

2015-2016 CALA Annual Committee Report

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Committee Name: CALA Liaison/Representative to IFLA

Committee Roster: Note: Although not officially appointed because this is not a committee assignment, Shali Zhang continued her service in promptly posting IFLA news to the CALA list and as a member of the 2016 IFLA Congress National Committee. She co-wrote this report. I want to note my special gratitude to Shali Zhang for her depth of knowledge in CALA-IFLA matters and continuity in service to ensure the effective and productive affiliation with IFLA.

Committee Charge: N/A

Tasks Completed (according to the 5 Goals Outlined in the CALA 2015 Strategic Plan if Applicable- Be Specific):

- Timely shared with CALA members the following important IFLA information via CALA listserv and other venues –
 - a. IFLA Office messages regarding IFLA's general operations, initiatives, and IFLA's strategic goals
 - b. IFLA's electronic publications, e.g., ***IFLA Journal*** and other online media, which carry contributed articles, reports, and news items from IFLA membership
 - c. Other IFLA information pertinent to CALA members.
- Forwarded and sent several messages to encourage CALA members to take advantage of early registration prior to the deadline of the 2016 IFLA Congress to be held in August 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. With these messages, CALA's IFLA membership code was provided.
- Timely responded to CALA membership's inquiries on registration, lodging, local logistics, and local transportations. The CALA members outside the U.S. especially appreciated the benefit of discount registration fee for the IFLA Congress through CALA membership.
- Coordinated a collaborative webinar to promote CALA participation in the 2016 IFLA Congress:

Attend the 2016 IFLA Congress: An Orientation Webinar, co-sponsored by the Chinese American Librarians Association Professional Development Task

Force <http://www.cala-web.org> and the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs <http://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/index.html> on

Friday, January 29, 2016; 1:00-2:00 pm CST (2-3 pm EST, 11-noon PST)

This webinar provides an introduction to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), its 2016 World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Columbus, OH (<http://2016.ifla.org>), rationale for attending, and ways to get the most out of participating. Also, you will learn about funding that CALA will make available to support congress participation. The IFLA WLIC is hosted by different

countries in a regional rotation so consider attending this unique international experience in the United States. CALA is an institutional member of IFLA, and has participated in planning this congress. Join us for an informative session with professionals who have been actively engaged in IFLA, its congresses and held leadership positions in the association.

Panelists:

Clara M. Chu, Director and Mortenson Distinguished Professor
Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign
2013-15 IFLA Governing Board Member

Susan Schnuer, Associate Director
Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign
2015-17 IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations

Shali Zhang, Dean of Libraries and Professor
Maureen and Mansfield Library, University of Montana
2016 IFLA WLIC National Committee

- The recording of the *Attend the 2016 IFLA Congress: An Orientation Webinar* was made available at: <http://tinyurl.com/attend2016IFLAwebinar> and on the Mortenson Center website: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/index.html>
- Working with CALA leadership to organize a dinner gathering event with colleagues from the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) on Sunday, August 14, during the 2016 IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio. The similar joint dinner with ALISE colleagues at the 2015 IFLA Congress in Cape Town, South Africa proved to be a very successful one.
- Shali Zhang served on the 2016 IFLA U.S. National Organizing Committee to plan the Congress that will take place in Columbus, Ohio (Report from Shali Zhang)
 - Participated in the planning meetings during the ALA Midwinter Winter Meeting in Boston in January 2016 and participated in the monthly conference calls and email communications on planning activities for the annual congress.
 - Assisted in promotion of the 2016 IFLA Congress and distributed congress materials at several library conferences.
 - Timely communicated with the CALA leadership on IFLA scholarships and encouraged CALA members to apply. The outcome is that more CALA members sent in applications and received \$1,000 IFLA scholarships this year.
 - Was appointed as a reviewer for selecting recipients of the IFLA Congress Fellowship from applications in the region of Asia and Africa.

- Will attend several meetings at the 2016 IFLA Congress as the member of the Organizing Committee.

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

The activities connecting CALA members with IFLA events, initiatives, and strategic plans, and international librarianship have supported the following CALA's strategic goals listed in the CALA 2015 Strategic Plan:

- Goal 2. Become a Leader in Global Reach Initiatives
- Goal 3. Enhance Services to CALA Membership

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed: N/A

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any): N/A

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

Other comments: As in past reports, we would again remind CALA officers to attend the U.S. Caucus Meeting during the IFLA Congress and to vote on behalf of CALA at the General Assembly at WLIC. **We would like to take this opportunity to remind future CALA presidents the importance of being present in person to participate in voting in IFLA. Upon arrival to the IFLA Congress, the CALA President must first report to the IFLA Secretariat to pick up the voting documents. Should the CALA President not be able to attend the IFLA Congress, s/he must nominate a proxy to vote on his/her behalf.**

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.

Please see the above listed activities and suggestions