 2015 fall issue was published on December 10, 2015 (<http://cala-web.org/node/1688>) and it received positive feedback.

**Disseminate news of CALA and its members, promote CALA and the Chinese American Librarians community, and archive CALA's history for future generations.** The *CALA Newsletter* 2016 spring issue will be published in early June, and it will be archived by the CALA website. The announcement will be made on CALA Listserv as well as the CALA's website, Facebook page and WeChat channel.

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

NA

**Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any):**

The possibility of obtaining a small budget to gain access to online design software.

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

NA

**Summary Paragraph: 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 Co-Editors of the Newsletter have compiled and created the *CALA Newsletter* 2016 spring issue. It will be made available to the public in early June. This Newsletter includes many news, activities and reports of CALA, its members and also friends. A new column "Interview of Library Deans" was created in this issue and a special column was added, dedicated to the passing of 2013/2014 CALA President Lisa Zhao. Previously, the *CALA Newsletter* 2015 fall issue was published on December 10, 2015 and received positive feedback. The future plans are to encourage more CALA members to contribute and explore ways to make this publication more attractive and interesting.