

2017-2018 CALA Mid-Year Committee Report

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Committee Name: CALA Liaisons/Representatives to IFLA

Committee Roster: Lian Ruan, 2017-2019; Shali Zhang, 2016-2018

Committee Charge: N/A

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

- Timely shared with CALA members the important IFLA information via CALA listserv and other venues regarding IFLA's general operations, initiatives, and IFLA's strategic goals.
- Shared numerous IFLA messages to encourage CALA members to consider and to participate in the 2018 IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) to be held in August 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Participated in the organization of the joint Meet & Greet Dinner event in Wroclaw, Poland with ALISE and ASIS&T, and [iSchools Organization](#) during the IFLA 2017 Congress. The participating CALA members were able to meet, talk, and connect with the colleagues in other organizations at the dinner event.
- Timely shared the IFLA's electronic publications, e.g., ***IFLA Journal*** and other online media, which carry contributed articles, reports, and news items from IFLA membership.
- Timely responded to several CALA member inquiries about attending the 2018 IFLA Congress, for instance, how to respond to calls for proposals; where do the IFLA standing committees issue the calls for papers, etc.

Goals and Objectives Accomplished:

The activities connecting CALA members with IFLA events, initiatives, and strategic plans, and international librarianship have supported the following CALA 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/notes: In the past, we have reminded CALA officers to attend the U.S. Caucus Meeting and to vote on behalf of CALA at the General Assembly during the IFLA WLIC. We hope that the CALA officers will be present at both events in the IFLA 2018 Congress in Kuala Lumpur in August 2018. Upon arrival to the IFLA Congress, the CALA President will need first to 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 and send the notification to the IFLA Headquarters in advance.

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 comments