

2017-2018 CALA Mid-Year Committee Report

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Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:

1. To enhance communication among Chinese American librarians as well as between Chinese American librarians and other librarians;
2. To serve as a network for discussing and advancing professional interests and development opportunities relevant to all members.
3. To provide a vehicle whereby Chinese American librarians may cooperate with other associations and organizations having similar or allied interests.
4. To provide author and literacy events in libraries to serve the vulnerable and marginalized communities.

Chapter President Icy Smith met with Yunnan library director delegates (Fei Li, Yonglin Wan, Yun Yang & Shilin Zhao) in Los Angeles and organized a personal local cultural tour to visit LA landmarks including Universal Studios, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Venice Beach, Manhattan Beach and Rancho Palos Verdes, from Aug. 10 – 12, 2017.

President Icy Smith and Board of Directors are planning for the Chapter Annual Meeting at the Bowers Museum on Feb. 27, 2018. It will be a half-day meeting with exhibit viewing in the afternoon. The main goals are to advance professional and leadership growth among members and to foster open communication amongst members in a supportive environment.

A call for proposals will be sent out to members in late December 2017 for program topics on professional and leadership development, grant writing, community outreach, equity and diversity, literacy events in libraries, etc.