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Message from the President Haipeng Li

Dear CALA Members:

Memories of the excitements at the CALA events during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans this year are still fresh in the minds of those who went, and I am sure, like me, you have all been inspired and are even more committed to CALA as a result. As I indicated in my report on June 27, all CALA events at ALA this year were very successful. It is apparent that CALA has gained more recognition in our profession over the years as more and more people have shown interest in our association. At ALA this year, we recruited nine new members, and more expressed interest in joining. We should be proud of our work and our members!

The CALA 2006 annual conference was very successful, thanks to the hard work of the 2006 Conference Planning Committee. The Committee consisted of Haipeng Li as Chair, Dongmei Cao, Chi-Chun Hsieh, Rosa Hsu, Angela Yang, Yunshan Ye, and Harriet Ying. My appreciation goes to all of them.

The theme of this year's annual conference, "Chinese American Librarians: Identity and Professional Development," was well reflected through the presentations by the four distinguished speakers: Dr. Xueming Bao, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dr. Mark Winston, and Ms. Patty Wong. One participant commented: "this conference addressed issues that concern many CALA members, and it had really reached a higher level in terms of quality." For more information on speakers and their topics, please visit the CALA website at <http://www.cala-web.org/>

Organizing the CALA Annual Awards Banquet in New Orleans this year was a challenge because of Katrina. We had few members in the area in the first place. As a result of Katrina, even those few CALA members had either moved out or were not to be found. Most of the coordination of the banquet this year was done remotely and I was very glad to see that the banquet was such a big hit. I am sure you all felt the same way as well. The number of people who came was far more than that of

those who registered, and greatly exceeded our expectations. About 140 people showed up, including 34 delegates from China, five from Taiwan, and four ALA presidents! Quite a few members had to give up their seats to our guests since seats were running short, and they had to stand all night and had little to eat. My special thanks go to Dora Ho, Zhijia Shen, Klarion Tang, Maggie Wang, Shixing Wen, Daina Wu, Ying Xu, Xiwen Zhang, and many others (I apologize if I left anyone out here). We owe these members a big appreciation for the sacrifice they made and for their wonderful support for the event.

As we all know, CALA has grown tremendously over the years. It has gained recognition not only domestically but internationally as well. CALA members, individually and as groups, have contributed a great deal to the advancement of Chinese librarianship and global librarianship. I hope this effort will continue, as CALA members have a vital role to play in bridging libraries between the US and Asia. This year, the CALA Midwest Chapter is piloting a project to conduct training workshops for Chinese librarians at Yunnan University in Kunming, China, from July 17-21, 2006. The title of this project is: "CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Workshop Series." This project will prove to have long term impacts on the promotion of Chinese librarianship. I am hoping that it will become an ongoing CALA project so that all CALA members will have the opportunity to get involved and be able to benefit from this wonderful professional development experience.

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This is an exciting time for all of us. Particularly with China's increasing recognition and importance on the world stage, there is a lot that CALA can do as an organization to promote Chinese librarianship. I will be heading a CALA delegation of 14 to the Library Society of China Annual Conference this year, also held in the city of Kunming, where most of us attending the conference will be presenting. I am glad to see the active participation of our members in this conference.

As previously announced, all CALA 2006-07 officers are installed and committee chairs and members have been appointed. We have a strong team this year and I know you all are eager to get started. I believe this will be a wonderful year and I am greatly looking forward to working with all of you!

Best regards to you all!

Message from the Immediate-Past President Diana Wu

2005-2006 has been a very challenging year and yet we managed to overcome many obstacles and accomplished very significant goals. Following are some major highlights:

I. Officer's Handbook

In order to help new officers get an easier head start, an officer's handbook is near completion. Dora Ho, Amy Tsiang, and Holly Yu spearheaded this important task. It includes a master calendar, which has been completed and posted to the CALA website. The outlines have been completed and a draft for the first three chapters has been finished. To help standardize the handbook, the Committee developed a template to be completed by the 2005-2006 committee chairs. Dora, Amy and Holly will continue this task. The Committee recommended to the board to assign or identify current or past chairs of the following committees to help draft the committee entries: Local Arrange, Public Relations/Fund-raising, Web and Webmaster. The handbook will be revised as needed so it will help the future officers and committee chairs to carry out their tasks and assignments in a timely fashion.

II. Best New Book Award

In order to help identify and promote outstanding works written by Chinese or Chinese American writers in North America with Chinese topics, the Best New Book Awards Committee was assembled in 2005. This new initiative was proposed by Cathy Lu, and co-chaired by Yi Liang, Julia Tung, and Ja-Lih Lee. Despite experiencing many problems, this Committee is moving along nicely. They developed guidelines, application and review procedures, forms, and sent out a call for nominations in March 2006. The awardees were announced to the CALA listserv and a press release was issued and was published in ALA Cognotes at the annual conference on Monday, June 26, 2006.

The winners are:

II-A. Adult Category

1. Best Book Award - Chieng, Chieh. *A Long Stay in a Distance Land*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2005
2. Honorable Mentioned - Tan, Amy. *Saving Fish from Drowning*. New York: Putnam, 2005.
3. Honorable Mentioned - Lan, Cen. *Rainbow Beyond the Horizon*. Euless, TX: Fellows Press of America, Inc., 2005.

II-B. Youth Category

1. Best New Book. Yee, Lisa. *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-time*. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2005.
2. Honorable Mention New Book - Cheng, Andrea. *Shanghai Messenger*. New York: Lee & Law Books, 2005.
3. Honorable Mention New Book - Yu, Chun. *Little Green: Growing up in the Cultural Revolution*. New York: Simon & Shuster Books, 2005.

II-B.1 Best Illustrated Book Award - Young Ed. *Beyond the Great Mountains: a Visual Poem about China*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2005. The Certificate of Award was presented to Jessica Levy of the Chronicle Books at the ALA conference exhibit hall.

Other winners will be contacted and the Certificate of Award will be sent soon.

This is the first-ever in CALA's history and has already drawn high attention from the ALA and many publishers. To help carry on this legacy, it was approved at the Board meeting to make this a standing committee.

III. Revised and Amended Constitution and Bylaws

CALA is growing and many changes have occurred to make the operation more efficiently. For examples, to be in-line with the ALA planning calendar, a second vice president/president elected had been elected in 2005. The task to revise and amend the existing constitution and bylaws started in 2002. We are very fortunate to have Harriet Ying chair this committee. Due to the complexity and amount of work involved, these two documents have been discussed online several times. A special meeting was called in midwinter to finalize the discussion before the board meeting.

All major changes have been incorporated and amended in the new version. The proposed revision/amendment to the constitution was approved by the Board at the mid-winter board meeting on January 21, 2006. The proposed bylaws with revision/amendment were approved by the Board online on April 18, 2006. They have been posted for the general members to view on May 10 and again on June 14 on the CALA listserv before the general membership meeting. Due to a lack of quorum, it will be conducted online in late July through early August. Please watch the announcement on the listserv and cast your vote promptly. This is your chance to exercise your voting privilege as an active CALA member.

IV. The First Joint Conference for Librarians of Color (JCLC)

This is the first in ALA history to hold a joint conference sponsored by the five ethnic caucuses; each caucus is entitled to sell 1000 raffle tickets. A shared of raffle tickets were distributed to each chapter presidents. The fundraising was very successful. 614 tickets have been sold. The Florida, NE, and SW chapters have sold their shares. The treasurer has sent a check to JCLC at the midwinter in San Antonio on CALA's behalf.

The theme of the conference is "Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories" to be held in Dallas, TX, October 11-15th, 2006. The early bird registration ends on July 14.

V. Official CALA Gavel

An official **CALA gavel** has been ordered and was first used at the midwinter meeting. This is the symbol of presidency. It was passed on to Haipeng Li at the second Board meeting at the annual conference after the new president was installed.

VI. CALA Pennant and Pencils

Fifty mini pennants were ordered and distributed to the Executive Director and all chapter presidents at the midwinter meeting in San Antonio and at the annual conference in New Orleans. They are overwhelmingly popular and have been given to annual program speakers and other distinguished guests. The logo was designed by

Annie Cheng, a member in California. An e-copy of the design was sent to the Executive Director for the CALA archive.

One thousand pencils were ordered with CALA name and URL address. These pencils were distributed to chapter presidents/or the designees at the Board meeting. They were also distributed at the ALA affiliate booth and the Diversity fair.

VII. CALA Blog

A CALA blog has been launched in the New Year. It resides at <http://www.cala-web.blog.com>. CALA is the first among five ethnic caucuses to have its own blog.

It was decided at the Board meeting that this blog will be maintained by the President for informal communication with news items, such as promotion, awards and honors, retirement, etc. We will revisit this issue later and decide if the blog should be continued and who should be responsible for it.

The CALA listserv will be strictly used for more formal postings, such as welcome new members, job announcements, ALA issues that are of concerns to CALA, etc. The Board also urged listserv subscribers to watch Internet etiquette when use this official communication means. The listserv administrator may remove any inappropriate postings.

VIII. English Journal Editorial Board Established

An English editorial board has been formed for the joint CALA journal with Shida: *Journal of Library and Information Science* (JLIS). The editorial board members are in the process of getting this publication indexed in Social Science Citation Index and EBSCO database. It is already indexed in LISA, PAIS, and Ulrich's. Its English editorial board will be responsible for generating the English articles for inclusion in the journal.

IX. Occasional Paper Series (OPS)

The Board approved Dr. Judy Jeng to be the first CALA OPS editor as recommended by the Publication Committee. The Board also approved the following documents in principle: OPS editorial statement and guidelines.

X. Scholarship Committees and PR/Fundraising

To help streamline the process and reduce the workload, the Scholarship Committee has revised the following documents: application guidelines, form, and reference forms, which were approved as recommended. The Board also approved that all application materials should be submitted in digital format, except for official transcripts.

The fundraising this year was extremely successful; under Esther Lee and Linna Yu's leadership, \$6810 was raised. The Committee recommended using the fund to pay for the printing and mailing of the new membership directory, the rest will be evenly divided between the scholarship funds and the professional development grant. Details will be worked out by the Finance Committee with the Treasurer.

XI. Awards and Honors

Each year, two awards are granted to recognize members who contribute significantly to CALA, namely CALA Distinguished Service Award and President's Recognition Award.

Liana Zhou is the recipient of 2006 CALA Distinguished Service Award. According to comments from the Award Committee, "Liana has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership ability within and outside of CALA. She has made significant contributions to librarianship, library and information science at the local, national and international levels. --- Liana is a competent and vibrant library administrator, researcher, writer, and speaker. She serves as Head Librarian of the Kinsey Institute Library at Indiana University."

In addition, she was CALA-MW president in 1995-1996, CALA president in 2002-2003. Most recently, she chairs the JCLC Award and Scholarship Committee. JCLC is the first joint conference for librarians of color in ALA history and will be held in October 11-15, Dallas, Texas.

CALA president has a special privilege to elect outstanding members for President's Recognition Award. With so many devoted members working tirelessly and unconditionally for CALA, it was a real challenge to identify just one or two individuals to receive this honor.

This year, I am very proud to present to you Mr. Shixing Wen and Ms. Doris Tseng as the recipients of 2006 President's Recognition Award. Shixing established many "first's" for CALA, e.g. CALA listserv, CALA website, online election, online payment, and online advertisement just to name a few. For many years, he hosts CALA website in his company server free of charge. This saves CALA hundreds of dollars; more

importantly, he manages all in an extremely efficient manner. He was 2004-05 CALA President.

Doris was the chair of Membership Committee in 1991; during that year, she established CALA membership directory with Chinese name entries; furthermore, she has served on many committees. Most recently, she served on 2005-06 PR/Fundraising Committee and has raised more than \$1,000 alone. Doris is a true role model for us since she always quietly works behind the scene and gives credit to others. It is time to recognize this unsung hero.

Congratulations to Liana Zhou, Shixing Wen and Doris Tseng! Thank you for your extraordinary contributions to CALA and beyond.

Other issues:

- 1) Online Membership Directory – Minmin Qin, Holly Yu were working with Shixing Wen to mount the membership directory online. This will make it easier to access the directory and to update the content. Due to some technical challenges and security measures, this task is postponed to next year. Shixing and Haipeng will work on the details and logistics then draft a proposal for the Board's approval either at the mid-winter or annual meeting.
- 2) It was approved by the Board that the Chair of Finance Committee will be working with the Treasurer on all CALA related financial and budgetary issues.
- 3) Other ad hoc committees that were recommended and approved to become standing committees are Sally Tseng's Professional Development Grant ad hoc Committee and Mentorship Program Committee.

Please refer to detailed reports that are submitted by the chair of each committee or task force.

This is an extraordinary year. Your support and great teamwork are most appreciated. I would like to thank each of you for all the efforts, energy and talents that you have devoted to CALA. It is really a privilege and honor to work with so many of you. Mission accomplished. Congratulations!

Message from the Executive Director Sally C. Tseng

Dear CALA Members:

I am sure everyone has a great and productive summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have contributed to CALA. Special thanks go to CALA officers, board of directors, all chapter presidents and their boards, committee chairs, co-chairs, members and representatives. We appreciate very much your time and hard work. I am very proud of your services, accomplishments and exemplary leadership. Congratulations on your achievements!

I am reporting to you on activities that took place during the past few months.

I. ALA Election:

Dr. Lorie Roy, Professor, University of Texas at Austin's School of Information was elected ALA 2006/2007 Vice President/President-Elect. Shixing Wen, CALA Past President and Dora Ho, CALA Vice-President, have been elected ALA Councilors. Congratulations and best wishes to the winners! Please also accept my appreciation for our members' support to get them elected.

II. The 2006 CALA Election Results and New Officers

On behalf of the 2006 CALA Election Ad hoc Committee we are very pleased to announce the 2006 CALA Election Results. Please join us to congratulate the following members on their election to the following positions: Vice-President/President Elect, 2007/2008: Sha-Li Zhang, Treasurer, 2006/2008: Maggie Wang, 5 Directors of the Board for the term 2006/2009: Nancy Sun Hershoff, Esther Lee, Yongyi Song, Zheng Wang and Karen Wei. These new officers assumed their positions on June 26, 2006 at the 2006/2007 CALA 1st Board Meeting during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Congratulations and best wishes also go to chapter presidents and their boards: Kuei Chiu, CALA-CA; Cathy Yang, Greater Mid-Atlantic; Haiwang Yuan, Midwest; Maria Fung, Northeast, and Hweifen Weng, Southwest.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members who took time to vote in the 2006 CALA Election and chapter elections. Your active participation and service to the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) are very much appreciated.

III. Congratulations to the 2006 Awards, Grants and Scholarships Recipients

Liana Zhou of Indiana University is the CALA Distinguished Service Award recipient; Shixing Wen and Doris Tseng are the CALA President's Recognition Awards recipients. Please see committee reports for more recipients for grants and scholarships. Congratulations to all winners!

IV. ALA International Leads

Two articles by ShaLi Zhang and Sally C. Tseng were published in the June 2006 issue of the ALA International Leads. They reported on the conferences of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Library Association of the ROC (LAROC) held in 2005 respectively. For more information please visit URL: <http://www.ala.org/ala/irrt/intlleads/leadsarchive/200606.pdf>

V. Song Won Another Award

On May 27, 2006, Yongyi Song received *the 2006 Champion of Freedom of Speech Award* from Visual Artists Guild, a professional and human rights organization at its Annual Award Dinner in Los Angeles. This is the third award Yongyi has received after he became recipient of *The 21st Century Librarian National Award* by School of Information Studied of Syracuse University in 2004 and the *Paul Howard Award for Courage* by ALA in 2005. Congratulations to Yongyi Song!

VI. VIPs Attended CALA Banquet in New Orleans

We were very pleased to share with you the following distinguished VIPs (very important persons) and some of their spouses who attended the 2006 CALA Banquet on Sunday, June 25, 2006 during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. These VIPs included four ALA Presidents, **Michael Gorman, Carol A. Brey-Casiano, Dr. Maurice J. (Mitch) Freedman and Dr. Lorie Roy**; speakers: **Xue-Ming Bao, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and Mark Winston**; ALA Officers: **Michael Dowling, Satia Marshall Orange; Liana Zhou**, CALA Distinguished Service Award winner, **Shixing Wen**, CALA President's Recognition Winner, and winners of CALA Scholarships and Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant. Special note-worthy were the largest ever Chinese distinguished delegates led by **Dr. Chuanfu Chen**, Head of the Library Society of China (LSC) Delegation and **Dr. Chao-chen Chen**, Head of LAC Delegation. We want to extend our sincere

appreciation to all the VIPs for their invaluable support to CALA.

Manuel Urrizola was the Master of Ceremony. He animated the evening with lively activities and much good humor. Entertainments included members, and delegates from both LSC and LAC. Many people won door prizes. We want to express our sincere thanks to our sponsors and donors.

VII. CALA Provides Opportunities for Members' Professional Activities

A. Winners of the 2006 Library Society of China (LSC) Best Papers Awards

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the CALA members who won the 2006 LSC Best Papers awards. They are: Lisa Zhao, Yurong Y Atwill, Xudong Jin, Haipeng Li, Xiaoli Li, Yi Liang, Harriet Ying, Allison Zhang and Haiwang Yuan. Haipeng Li, CALA 2006/2007 President, led the CALA Delegation in attendance and presentation of their papers at the 2006 Annual Conference of the Library Society of China in Kunming, Yunnan. The main theme (主题) of the LSC Conference this year is: The Development of the Library and Building a Harmonious Society (图书馆发展与和谐社会构建). It will be held from July 23 to 26, 2006.

B. The Third Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF), “第三届上海国际图书馆论坛”, August 17-19, 2006, Shanghai, China.

The SILF Theme is: Management Innovation and Library Services “管理创新与图书馆服务”。

Fifteen CALA members who have submitted papers to the Third SILF have had them accepted for publication in the Proceedings. Among them, 8 papers have been invited for presentations at the Forum. Congratulations to all of you! Michael Huang, who has attended past SILF conferences, will lead the CALA Delegation to the SILF. Other CALA members include: Mia Bassham, Lily Jie Huang, Ming Lu, Ying Liu (Canada), Hong Miao, Lan Shen, Win Shih, Helen H. Spalding, Hui-Lan H. Titangos, Jian Wang, Jiaxun Wu, Zheng Ye (Lan) Yang, Zhi Xian Yi and Zehao Zhou.

I hope more CALA members will win the LSC Best Papers Contest or present papers at the SILF and other

conferences in the future. I am very pleased that via CALA we can provide these excellent opportunities for our members' professional activities and achievements.

VIII. Congratulations to the Members of the New Southern California Chapter

On Monday, June 26, 2006, the Board discussed and approved the petition of establishing the Southern California Chapter at the 2006/2007 1st Board Meeting during the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. After confirming with Board of Directors who cast their votes by mails or by written authorizations because of their needs to attend other business, President Li announced on July 4, 2006 that the Board voted to approve officially the establishment of the Southern California Chapter. Congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Southern California Chapter.

As stated in the proposal, the division begins from San Luis Obispo/Bakersfield for the Southern California Chapter and the Northern California Chapter. The establishment of regional California chapters will strengthen working relationships, enhance communications, programs and other aspects in order to be more effective and efficient in functions and accomplishments for California in particular, and for CALA as a whole. This will enable us to attract more people to join CALA. We must all work hard to support the mission, purposes and objectives of CALA and show our colleagues in California and at the national and international levels that we are working for CALA's growth.

The new names for these two Chapters are: the Northern California Chapter and the Southern California Chapter. Congratulations and best wishes to CALA members in California!

I also encourage all the members of the Northern and Southern California Chapters to show our colleagues, that we all work for the growth of CALA, and we value CALA as a national/international library organization. Members should work hard to support the mission, purposes and objectives of CALA.

Let's work together to make CALA grow even much stronger. I am sure that you will share with me the PRIDE of being a CALA member!

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Minutes of the June 24, 2006 Board Meeting

CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION ALA 2006 Annual Conference – New Orleans Third Board Meeting

Saturday, 6/24/2006, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Astor Crowne Plaza (CROW), Toulouse

Minutes

Board of Directors present: Dora Ho, Nancy Sun Hershoff, Rosa Hsu, Esther Lee, Haipeng Li, Zhijia Shen, Sally Tseng, Shixing Wen, Diana Wu, Ying Xu, Holly Yu, Linna Yu, Priscilla C. Yu, Sha Li Zhang, Xiwen Zhang and Liana Zhou.

Chapter Presidents present: California Chapter: Xiwen Zhang for [Kuei Chiu](#); Florida Chapter: vacant; Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Tammy Wong for Helen Wang; Midwest Chapter: Qi Chen for Li Fu; Northeast Chapter: Maria Fung for Wang Zheng, Southwest Chapter: [Klairon Tang](#)

Requested of Absence: Board Members: Carol Ka-Chuen Gee, Xudong Jin, Mengxiong Liu, Susana Liu

Guests: Maggie Wang, Karen Wei, Harriet Ying and Haiwang Yuan

In addition to the Reports published in this Newsletter from President Li, Executive Director Tseng, Past-President Wu, Chapters, Committees, Task Forces and ALA/CALA Representatives, I am pleased to submit to you additional minutes, discussion items, and important actions from the Board Meeting's on June 24 and 26, 2006 and the Membership Meeting on June 25, 2006 in New Orleans.

The Board approved the following items on Saturday, June 24, 2006 during its Meeting.

I. The Board approved the Agenda of June 24, 2006 and the Minutes of January 21, 2006 of the CALA Board meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The Minutes of January 2006 are available in the CALA Newsletter, no. 94 (Spring 2006) at: <http://www.cala-web.org/publications/newsletter/2006spring.pdf>

II. Constitution & Bylaws Committee:

After a special Board Meeting held on Friday evening, June 23, 2006 devoted to a discussion of the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, the Board voted to approve the revised/amended Constitution and Bylaws on June 24, 2006. The Board subsequently approved the conduction of an online vote for the revised/amended Constitution and Bylaws if there was not the required

number of members present at the Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2006.

The Board thanks Harriet Ying (2005/2006 Chair), Xiaoyin Zhang (2004/05 Chair), Carl Chan (2003/2004) and their Committee members, and those who have made significant contributions to the amendments for their hard work and efforts. Because the revised/amended Constitution and Bylaws did not get voted on June 25, 2006, Min Chou, the new Chair and her Committee members will continue the efforts.

By now, I hope you have had an opportunity to review the proposed amendments that the Board has proposed. If not, visit the CALA Website at: <http://www.cala-web.org/> and click on the above amendments. I am pleased to invite you to access your ballot immediately once an announcement on e-voting is made via CALA listserv and to cast your electronic ballot. A print ballot from CALA by post will be sent to those members without email address.

III. The Board approved the following Ad Hoc committees to become CALA permanent standing committees. They are:

- o Mentorship Program Committee
- o Best Book Award Committee
- o Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Committee

IV. CALA Katrina Donation – The Executive Board approved to give the Katrina Donation in the amount of \$1,155 to Amy Liu, the only CALA member who lives in New Orleans that we were able to contact.

V. CALA Blog – The Board discussed the retention of the CALA Blog created by Diana Wu (viewed on August 25, 2006; last update was April 2006). The success of the blog depends upon maintaining its currency. The main issue is who will be responsible for maintaining the blog. Shixing Wen explained to the Board that the CALA listserv is archived for all messages and is up-to-date for all. Liana Zhou recommended that we leave the blog to Diana Wu and revisit this topic in two years if needed. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

VI. CALA Election Results – Due to the sensitivity concerns of some members, the Board approved that the

annual election results be announced to the entire Board of Directors with the exact voting results. However, when publicly announcing the election results to the general membership, only the names of the elected officers would be announced without the voting results. Non-elected members' names would be withheld. Any members interested in the election results could contact the Executive Director for information.

VII. Treasurer and Finance Committee Reports and Proposals - Dora Ho stated that she missed Esther Lee's advice but was very glad that Esther had been appointed again to chair the Finance Committee. The Board encouraged the Treasurer to invest CALA funds in saving certificates because the interest rates are good.

The Board also formally recognized the contributions of Dora Ho, CALA Treasurer (July 2001-June 26, 2006) and congratulated Maggie Wang on her election as CALA Treasurer effective June 26, 2006. Dora Ho will accompany Sally Tseng, Executive Director and Maggie Wang, CALA's new Treasurer to the Bank to transfer all CALA accounts in August when most of CALA's checks should have cleared.

VIII. Public Relations/Fundraising Committee - Esther Lee and Linna Yu (Co-Chairs)

The Board approved the Recommendations of the Committee:

- A. Extension of our special thanks to Doris Tseng, Esther Lee and Linna Yu who went out of their way to garner many advertisements for the forthcoming CALA Membership Directory. The Executive Director/Treasurer will send each advertiser a letter of thanks with the tax deduction number included.
- B. The Membership Chair will mail a copy of the 2005/2006 Directory to each vendor who placed an advertisement.
- C. The advertisement revenue is to be spent in printing the 2005/2006 Membership Directory, with the remaining amount to be placed in the General Account.
- D. The funds raised in the approximate amount of \$1,000 from donors to be added to the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant for CALA members.

IX. JCLC-Liana Zhou and Linna Yu (CALA Representatives to JCLC06)

- A. Liana encouraged CALA members to nominate people for and to apply for the JCLC06 Awards and Scholarships. (Postscript: as of August 2006, Liana raised funds totaling \$35,000 for all 5 caucuses at \$1,000 for each scholarship for 35 recipients,

including \$7,000 for 7 CALA recipients.) Thank you, Liana, for your extraordinary efforts and results in raising funds from the National Library of Medicine.

- B. The Board approved the request for a CALA prize in the amount of \$56 to be donated at the JCLC Fundraising Reception on Monday, June 26, 2006, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

C. CALA Special Grant for JCLC CALA Presenters and Representatives to JCLC Steering Committee

Sally Tseng thanked the Publicity/Fundraising Committee for the donation of approximately \$1,000 to the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant. She then proposed and the Board approved, awarding the above Grant to support CALA members who are presenters at the JCLC06 and to CALA's two representatives, Liana Zhou and Linna Yu, who have been serving on the JCLC Steering Committee for several years. Liana Zhou and Linna Yu have been working extremely hard to help make JCLC06 a reality in October 2006. Because of the JCLC meetings, they must arrive at ALA earlier than most ALA attendees and leave after others return home. In addition to Tseng's Grant, the Board approved adding up to \$3,000 from the CALA Continuing Education Fund as a CALA Special Grant for JCLC06 CALA Presenters and Representatives. The Board allocated \$1,000 to the two CALA Representatives (\$500 each to Liana Zhou and Linna Yu). Liana Zhou subsequently donated her \$500 to Linna Yu because Ms. Yu is a retired librarian and has had to cover her own travel and all other expenditures during the past years. Thanks, Liana Zhou, for your thoughtfulness.

The CALA JCLC Special Grant now has \$2,000 to support CALA members who will present papers or poster sessions at the JCLC06 but whom receive little or no financial support from their institutions. Announcements and Calls for applications for this CALA Special Grant were published on the CALA listserv in July and August 2006. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2006. Names of recipients will be announced in mid-September, 2006.

X. JLIS CALA Journal Editor - Zhijia Shen (Chair)

The Board approved the name of the CALA *JLIS* editorial board to be the "JLIS English Editorial Board".

XI. Membership Committee

The Board requested Jiun Kuo (newly appointed Membership Chair) to discuss the following items with her Committee members:

- A. Development of an online membership directory. Shixing Wen and Xiwen Zhang asked the Committee to pay attention to security issues.

Shixing Wen also shared his past experience on the online membership directory.

- B. Print 12 names per page in the CALA Membership Directory instead of the 9 names per page at present
- C. Clean up the database
- D. Identify for the Board a print shop contractor with reasonable prices

XII. Publication Committee - Sha-li Zhang (Chair)

- A. The Board approved and appointed Dr. Judy Jeng as the editor of the first CALA Occasional Paper Series for a three-year term.
- B. The Board approved the following documents in principle and requested Judy to work on official documents:
 - 1. ALA OPS Editorial Statement
 - 2. CALA OPS Editorial Board Guidelines

XIII. Scholarship Committee - Holly Yu (Chair)

The Board approved the following documents:

- A. Revised CALA Scholarships Application Guidelines
- B. Revised CALA Scholarships Application Form
- C. Revised CALA Scholarships Application Reference Form

XIV. Best Books Award - Dora Ho for Yi Liang and Julia Tung (Co-Chairs)

- A. The Board thanked the Committee members for their hard work and accomplishments.
- B. The Board approved the request of \$200 annually for the operation of the Best Books Award

Committee. It will be used to buy copies of new books and to pay postage expenses.

- C. The Committee asked help with the following issues:
 - 1. To publicize these awards so as to bring more nominations for the future
 - 2. To send newly published books' titles to the Committee members
 - 3. To obtain free copies of the titles that have been nominated for Committee members to evaluate.
 - 4. To consider partnering with one of the vendors such as Baker and Taylor, Ingram or BWI. However, available items in the Chinese language may be limited.
 - 5. To consider recognizing works published within a period of several years, or to recognize books in specific subject categories in both adult and children's literature. The number is very limited when we narrow it down to one publication a year. We could take turns presenting the Adult's Award and Children's Award once every other year.

The Board requested the new co-chairs to work on the above issues.

XV. Officer's Handbook - Dora Ho (Chair)

- A. Dora asked current or past chair of the following committees to help draft the committee entries: Local Arrangement, Public Relations/Fund Raising, Web and Webmaster.

XVI. There was no old or new business.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally C. Tseng
Executive Director

Minutes of the June 26, 2006 Board Meeting

CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

ALA 2006 Annual Conference – New Orleans

2006/2007 Board Meeting I

Monday, 6/26/2006, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

New Orleans Marriott (MAR) St. Charles

Minutes

Board of Directors present: Nancy Sun Hershoff, Dora Ho, Ester Lee, Haipeng Li, Zhijia Shen, Yongyi Song, Sally Tseng, Maggie Wang, Karen Wei, Diana Wu, Ying Xu, Holly Yu, Priscilla C. Yu, Sha Li Zhang

Chapter Presidents present: California Chapter: Xiwen Zhang for Kuei Chiu, Florida Chapter: vacant; Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Cathy Yang, Midwest Chapter: Haiwang Yuan (absent), Northeast Chapter:

Maria Fung for Zheng Wang, Southwest Chapter:
Klairon Tang.

Requested of Absence: Board Members: Carol Ka-Chuen Gee, Xudong Jin, Mengxiong Liu, Zheng Wang, Linna Yu, Liana Zhou.

Guests: Harriet Ying

I. On June 26, 2006 in New Orleans, Diana Wu passed the CALA presidency to Haipeng Li, who chaired the first 2006/2007 CALA Board meeting in New Orleans. New officers were installed. The Board welcomed new officers: Haipeng Li, President and Maggie Wang, Treasurer; and the new Board of Directors: Nancy Sun Hershoff (re-elected), Ester Lee (re-elected), Yongyi Song, Zheng Wang and Karen Wei. Haipeng Li thanked Diana Wu and all officers for their work. Diana Wu thanked everyone for their support.

II. The Board approved the amended agenda by adding "voting rights" as a new item.

III. Haipeng Li reported on the successful CALA Program and Banquet held on Sunday, June 25, 2006. There were over 140 people at the Banquet including four ALA past presidents. He also reported that a group of Midwest members will go to Kunming, China to give a workshop in July. He would like to make it an on-going project to present workshops in China. It could have a substantial impact on China and create an opportunity for CALA members.

IV. Voting Rights: Several members of the Board of Directors had to leave the meeting early or could not attend the meeting due to other commitments. Five members sent their written statements concerning the establishment of the California-South Chapter and authorized the Executive Director to add their supporting "yes" votes to the voting records. The Board discussed their voting rights and voted to have their votes counted. Since discussions took place where they were absent, the Board authorized Haipeng and Sally to re-confirm with them on their votes.

V. Proposal to Establish California-South Chapter

The Board discussed and approved a petition for establishing the Southern California Chapter at the 2006/2007 1st Board Meeting during the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

A discussion by Board members followed laying out the pros and cons, and the ramifications of this proposal.

Please see more information on the proposal published in this issue of the Newsletter. After nearly 2 hours of discussion, the Board decided to vote on the issue. Board members were given three options to vote on:

Yes (to support the proposal)

No (to reject the proposal)

Table (to delay a decision, allow more discussion and decide later)

There were 12 people present who cast their votes. Six voted Yes. Six voted to Table. There were no No votes. It was found later that one Table vote proved to be invalid, so the total number of votes to Table was five. Also five members, who were absent, had submitted their written requests and votes. The Board then voted on authorizing Haipeng and Sally to re-confirm the votes after the Board meeting.

(Postscript: All five confirmed that they voted "Yes". Therefore the total number of votes for supporting the proposal is 11. Below is the final count of the votes:

Yes: 11

No: 0

Table: 5

After confirming with the Board of Directors who had cast their votes by mail or by written authorization, because of their need to attend to other business, President Li announced on July 4, 2006 that the Board voted to approve officially the establishment of the California-South Chapter.)

VI. Old Business

There is no old business.

VII. New Business

ALAhead to 2010: ShaLi Zhang reported that Mengxiong Liu, Harriet Ying and herself are working on a position paper on CALA's Response to ALAhead 2010. This position paper will be based on the 1997 publication "*Equal Voices, Many Voices, Ethnic Library Organizations Respond to ALA, Goal 2000*", specifically from pp. 9 to 12, related to the part "CALA and ALA: Partners for Goal 2000".

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally C. Tseng, Executive Director

Chapter Reports

CALA California Chapter Annual Report 2005-2006

1. The CALA-CA Program of the 108th CLA Annual Conference at Sacramento in November 2006. We successfully invited the following people as our panel speakers for the program with the theme of "Working Together to Get Our Voice Heard":

- Donna Bero, Executive Director, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library
- Theresa Salazar, Curator, The Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley
- Donna Corbeil, Deputy Director, Solano County Library
- Jianjun Chen, President of 2006, Chinese New Year Culture Association (CNYCA), Sacramento
- Haleh Motiey, Manager, Belle Cooledge Community Library, Sacramento Public Library

2. I have uploaded this PDF flyer onto the temperate URL:

http://library.csus.edu/libemp/guf/CALA/flyer_cala.htm.

3. 2006 - 2007 CALA-CA Officers

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Submitted by Fang Gu, CALA-CA Vice President

CALA California Chapter (South) Annual Report 2005-2006

I. CA Chapter (South) Program at 2005 California Library Association Annual Conference

CA Chapter (South) hosted another successful program! At the 2005 California Library Association's Annual Conference in Pasadena on November 7th, 2005, CALA-CA Chapter (South) presented its program entitled "Bridging Cultural Gap: Library Services in User's Language". Five CALA members (Wenwen Zhang, Maggie Wang, Kuei Qiu, Jim Cheng and Yongyi Song) from academic, public libraries presented how to provide library services to user by Internet, as well as traditional means such as print and A/V materials. The presenters also discussed how to reach out to library users by providing contents that are appealing to those of diverse ethnic backgrounds using the languages that they are familiar with. Although the CALA program was scheduled as one of the very last programs of this year's Conference, it was still well attended with a full house of audience and overwhelming responses.

Immediately after the Program, the Chapter (South) hosted the annual CLA/CALA-CA Fundraising Banquet in a Chinese restaurant in Pasadena. Due to the success year after year, this event has become a CLA/CALA-CA tradition that attracts many CALA supporters. Our honorable guests among 90-some attendees include Susan Hildreth, the State Librarian of California, Michael Gorman, President of the American Library Association, Sally Tseng, CALA Executive Director, Diana Wu, CALA President, Danis Krimeier, President of California Library Association, Susan NeGreen, Executive Director of California Library Association, Sandi Novoa, District Librarian of Los Angeles County Library, and Jan Sanders, Library Director of Pasadena City Library. As always, everyone at the banquet had a very enjoyable evening. Besides authentic Chinese food, exciting entertainment and meeting old and new friends, we also had numerous delightful door prizes for our guests' thanks for the generous donation from the CA Chapter (South) members and our long-term supporter, Evergreen Chinese Bookstore in Monterey Park, CA.

Since May 2005, CA Chapter Board (South) members had worked diligently for this program. Our sincere thanks go to board members, Kuei Chiu, Yongyi Song, Ying Xu, Xiwen Zhang, Ying Liu, Wenwen Zhang, Maggie Wang, and our volunteer, Zhuo Wang, for their hard work and tireless support.

II. CA Chapter (South) Member Receiving Award

We proudly announce that our board member, Yongyi Song received another award! Yongyi Song was the recipient in 2004 of The 21st Century Librarian National Award from the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University. In 2005, the American Library Association awarded Yongyi Song the Paul Howard Award for Courage "because of his efforts to document and present the true history of China's Cultural Revolution in the face of tremendous opposition from Chinese authorities. Song's persistence exemplifies the courage which Paul Howard defined as 'the quality of mind which enables one to face adversity, difficulty, or danger with resolution and fortitude.

On May 27, 2006, Yongyi Song received the 2006 Champion of Freedom of Speech Award from Visual Artists Guild, a professional and human rights organization, at its Annual Award Dinner in Los Angeles. Mr. Ken Aaron, President, and Ms. Ann Lau, Chair of the Award Committee, presented a crystal medal to him. The award honored Yongyi Song for "his life long devotion to preserving the history of China's Cultural Revolution and combating government censorship through his myriad publications." Voice of America, Radio of Free Asia and several major Chinese newspapers reported news of this award on May 28, 2006.

III. 2006 CALA Election Result

Congratulations to two of our CA Chapter (South) Board members! In May, 2006's CALA election, Yongyi Song was elected as one of the five new directors (2006/2009) of the CALA Board of Director, and Maggie Wang was elected as CALA's treasurer (2006/2008) who will serve on the Executive Board.

IV. CA Chapter (South) Member Receiving Grant

We proudly announce that our CA Chapter (South) member, Wenwen Zhang was the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant recipient this year. Wenwen Zhang is the Community Library Manager at San Gabriel Library, County of Los Angeles Public Library in San Gabriel, California, as well as the Event Coordinator for CALA-California Chapter (South).

The \$1,000 grant, donated by Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director, provides support to CALA members in activities related to research in library and information science. This grant will help Wenwen Zhang and CA Chapter (South) embark on their project entitled Exhibitions and Symposia on Dr. Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925) and China's Revolution of 1911. The project, which consists of exhibitions and symposia, will

commemorate "the 94th Anniversary of Xin Hai Ge Ming (China's Revolution of 1911)" and "honor Dr. Sun Yat-sen's 140th birthday." The project will serve "the needs of the Chinese community" and will "increase public awareness of Chinese American culture and history." Exhibitions and symposia will be held sometime in October of 2006. The project will benefit CALA members' professional development and will favorably impact the collections of "the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and the Montebello Branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library."

V. Future Program Planning

CA Chapter (South) is working hard in planning for its future program. In cooperation with the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and the County of Los Angeles Public Library (CoLAPL) - Montebello Branch, Asian Resource Center, we will put together photography/book exhibits and symposia on the period of Chinese history from 1890-1920 that covers the Xin Hai Ge Ming (Revolution of 1911) led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, in Chinese history, is known as "The Father of the Revolution" or "The Father of the Republic of China." He is also considered the "George Washington of China". In commemoration of the 94th Anniversary of Xin Hai Ge Ming in China (Revolution of 1911) and to honor Dr. Sun Yat-sen's 140th birthday, we would like to invite the Guangdong Provincial Zhongshan (Dr. Sun Yat-sen) Library to co-sponsor a range of activities, including exhibitions and symposia, in October 2006 in Southern California.

The exhibits will focus on rare photographic collections and historical resources and will be displayed in October at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and the Montebello Branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library. Both libraries will receive a donation of 400 photographs and 50-100 books from the Guangdong Provincial Zhongshan Library. In addition there will be from one to two symposia at each library dealing with this period of time in the history of China. One program will feature the granddaughter of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and will be in English and Chinese. At least one of the Monterey Park programs will be in Mandarin and English. The programs and exhibits will help the community understand Dr. Sun Yat-sen's contribution to Chinese history. The exhibits and programs will be promoted via the three local Chinese language newspapers, the two local English newspapers, the City of Monterey Park's monthly newsletter called CASCADES (which goes to all households in Monterey Park) and Channel 55 (which is on the local cable company). News releases will also be sent to other newspapers in the area. In addition, both libraries will produce flyers for the exhibit and program.

CA Chapter (South) would like to express our special thanks to Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director, for the \$1,000 Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant awarded to Wenwen Zhang and this program. With this grant and supports from the other community organizations, CA Chapter (South) is looking forward to host another successful program this year.

--Submitted by Maggie Wang on behalf of CALA-CA Chapter Board (South)

Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report

During 2005 and 2006, the Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter organized two programs that were well received and earned high praise and overwhelmingly positive remarks from the attendees. The two programs were sponsored jointly by the Library of Congress Asian Division and The Asian Division Friends Society. As a distinguished member of our chapter and also the Chief of the Asian Division, Dr. Hwa-wei Lee introduced both keynote speakers. For the Fall Meeting on October 27, 2005, the guest speaker was Sally Tseng, the Executive Director of CALA. For the Summer Meeting on June 15, 2006, the guest speaker was Dr. Bryan S. Bachner, the Assistant Director of Legal Research at the Law Library of Congress and the Chief of the Eastern Law Division.

Metadata and their Applications to Resources

Date: Thursday, October, 27, 2005

Place: Jefferson Building, Library of Congress

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: Sally C. Tseng, Executive Director of CALA since 1999.

Mrs. Tseng was formerly Head, Serial Cataloging, at the University of California, Irvine Libraries, Chair of the ALA/ALCTS AACR and Metadata Pre-conferences and Regional Institutes.

Summary: Sally Tseng is well known and highly respected in CALA as well as in the library community. Our chapter was very pleased to have her come across the country to D.C. to give us a much anticipated talk, "Metadata and Their Applications to Resources". This is a topic that is being discussed currently and is very much

in focus among librarians. Recognized as a forerunner in this field, Mrs. Tseng introduced and described Metadata and the development of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). She discussed its impact on the revision of the Resources Description and Access (formerly called AACR3), MARC 21, and authority control in the OPAC/WEBPAC environment. The 2.5 hour lecture was highly academic as well as practical and the participants expressed enormous appreciation for the information and cataloging knowledge that she shared. There were many requests made to our association asking for another visit or a copy of her well prepared and comprehensive power point presentation.

The Culture of Copyright: China's Emerging Role on the Global Stage

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2006

Place: Jefferson Building, Library of Congress

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Speaker: Bryan Bachner, Assistant director of Legal Research at the Law Library of Congress

Dr. Bachner, is also the Chief of the Eastern Law Division which covers development in the Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East and which provides reference and research services to the United States Congress executive agencies and the Supreme Court.

Summary: Dr. Bryan Bachner was the guest speaker for our summer annual meeting, June 15, 2006. The audience was captivated and excited by his dynamic speaking style, vast knowledge of Copyright law, and his unique experiences in Hong Kong and China for 16 years. He was Associate Professor of Law at the City University of Hong Kong and obtained his Ph.D. in Law from Wuhan University, becoming the first American doctorate in Law from China. Dr. Bachner provided a very interesting talk entitled, "The Culture of Copyright: China's Merging Role on the Global Stage". He remarked on China's effort in trying to keep pace with the current global copyright interaction, especially in the environment of the rapid development of the Internet. He also discussed the interaction of traditional and modern culture and the impacts on globalization, Sino-US diplomatic relations, and the Fair Use, that is central to the work of librarians. Dr. Bachner further explained how China needs to improve the enforcement of copyright in order to promote foreign investment and local cultural industry. He emphasized however that government needed to be careful not to over-protect owners and recognize the importance of public interests and values. He discussed this problem in terms of the US-Sino trade relations. Again, many attendees expressed a desire to learn more on this subject and

hopefully have Dr. Bachner share his knowledge and insights with us again.

Mentorship Program:

This service began last year and continued this year, but the services dropped. Tammy Wong, committee member of the program will have a separated report on the program.

Chinese Culture Promotion Plan:

With the assistance of CALA Executive Director, Sally C. Tseng, the Chapter will have a representative to participate in the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color's First Conference in Dallas, Texas. This year's conference team is: "Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories". Because of some schedule mixed up we will be only presenting at the poster session. Our topic was "CALA GMA Chapter's China and Chinese American Project for Libraries", will be changed to "CALA GMA Chapter's China Project for Libraries". The topic is synchronized with the team.

Description: The Chapter would like to achieve the goal of globalization with this presentation. We believe it is only through the form of education our youngsters will gain an unbiased and accurate understanding of Chinese history and culture.

Conclusion: Much work need to be done in building bridges, this is just the beginning. In the author's view, this presentation is just an example, each and every ethnic group need to come together and jointly we can make a peaceful effort and then a meaningful result will follow.

List of GMAC Executive Board Rosters for 2006-2007

Cathy Yang, President
Anchi Hoh, Program Chair/President Elect
Yuan Yao, Treasurer
Tammy Wong, Secretary
Helen Wang, Immediate Past President
Mingsun Poon, Special Adviser
Rita Lewi, Special Adviser
Laura Wong, Special Adviser

Respectfully submitted by

Helen Wang, GMAC President
Cathy Yang, GMAC President-Elect and Program Chair

Midwest Chapter Report

Highlights:

Successful Annual Conference

- 1st annual conference in a public library
- 1st conference in Cleveland, a boarder city of the Chapter
- 1st offering of Travel Assistance Grant to students
- 1st attendee from Iowa State
- most student participants
- least net expense

Student Travel Assistance Grant Initiative

- All 11 applicants funded
- Wide range funding coverage: airline tickets, hotel rooms, taxi fare, and other transportation expense
- Collaborative effort with UIUC Library School who co-funded

Growing Membership

- 54 members recruited and renewed
- Newly created 'Welcoming New Members' package
- Active involvement from border states Increasing Visibility
- CALAMW @ ALA News
- CALAMW @ World Journal Report
- Press Release

Stronger Technology

- New Web Committee for the Chapter
- Website re-design proposal by the Web Committee
- Secure online voting system
- Chapter blogs

Record Low Expenditure

- Most deposit
- Least net expense
- Better budgeted conference
- More rebate generated from new membership

Well Accomplished Committees

- Archive
- Local Arrangement
- Membership
- Nomination
- Program

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- Public Relations
- Web
- State Contacts

Diverse Professional Development Activities

- President Recognition Award proposal
- Yunnan project
- Apple Tree/Dalian project
- Committee appointment structure
 - o Formation of a committee
 - o LAC chair appointment
 - o Archive Committee expansion
- Mentorship development
 - o Guidance from committee chairs
 - o Collaboration and team work between committees
- Professional Development Grant application
 - o ALA 'The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant'
 - o Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant
- Mid-America Chinese Resource Guide

Other Important Development of the Chapter

- Chapter stamps created, logo made
- Conference banner made
- JCLC raffle tickets at ALA Midwinter

Active State Contacts

- State Contact restructuring
- IL state gathering

Overview

Thanks to the efforts of the previous presidents of CALAMW who were conscientious and forward-looking that our Chapter has grown into a forceful advocate for us Chinese American Librarians in the Midwest area that covers fourteen states of the USA, almost thirty percent across the country. This year, we're fortunate to have not only committee officers who are dedicated to working for the best interest of the community, but also our members who are devoted to creating programs and services that contribute to the Chapter's professional growth and development, which has a significant impact on CALAMW.

Built on this strong foundation passed down from our former presidents and officers, this year, we strive to continue with the good work. Our goal is to benefit members with extensive professional development services. We make every effort to provide more opportunities possible to students, new librarians and those who need help. Our focus is on annual program, member services, mentorship, and Web development.

To reach that goal, seven committees are formed plus State Contacts: Archives Committee, Local Arrangement Committee, Membership Committee, Nomination Committee, Program Committee, Public Relations Committee, Web Committee, and State Contacts. Each

committee has about three people including the chair. Unless chairs prefer their staff chosen by the President, they are advised to nominate their own cabinets. Most chairs are experienced with committee work, while most committee members are new either to committee work or association/profession. Hence, at the Board level, a structure of mentorship has been established that helps create a nurturing, caring and networking environment and culture.

So far, all committees and projects have completed their mission according to their plans and timelines. The following is a detailed summary of their achievements.

Annual Conference

The Midwest Chapter of the Chinese American Librarians Association held its 2006 annual conference at Cleveland Public Library in Cleveland OH from 5 to 6 May 2006. The theme of this year's conference was "Challenges for Libraries: Chinese American Librarians' Perspectives."

The Cleveland Public Library (CPL) co-hosted the conference. This is the very first time ever the Midwest Chapter has held its annual conference in a public library, in this case, CPL, the third largest public research library system in the U.S. It was also the first time for the Chapter to hold its conference in Cleveland OH, a city at one end of the Midwest Chapter region.

The conference was formally opened with a short welcome from Li Fu, the Chapter President. Holly Carroll, Deputy Director of CPL greeted the participants warmly. Milos Markovic, the Head of Foreign Literature Department, and Co-chair of the New Americans Committee of the CPL, started the full session with his inspiring keynote address. Followed were six other informative panel presentations by eight panelists.

The conference was a great success. We had over 30 participants from five states in the Midwest. Thanks to a new initiative of the Chapter for Student Travel Assistance Grant, this year, we had more student participants who came on this fund. More students came from University of IL at Urbana Champaign, and one from University of Iowa. Two others applied but had to cancel it due to some personal matters: one from Nebraska, and the other from Missouri. All the students who applied got funded: 100% on some expenses and 50% on others. There were many new faces --more than one third were library school students, and others include professors, library directors, and professional librarians.

Our goal has been reached, which was to stimulate our attendees to discuss and share their thoughts on the

opportunities and challenges of being a Chinese, Chinese American, and Chinese American Librarian. The audience was provided with an opportunity and forum to learn more about current trends in the profession, how others had handled the various twists and turns at their work, and discover new ways to turn challenges into drives and skills.

The Q&A sessions that followed each presentation clearly showed that participants were eager for more professional development opportunities. Conferences like this are critical to those who need assistance, guidance and advice. Most agreed that as Chinese American Librarians, we're challenged with more obstacles from the culture, language, and hi-tech trend, etc. Yet, as long as we get involved, network with our peers, take advantage of opportunities, practice our leadership skills, and, contribute more to the building of the community, our organization will get stronger, and we'll grow along.

The conference was closed with a call for action: Get involved!

For more details, photos and video clips, please visit our conference website at: <http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/2006/archive/>

Committee Achievements:

Archive Committee:

CALA Midwest Chapter pioneered the Archives project and has integrated both printed version and digital format onto the Web. The committee's charge is to maintain and update the current Archives website and continue the effort of archiving a permanent file of Chapter records for 2005-2006. The committee collects, organizes, and files such records as correspondence of lasting interest, program information, and officers, etc. onto this website <http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/index.shtml>.

Under the leadership of Guoqing Li, the group has worked to ensure that officers and committee chairs send designated records to the Committee; file records according to the current filing system; communicate to the members about any updates; and identify areas of need for the archives. As the only initiative in CALA, the CALAMW Archives Website has already demonstrated benefits to the Chapter's professional development activities and member services.

Accomplished:

- Reviewed the existing guidelines which are found a sound document and no revision is needed at this moment
- Tried to collect and add files from past
- Collected files of Chapter records for 2005-2006, including correspondence of lasting interest, program information, and officers, etc; and
- Sent to the Webmaster for uploading (Lisa Zhao, the Webmaster, has assisted with the Archive Committee and made the most important documents available on the Chapter Website in a timely manner)

Local Arrangement Committee:

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is appointed by the chapter president. It is a part of the Program Committee, and led by Program Committee Chair, Vice President/President Elect. For the first time, the Chair of LAC is appointed as a Co-Chair of the Program Committee.

Thanks to a very dedicated chair, Xiaofang Han. We're extremely proud of the remarkable contributions that LAC made to the annual conference as well as CALAMW in general. This year, the program planning started rather late. While the Board was getting a little panicky, Xiaofang proposed a very thoughtful, detailed, and accommodating plan. As we have few members in Cleveland, OH, most LAC members are non-Cleveland residents. They overcame numerous difficulties, managed with very limited staff, and played a critical role in making the conference a great success. LAC communicated with the Program Committee, Board and Host Site, facilitated the conference, arranged for hotel/travel/directions, demonstrated hospitality, and coordinated registration, budget, meals, and publicity incredibly well.

Accomplished details:

- Developed a budget for the conference
- Contacted and negotiated with local hotels, restaurants/catering services
- Provided various information/directions regarding local library (meeting location), parking locations, points of interest in Cleveland City to the attendees
- Arranged local transportation
- Recruited several volunteers
- Posted directions/signs
- Helped with the early check-in/registration
- Contacted numerous departments of the co-host library
- Position the meeting location
- Borrowed such equipment as a mike, laptop, projector, table-stand, etc.
- Set up the meeting room, equipment, dining space, display table, and all chairs
- Staffed an on-site technician, security officers, and others for assistance
- Printed, posted and distributed signs/posters/flyers

- Arranged for two tours of the co-host Library
- Cleaned up after the conference
- Selected, negotiated and bought gifts for the penal speakers
- Bought other miscellaneous items for use, e.g. candies, bottled-water, cups, plates, tissues, napkins, etc.
- Worked hard to coordinate various personnel and departments of the conference site to make sure a smooth operation of the conference

Membership Committee:

The committee's objective is to focus on member recruitment, retention as well as involvement. The group has worked with Web Committee updating the CALAMW membership page and database. Whenever new members join in, they get announced on the MW listserv and get subscribed to the network right away.

Chaired by Haiying Qian, a very committed professional, the committee has compared the current member list and CALA-Midwest subscriber list and made sure all current members are on the list. They updated CALAMW brochure before it went online at the Chapter's website. They have also worked efficiently and effectively on preparing a new member package that includes CALA history, mission, welcome speech from President, member benefits, etc. The 'Welcoming New Member' package is meant to be an orientation for new member, and every new member gets one as soon as they join in. With this package, CALAMW becomes more welcoming, family-like, and our new members feel at home right away.

15 new members, 3 new life members, 36 members renewed during August 05-April 06 (among which 18 members did not renew in the previous year). Other accomplished include:

- Ran Fall Member Drive: membership invitation sent to all Midwest library schools
- Sent new life member invitation letter with renewal notice
- Sent personalized spring membership renewal notification
- Updated CALA-Midwest Chapter brochure
- Compiled CALA-Midwest Chapter New Member Welcome Package
- Checked and Subscribed all current members to CALA-Midwest List
- Sent CALA Midwest Chapter Annual program information to all Midwest Library Schools
- Sent personal invitation to members in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan and Kentucky.
- Encourage and organize UIUC students to attend Annual.
- Contact inactive members

- Verify member addresses for 2006 CALA directory printing
- Send out welcome package to new members

Nomination Committee:

The Nomination Committee sent out a call for nominations on February 24, 2006 to the CALA Midwest Chapter listserv. By the deadline of March 4th, one nomination for Vice-President/President-Elect (2006-2007) and two nominations for Treasurer (2006-2008) were received. Since one candidate for Treasurer did not send the bio to the committee and did not respond a voice message from the committee, the committee considered that the candidate volunteering withdrew from the election as the candidate for the Treasurer.

With approval of President Fu Li and assistance of CALAMW Web Committee Chair Jen-chien Yu, an online voting site was setup after several tests. Online voting notifications were sent to all eligible CALAMW members on April 24. The online election was held on from April 24 to May 2. During the voting period, several email reminders were sent to those who had not voted yet or to the entire list.

The election status is:

- Online Ballots sent to current members: 82
- Participated in the online election: 31 (37.8% of members who were sent the ballots though email)
- Invalid ballots: 0
- Valid ballots: 31 (100% of all votes)

The results are as the follows:

- Vice-President/President-Elect:
 - o Shuyong Jiang: 30 votes (96.8%)
 - o Lian Ruan: 1 vote (3.2%)
- Treasurer:
 - o Wei Bender: 29 votes (93.50%)
 - o Shuh-jiuan Chen: 1 vote (3.2%)

Shuyong Jiang has been elected as the CALA Midwest Chapter Vice-President/President-Elect for 2006/2007.

Wei Bender has been elected as the CALA Midwest Chapter Treasurer for 2006/2008.

Thanks to Jen-chien Yu for setting the online election and making it successful.

Program Committee:

This team is consisted of 12 talented members led by Haiwang Yuan. Since an annual conference usually is the time that CALAMW highlight its goals and objectives, a lot of efforts and energy was put into it hoping that our members will benefit from it.

Though starting a bit late, the committee worked hard to come up with a solid program of six panels thanks to the hard work of the Program Committee and Local Arrangement Committee members and to the help of CALAMW President Li Fu and previous presidents Haipeng Li, Xidong Xu and Shixin Wen.

Programs:

- Panel Session I: Understanding Librarian Performance Assessment: A Case Study--Junlin Pan, Gaoyin Qian
- Panel Session II: An Overview of a Website for the Local Chinese Community--Lu, Yangyang
- Panel Session III: A Cradle of Chinese American Librarians - The GSLIS Chinese Group--Xiao Hu
- Panel Session IV: Library Application of Blogs and Podcasts--Haiwang Yuan, Jen Yu
- Panel Session V: What's new at OCLC?--Wei Bender
- Panel Session VI: Promoting Global Librarianship: CALAMW-China Collaboration--Xudong Jin, Haipeng Li

Credits go especially to Xiaofang Han, Chair of the Local Arrangement Committee and her members, who have made all the arrangements for a successful conference.

Public Relations Committee:

Shuyong Jiang, the chair, has successfully sold 36 JCLC raffle tickets alone. Under her strong leadership, the group worked very diligently and achieved a lot in a short time. They worked with the Membership Committee in promoting MW to new and prospective members; preparing a welcome kit for new members; and getting ready for a promotional package for prospective members. They updated the Chapter brochure, redesigned it for a new look, and worked with the Web Committee on the Chapter's Website. They have been looking for ways to raise funds, publicize the Chapter/Association, and increase the Chapter's visibility.

Accomplishments:

- Promoted MW to new and prospective members
- Updated brochure—the newly designed version is distributed in MW annual meeting 2006.
- Worked with Membership C. to reach out to potential and new members
- Sent MW annual program flyer and press release to ALA student chapters contact persons and faculty advisors.
- Worked with web committee for updates, an ongoing activity
- Publicized MW and MW Annual Program
- Created flyer/announcements/
 - o for annual program
 - o for MW as another ongoing activity

- Media coverage for MWAP—press release, World Journal contact
- Arranged news reports, also took pictures
- Targeted prospect MW Resources/partners/friends
- Raised funds for MW Annual Programs by working with
 - o local arrangement committee
 - o local Chinese American communities
 - o local business
- Identified potential contributors/list of friends
 - o Called state contacts for local connections from organizations and individuals
 - o Pulled together a list, base list of contact information and updating regularly
 - o Made recommendation to the Board for implementing
 - o Recommended a MW Blog page for Board discussion and document sharing
- Updated soliciting letters
- Made plans to attract advertising

Web Committee:

Jen-chien Yu led her team and accomplished a lot in making CALAMW technology stronger. The group submitted a very comprehensive proposal on Web hosting. It's proposed that the Chapter pays for a hosting service so it becomes available for the Web Committee to update the website and carry out their work. They have created a blog for the Board and members to improve the communication. They act as a resource on electronic communication technology, and made great recommendations to the Board. The team evaluated the current website, updated many pages, and worked with other committees developing the content. With this strong team, the Chapter is hoping to see a new/fresh, informative and dynamic website in the near future.

Accomplishments:

- Site Maintenance:
 - o Updated information on the website (e.g. the Officers page)
 - o Collaborated with other committees on updating publications (e.g. the Chapter's brochures)
- Site map/Inventory:
 - o Created an inventory of all webpages, images, documents (Word, PDF, PowerPoint, etc) that we currently have on the UIC server
 - o Created a site map based on the inventory
- Website redesign
- planning process:
 - o Conducted cost-effective analysis on using commercial web hosting services and presented the proposal to the board members
- Created two possible templates for the website

o
<http://gregson.lib.muohio.edu/~jyu/cala/web/index.htm>

- o
<http://gregson.lib.muohio.edu/~jyu/cala/web1/index.htm>
- Created an online voting system for the 2006 Chapter election.
- Other:
 - Setup the CALAMW blog
 - Made it available to the Chapter board members
 - Co-authored two grant proposals (The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant and Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant) with the intention to locate funding for advancing the organization

State Contacts

State Contacts are liaisons from each State. The Board depends on them connecting Chinese-American librarians at a local level. Some gatherings and casual meetings need State Contacts to facilitate and organize. They play a big role in the Chapter's recruiting effort. Some State Contacts have been very active as linkages between a State and the Chapter. There's a great increase this year on the active involvement of the State Contacts from border states, e.g. MI, MO, IA, and NE. They have brought up some state level issues; helped identify and recommend individuals within the State who would serve as next State contact; and answered questions on the Chapter's behalf regarding CALA librarianship to the local community. Moreover, they assist with the effort of compiling Mid-America Chinese Resource Guide <http://www.lib.ku.edu/eastasia/calamwrg/new/Contents.shtml>; publicize CALAMW to local agencies and organizations, and work with PR Committee on fundraising.

IL State Contacts have been organizing a state gathering for the mid-June. They're expecting at least 50 attendees including, members, friends their families, and about 10-20 Chinese librarians from China who'll attend the summer school at UIUC.

Other projects

Our first Board meeting was a telephone conference. It was very productive and thus kicked off the Chapter work in an effective manner. At the meeting, chairs and Board members presented a lot of good ideas, proposals, and comments. All agreed that we will do our best for the best interest of our members. According to the meeting, each committee came up with a proposal and timeline of their committee work. Chairs are charged to lead their teams and collaborate with other committees.

To implement the Board agreement and start working towards the CALAMW's goals and mission, we first focused on professional development services for our members. The following reflect many of our efforts:

Travel Assistance Grant for Students

CALAMW has successfully launched the 'Travel Assistance Grant for Students' and it was a very rewarding experience. As posted on: <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/2006/funding.htm>, the goals are to:

- Encourage students involvement of the Chapter activities
- Increase exposure of students and program
- Recruit members

The funding coverage includes airline tickets, lodging, taxi fare, and other miscellaneous. 11 applicants were all funded, most were 100%, and one air fare was funded at 50%. The goals have been achieved. It generated more involvements from students and new members. Those who couldn't make it this time expressed their wishes to go next year; the Chapter has increased its visibility while keeping its sound finance incredibly well—a win-win situation.

Yunnan Project:

Some members have been working to reach out and collaborate at an international level. A team is going to Yunnan, China this summer to teach and train Chinese librarians there. They will conduct lectures, seminars and give talks covering aspects of both theory and practice. This pilot project aims to promote librarianship exchange between U.S. and Chinese librarians, and provide a good professional development opportunity for our members. We strive to a successful program and hope to expand it to CALA and beyond in the future.

Apple Tree/Dalian Project:

Another group is going to Dalian China this summer on Apple Tree's behalf to visit, conduct lectures/seminars, and organize various activities with the libraries there. The group is going to explore some kind of international cooperation with libraries in China, introduce American libraries and their practices, and to discuss with libraries in China on possible future cooperation that can benefit readers/library users/library professionals and services of both sides. It's another professional development effort that the Chapter supports and encourages.

Mid-America Chinese Resource Guide

One other effort and accomplishment to report include the Mid-America Chinese Resource Guide created by Vickie Doll at:

<http://www.lib.ku.edu/eastasia/calamwrg/new/Contents.shtml>. This Internet resource is informative and useful for our members. It provides a comprehensive coverage of information about China. Originated from both the Midwest communities and China, it provides each state's history, business, culture, education, medicine, religion, private societies, and government organizations that have a significant focus on China. It promotes usage of

Midwest area museums, libraries, cultural centers, conferences and events with a Chinese focus. Each entry is annotated with a contact person, address, phone number, email and home page if one exists for the organization. There are also links to worldwide information on China and Taiwan.

Professional Development Grants

In addition to working together within the Chapter, some Chapter members also worked at a national level to explore more possibilities. A proposal was submitted to ALA Diversity Grant applying for H.W. Wilson Professional Development Grant. Another attempt was the application of 'Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant'. Both applications were to get funding for a possible expansion of the Chapter's mentorship program as well as more professional development opportunities.

Housekeeping activities:

- With a very small budget, a banner has been made for the chapter's annual conference: <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/2006/banner.jpg>
- Newly made stamps of CALAMW logo and CALA logo (as seen on the header) bring a lot of convenience in creating such Chapter documents as Thank You Cards, Chapter Certificates, etc.
- The current financial situation is at its best in recent years
- 28 books from CALA "Bridging Cultures" left

Our best experience to share:

- Team work and collaboration between committees
- The opportunity of working with so many dedicated committee members who tried their best out their busy schedule to contribute to the committee work
- Communication between committee members that usually takes place during weekends or late at night
- Appreciation from our chairs for their staff on their talents, commitments, passion, volunteerism, and professionalism
- An inspiring experience of working with a group of dedicated and devoted veterans and founders of CALA Midwest Chapter
- Nice to work under current strong and supportive chapter leaders and with our enthusiastic committee members.

Concerns and suggestions

- Need to discuss the strategy, and work out a plan to develop partnership and chapter friends for fundraising
- PR Committee needs to have a larger membership in the future
- Improve the process of decision-making and communication, e.g. more conference calls so to express our ideas right then as well as make decisions

- If possible, each committee can have one ex-officio
- Annual meetings should be held after the final week
- If possible, the location for the annual meeting should be a closer city/town since driving long hours raises a safety issue for students (Thanks to the chapter and the GSLIS @ UIUC for the great efforts/funding this year)
- Establish student sections for library school students as many professional associations have student chapters
- The students have been or can be organized together and should become an organic part of CALA

- Files from past are hard if not impossible to collect now
- A lot of emails sent out to past officers for documents, and only few replied that no record had ever collected
- The current officers should keep/collect all the important documents in their term
- Two separate pages for Officers and Committees are found on our website, but we need just one

Submitted by Li Fu (President)

APPENDIX I. 2005-2006 Committees

President:

Li Fu

Vice President:

Haiwang Yuan

Treasurer:

Lisa Zhao

Archive Committee:

Guoqing Li(Chair)

Sherab Chen

June Wu

Local Arrangement Committee:

Xiaofang Han (Chair)

Wei Bender

Haipeng Li

Wenling Liu

Yuezeng Shen

Nomination Committee:

Xudong Jin(Chair)

Membership Committee:

Haiying Qian(Chair)

Donghua Tao

Xiao Hu, IL

Program Committee:

Haiwang Yuan(Chair)

Xiaofang Han

Wen-Ling Liu

Julin Pan

Guoqing Li

Shuyong Jiang

Haiying Qian

Jen-chien Yu

Lijun Xue

Wei Bender

Sai Deng

Lin Yang

Hongyan Sun

Public Relations Committee

Shuyong Jiang(Chair)

Li Fu

Huei-ru Shiu

Web Committee:

Jen-chien Yu(Chair)

Ya Lan Wu

Liyong Lin

Webmaster

Lisa Zhao

State Contact

IA--Si-chi Chen

IL--Lin Yang, Chen, Qi

IN--Liu, Wen-ling

KS--Cheng, Jane

KY--Haiwang Yuan

MI--Liu, Iris

MN--Chen, Su

MO--Cheng, Jane

MS--Daisy Cheng

NE--Lu, Janet

OH--Chen, Shuh-Jiuan

WI--Fong, Wilfred W.

Northeast Chapter

1. North East Chapter Programs

The North East Chapter scheduled its annual spring program, *Copyright in China*, on June 17, 2006 at Flushing, New York. The program, co-sponsored by the International Resource Center of Queens Library, is intended to address increasing difficulties faced by libraries to purchase copyrighted Chinese materials.

Frank Cheng, formerly of the National Copyright Administration of the People's Republic of China will shed lights on Chinese copyright law and its implication for overseas acquisitions. His paper presentation

elaborates on the differences between American and Chinese copyright law, provide guidance on acquisitions of Chinese materials, demonstrate techniques to identify pirated print and non-print materials, and show the procedures to handle copyright disputes.

Rich Kuslan, consultant for Greater China market and licensed New York State attorney, will share insights on pirated editions and American copyright law. His lecture focuses on implications for libraries building a Chinese language collection from perspective of American Copyright Law.

The program was promoted among libraries in North East region. The result of the program will be reported in spring 2007. Special thanks to the International Resource

Center of the Queens Public Library providing funding and facilities to the program.

2. Chapter Election

The board approved the candidates for chapter election 2006 - 2007

- Songqian Lu, Information Technology Librarian, New York City College of Technology, CUNY, as Vice-President/President Elect
 - Ching Chang, Technical Services Librarian, Medgar Evers College, CUNY, as Treasurer
 - Ka Chuen Gee, head, Technical Services, Leonard Lief Library of Lehman College, CUNY
- &
- Xi Chen, Children's Librarian, Ozone Park Community Library, Queens Library, as Secretary
 - Hung-yun Chang, Supervising Librarian, Oriental Specialist, Donnell World Languages Collection,

Donnell Library Center, New York Public Library, as Membership Chair

The chapter, leveraging CALA online voting system, conducted chapter voting from May 24 to June 9. Members who cannot be reached by email also could also vote on paper ballots. Thirty-six percent of 70 active members cast their votes. The voting participation rate jumped 20 % from previous year. Special thanks to Shixing Wen for realizing the online voting capability for the North East Chapter.

3. Membership

The board outreached to all chapter members to remind the renewals of their membership and chapter election. Four new members joined the North East Chapter and one member became life member from January to June 2006, Updated databases for current active members, pass due members, and life time members were established.

Submitted by Zheng Wang and Maria Fung

Southwest Chapter Report

The SW Chapter presented its annual program during the Texas Library Association's annual Convention in Houston, on April 26, 2006. The title of the program was "To Russia with love." Our speaker was George Teoh, Library Chair of the Northwest College at Houston Community College. George went to Russia in October 2005 with the People to People Ambassador Program and represented Texas academic libraries. He gave a slide presentation of his trip.

The program was well attended with over thirty people in the audience. A Q&A session followed the presentation.

A luncheon was held at Hung Kee Restaurant after the program to honor our speaker. George was presented a pennant with CALA logo on it as a token of appreciation.

Siu Min Yu was elected as the Vice-president for next year. The election was done via emails.

The 2006-2007 officers are:

President: Hweifen Weng
Chinese Cataloging Librarian
Rice University
hweng@rice.edu

Vice-president/President-elect: Siu Min Yu
Copy Cataloger
Rice University
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Treasurer: Shelley Mao
Head of Bibliographical Control
University of Houston-Downtown
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Membership: Klairon Tang
Catalog Librarian
Houston Community College
Klairon.tang@hccs.edu

Program: George Teoh
Library Chair, Northwest College,
Houston Community College
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I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve CALA as the president of the Southwest Chapter this year. I have made a lot of new friends and it has been a very good learning experience.

Respectfully submitted by Klairon Tang, President,
CALA Southwest Chapter, 2005-2006

Committee Reports

2006 Conference Program Planning Committee

CALA 2006 Annual Conference
“Chinese American Librarians: Identity and Professional Development”

1:30-3:30 pm, Sunday, June 25th, 2006.
 Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Rm. 333-334
 900 Convention Center Blvd.
 New Orleans, LA 70130

1:30 – 1:35 pm

Greetings from Diana Wu, CALA President

1:35 – 1:40 pm

Introduction from Haipeng Li, CALA Vice President/President Elect, Chair of 2006 Conference Planning Committee

1:40 – 2:00 pm

“Working Together, Walking Alone”
 Patty Wong, Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library

2:00 – 2:05 pm Q & A

2:05 – 2:25 pm

“Turning the Pressure into a Positive Force: Going through the Promotion and Tenure Process in Academic Library Environment”

Xue-Ming Bao, Seton Hall University

2:25 – 2:30 pm Q & A

2:30 – 2:50 pm

“Be All You Can Be - Set High Career Goals!”

Hwa-Wei Lee, Asian Division, Library of Congress

2:50 – 2:55 pm Q & A

2:55 – 3:15pm

“Preparation for Leadership and Professional Success”
 Mark Winston, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

3:15 – 3:20 pm Q & A

3:20 – 3:30 pm Conclusion

Submitted by Haipeng Li (Chair)

2007 Conference Program Planning Committee

- Secured the following speakers for the upcoming 2007 Programs:

- Dr. Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian of the Library of Congress
- Dr. Theresa Byrd, Chief Info. Officer and Director of Libraries at Ohio Wesleyan University
- Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, Director of School of Library and Information Study of the Texas Women’s University

- The theme for the program is “Librarians of the 21st Century”

Several committee members will continue to keep in touch with speakers to avoid any last minute changes between now and the 2007 annual conference.

Program Proposal has already been submitted to Tanga Morris at the ALA/OLOS Office. We are waiting for room assignment for the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by Dora Ho (Chair)

Awards Committee

Great news and congratulations to Liana Zhou!!

The Awards Committee unanimously selected Liana Zhou as the recipient for the 2006 Distinguished Service Award.

Liana has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership ability within and outside of CALA. She has made significant contributions to librarianship, library

and information science at the local, national and international levels.

Liana first served as the vice chair and chair in CALA’s Indiana Chapter in 1994 and 1995. Immediately after that she became the president-elect and president in CALA’s Midwest Chapter in 1995 and 1996. She then served as the president-elect and president of CALA in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. In addition to these leadership positions, Liana also served in many of CALA’s committees, including being the co-editor of CALA’s 30th

anniversary publication: *Bridging the Cultures: Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003*, published by Guangxi Normal University Press in 2004. She worked like an umbrella protecting benefits, creating opportunities, and building networks for all CALA members. Liana has also been very active at ALA, SLA, and the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC06).

Liana is a competent and vibrant library administrator, researcher, writer, and speaker. She serves as Head Librarian of the Kinsey Institute Library, overseeing all aspects of the Library including special collections, archives and films. She has more than 14 years of experience working with special collections, focusing on

sexuality, gender and reproduction. By means of her own extensive research work, writings, and speeches she is able to enhance the reputation of the Institute and its treasured collections.

Liana's superior achievements and her outstanding contributions to her Library, her community, ALA, CALA, ACRL, the Chinese Sexology Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, JCLC06 and others make her a credit to our profession. The Awards Committee strongly believes that Liana deserves the recognition for which the CALA Distinguished Service Award is especially established and designed.

Submitted by Priscilla Yu (Co-Chair)

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Diana Wu, CALA President, charged the committee to work on the revision/amendments of CALA Constitution and Bylaws based on the fine works done by previous C&B committees and to submit the final version for Board approval at mid-winter.

In September 2005, the chair called several on-line discussions among committee members. We studied the text and the amendments proposed by previous committees. Beginning in October we posted our final version on line section-by-section for the Board members to comment and this lasted for eight weeks. We incorporated all comments and suggestions and came up with a final version. Xiao Yin was kind enough to edit and type the final revision for us. The final version was submitted to Diana Wu on January 13th before the mid-winter conference.

The chair has requested a two-hour work session during the mid-winter conference to go over the final version of the two documents with Board members. Due to time restraint only one hour was granted.

On January 21, 2006 in San Antonio a work session was held just before the board meeting to approve the proposed revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. Harriet Ying, chair of the C&B Committee, presided over the meeting to clarify and answer questions. We only had enough time to go over the Constitution and the Board passed it.

Diana Wu took the Bylaws home and worked with Sally Tseng for more details. On April 12, she posted the final version of the Bylaws on-line and the Board passed it.

In early May, Diana Wu asked the C&B committee members to read the two documents one more time before she post them on-line for the general membership. On May 10, she posted the final version of both the CALA Constitution and Bylaws on-line for the general membership to review. She informed them that these two documents have been approved by the Board and will be voted on by the general membership at the CALA annual membership meeting that is scheduled at 4:00p.m. June 25, 2006 in Room MCC 333-334, New Orleans.

Submitted by Harriet Ying (Chair)

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that CALA has another strong financial year. Thanks to Dora Ho for providing us the financial reports.

Thanks also go to the generosity of many CALA members. We have collected \$1155 for the Katrina Relief Fund to be used upon the decision of the Board.

For the past six months, since our Annual Conference, we have received over \$3,475.00 from membership dues,

including over \$2,100.00 from life memberships. Advertisement on the web continues to do well; we have generated \$2255 in the last six months.

We have not made an investment move yet due to the uncertainty of the market, and the fee and procedures of the investment. Vanguard Index continues to be one of the final choices in investment that CALA will eventually go with.

Submitted by Cathy Anne Lu (Chair)

International Relations Committee

The CALA/IRC continued discussion of bringing China-Hong Kong-Taiwan Librarians to CALA/ALA Conferences.

June 2006

Holly Yu lectures at the Department of Information management, Nanjing University. The topic is emerging technologies.

June 2006

Sally Tseng and Shali Zhang published two articles in the June 2006 issue of the ALA International Leads.

July and December 2005

Sally Tseng and Shali Zhang reported on the conferences of the Library Society of China and the Library Association of the ROC (LAROC).

December 2005

Diana Wu presented at the conference of the Library Association of the ROC.

2005-2006

Xudong Jin coordinated projects with Yunan University in P.R. China.

Xiwen Zhang established scholar exchange program between California State University and Guizhou University.

Submitted by Susana Liu (Co-Chair)

Membership Committee

The CALA Membership Committee 2005-06 is consisted of: Minmin Qin, Lily Chen, Nancy S. Hershoff, Jiun Kuo, Sue Lee, Haiying Qian, and Zheng Wang. This committee report covers projects done by committee members from January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006. As Chair of the CALA Membership Committee, I would like to acknowledge the entire committee for its hard work in coordinating with current members and chapters, updating membership information, and recruiting new members.

Membership recruitment -- There are a total of 1123 members and 185 life members throughout the United States, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Singapore, and Taiwan. Members are professionals in all fields of library and information science, including academic librarians, directors, librarians, professors, information specialists, graduate students, and publishers.

Based on the statistics data on 5/26/2006, CALA has recruited 40 new members and 11 new life members into the family of CALA this year, which are distributed as follows:

Chapters	New members	New life members
CA	6	2
MA	4	2
MW	15	4
NE	6	1

SW	6	
ZY	3	2
TOTAL	40	11

Directory in Print – Approved by the Board, this year's new directory was printed 500 copies in June 2006. 420 copies were sent to CALA current members and life members via mail. 80 extra copies are for June new members, CALA President and Executive Director.

In order to add the new elected officers and to insert advertisements as venter's wishes, Haiying Qian, a member of the Membership Committee, played a vital role in the finalization of CALA directory into PDF format for print.

The printer, Evergreen, has been selected as our printing vendor this year because of its cheaper quote and closer location. During the process of the printer, our finalized PDF file was converted into an Illustrator format in order to be printed on four-page size sheet. Unfortunately some Chinese characters were printed incorrectly at the new directory because of the printer's practice. Since the printer's sample directory didn't have this mistake, it is too late for us to change anything in the bound directory. To reduce confusion this might cause as less as possible, an urgent notice of explanation was inserted into each directory

Submitted by Minmin Qin (Chair)

Mentorship Program Committee

CALA launched this Mentorship Program in September 2004, initiated by then CALA president Shixing Wen

and appointed Vickie Doll as the chair with six members as liaisons. This program has modeled after the Midwest Chapter Mentorship program of three years. The website of the program was established in early September 2004. Program goals, eligibility of applicants, online application form, and evaluation form are on the web and can be accessed easily through CALA web.

During the year of 2004/2005, there were 22 mentors and 15 mentees. However, the number of mentor and mentees of 2005/2006 is considerably less, with a total of 6 mentors and 6 mentees. Even though the mentorship program is meant for only one year, however, some contacts still remain between mentors and mentees from the year before because of mutual friendship.

Recommendation:

This program should be continued in the future despite all the challenges.

Based on reviewing the mentor applications, the general focus from those mentees have always been in job search or how to stay in the United States after graduation and/or how to plan for research to get tenure. In other words, they have practical needs and, therefore seek for help.

Vickie Doll has done a great job in the previous year. Her annual report has covered and detailed every aspect for this program. What is left is to carry out what she has outlined in the report. I have added the names of mentors and mentees to the databases that was setup, and will forward this database to the next chair and members for reviewing.

Submitted by Rosa Hsu (Chair)

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has completed its task of nominating CALA 2006 candidates early this year in accordance with the Bylaws, Article III. Nominations and Elections, Section 2: "Whenever possible, the list shall be published in the Newsletter of the Association prior to the annual membership meeting."

I. Timeline:

1. Nomination period (Nov.4-30)
2. Sent a "Call for nominations" to the CALA listserv (Nov.4)
3. Sent a "Reminder" to the CALA listserv (Nov.19)
4. Sent the "Last reminder" to the CALA listserv (Nov. 28)
5. Committee review and discussion about all nominations (Dec.1-7)
6. Contact nominees for their acceptance of candidacy (Dec.8-15)
7. Request for bio and statement from candidates (Dec.16-Jan.15)
8. Present the slate of candidates to the Board at Midwinter (Jan.21, 2006)

II. Slate of Candidates:

VP/PE (2007-2008)

Sha Li Zhang

Treasurer (2006-2008)

Maggie Wang

Board of Directors (2006-2009)

Nancy Sun Hershoff, Denise Kwan, Jiun Kuo, Esther Lee, Yongyi Song, Manuel Urrizola, Zheng Wang, Karen Wei, Harriet Ying

The slate of candidates were presented to the Board at Midwinter and published in the 2006 Spring issue of CALA Newsletter.

Recommendations:

Future Nomination Committees should follow our practice and plan their tasks early in order to have the slate of candidates, together with their bio and statements, published in the Spring issue of each year in the CALA Newsletter. That will give our members more time to evaluate each candidate and cast their votes with more confidence. Besides, candidates' bio and statements will become CALA documents when published in the CALA Newsletter.

We received a recommendation that candidates should make efforts to come to the CALA Board meeting at Midwinter.

Submitted by Shixing Wen (Chair)

Public Relations/Fund-Raising Committee

Since the Interim Report in January 2006, the Committee concentrated on fund raising and increasing awareness of CALA. We were able to raise \$5750.00 from vendors for putting advertisements in CALA's 2005/06 Membership Directory, and \$1060 from friends and

members of CALA. The grand total of \$6,810.00 raised for the year is commendable.

Vendors who purchased half-page advertisements are:

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. China Books and Publication, Inc. | \$250.00 |
| 2. Cheng & Tsui Company | \$250.00 |

3. Chung Hwa Book Co. Inc.	\$250.00
4. East Wind Books & Arts	\$250.00
5. New York Chiou Fushing Enterprise Ltd.	\$250.00
6. Oriental Books & Stationery Co., Inc.	\$250.00
7. Oriental Culture Enterprises Co., Inc.	\$250.00
8. Tai Pan Bakery, Inc.	\$250.00
9. World Journal Bookstore.	\$250.00

Vendors who purchased full-page advertisements are:

1. Bai Sang USA Inc.	\$400.00
2. Cypress Book Co.	\$400.00
3. HyWeb Technology Co.	\$400.00
4. Pan Asian Publications	\$400.00
5. Soydo	\$400.00
6. SuperGood.com	\$400.00
7. Transmission Books & Microinfo. Co.	\$700.00

(two full pages)

8. TutorTech System Co.	\$400.00
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Total from Vendors: \$5750.00

Other donors are:

1. Men-Sze Butt	\$ 25.00
2. Carol Gee	\$125.00
3. Paul J. Hamby	\$100.00
4. Esther Lee	\$200.00
5. Gladys Jan-Bick Lee	\$100.00
6. Lauren Lee	\$ 30.00
7. Margalit Susser	\$150.00
8. Richard Stone	\$100.00
9. Wendy Tan	\$ 30.00

10. Carol Y, Tchen	\$100.00
11. Harriet Ying	\$100.00
Total from Donors	\$1,060.00

Grand Total from Vendors and Donors \$6,810.00

Recommendations:

The Committee would like to especially thank Doris Tseng, who went out of her way to garner many new advertisements for the Directory.

In showing gratitude to our vendors and donors, the Committee would like our Executive Director to send each one of them a letter of thanks with the tax deduction number included.

The Committee would like the Membership Chair to mail out a copy of the 2006 Directory to each vendor who purchased an advertisement.

The Committee would like the advertisement revenue be spent in printing the 2005/2006 Membership Directory, with the remaining amount be placed in the General Account.

The Committee recommends that the \$1060.00 raised from donors be added to the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant for CALA members.

Submitted by Linna Yu and Esther Lee (Co-Chairs)

Publications Committee

The committee has made a significant progress in implementing the approved proposal to establish a new publication, *CALA Occasional Papers Series*. This publication will provide an excellent opportunity for CALA members to get their research papers published, to serve on the publication's editorial board, and to become a reviewer for the publication. The committee completed the following tasks in implementing the project:

- o Developed the CALA OPS Editorial Statement; the text is at:
<http://www.cala-web.org/publications/index.htm>
This document is based on the previous committee's proposal and provides operational procedures for the new publication. This document is for potential authors to send their manuscript to the publication.
- o Developed the CALA OPS Editorial Board Guideline (see attachment). This document outlines the responsibilities and expectations of the CALA OPS Editor, Associate Editor, and Assistant Editors.
- o Issued the first call for submissions for the new publication in March 2006.

- o Developed a recruitment form for the publication's reviewers. The committee chair received a dozen of enthusiastic and highly qualified reviewers for the publication
- o Recruited the first and the founding editor for the publication to be considered by the CALA Board at the ALA Annual Conference in June 2006 in New Orleans.
- o Developed and finalized the committee's procedural manual to be included in the *CALA Handbook* entry.

The chair wishes to express her genuine appreciation to Shixing Wen, CALA immediate past president, for his technical support and on-going guidance on the above-mentioned committee projects, to Haipeng Li, CALA President-Elect, for his generous time and advice on developing the CALA OPS guidelines, for Mia Bassham, for her leading role in fine tuning the CALA OPS Editorial Statement, for Shuyong Jiang and Wenwen Zhang, for their time and efforts in reviewing and critiquing all documents. Finally, the chair wants to express her sincere thanks to Sally Tseng, CALA Executive Director, for her insight and vision on implementing the new publication, and for Diana Wu,

CALA President, for her support to CALA members' tenure and promotion process through this publication.

Recommendations:

Recommend to the CALA Board to approve and appoint Dr. Judy Jeng as the first CALA OPS Editor.

Recommend to the CALA Board to approve the following documents in principle. The committee will

continue fine tuning the documents next year. (See two attachments)

- a. CALA OPS Editorial Statement (See: <http://www.cala-web.org/publications/OPS/>)
- b. CALA OPS Editorial Board Guidelines (See below)

Submitted by Sha Li Zhang (Chair)

CALA Occasional Papers Series (OPS)**Editorial Board Guidelines**

June 16, 2006

Occasional Papers Series (OPS) Editor

Term: OPS Editor is recommended by the CALA Publications Committee and appointed by the CALA Board for a three-year term. The official term starts immediately at the end of the ALA Annual Conference. The second three-year term may be re-appointed.

Reports to: CALA Publications Committee.

Responsibilities:

- Provides directions and guidance to the CALA OPS.
- Recruits contents that are appropriate for the publication.
- Publishes the papers series according to the CALA OPS Editorial Statement at <http://www.cala-web.org/publications/index.htm>
- Makes recommendations to the CALA Publications Committee for the appointments of assistant editors to the editorial board.
- Works closely with the CALA Web Master to post publications on CALA's web site in a timely manner.
- Advises the CALA Publications Committee and the CALA Board on issues related to the publication.
- Writes interim and annual reports to the CALA Board.
- Attends the CALA Board meetings as a non-voting member.
- Sends acknowledgement letters to authors.
- Assumes other responsibilities as appropriate to the publication.

OPS Associate Editor

Term: OPS Associate Editor is recommended by the CALA Publications Committee and appointed by the CALA Board for a three-year term. The official term starts immediately at the end of the ALA Annual Conference. The second three-year term may be re-appointed.

Reports to: CALA OPS Editor

Responsibilities: Assists the CALA OPS Editor in all aspects of publications and assumes responsibilities of the CALA OPS Editor when he/she is absent from the post.

OPS Assistant Editors

Term: OPS Assistant editors are recommended by the CALA OPS Editor and appointed by the CALA Publications Committee for a three-year term. The official term starts immediately at the end of the ALA Annual Conference. The recommendation of a list of assistant editors should be submitted to the CALA Publications Committee for appointments prior or at the mid-winter meeting in January. The second three-year term may be re-appointed.

Reports to: CALA OPS Editor

Responsibilities:

Assistant Editor (Copy Editor):

Produces the final copy of accepted manuscripts to make sure that they are free from grammatical errors or typos.

Assistant Editor (Layout Design Editor):

Designs cover page and content pages for consistency with each issue before posting it on CALA's web site.

Assistant Editor (Liaison Editor between the author and the reviewer):

Receives manuscripts from the CALA OPS Editor, acts as a moderator between the authors and the reviewers for revisions before submitting the final version to the copy editor.

Assistant Editor (Public Relations):

Announces the publication when each issue is published, seeks advertisements or sponsors for OPS, updates the OPS reviewer's list, sends appreciation letters to reviewers each year, etc.

Scholarship Committee

The Committee is charged with the following tasks from June 2005 to June 2006:

1. Post CALA scholarship news releases to the CALA website and accredited library schools in both United States and Canada.
2. Recommend scholarship recipients to the CALA Executive Director, President, and board members for their final approval.
3. Inform each recipient of their award status and post announcement of the scholarship recipients to the CALA membership by email and on the CALA website.
4. Forward the award announcement of each recipient with their contact information to the CALA Executive Director for an official press release.
5. Assess and make future recommendations to improve the present application form and evaluation guidelines for June 2006 to June 2007.

Activities engaged in current report period:

October 2005

- The 2006 scholarship news release was posted to the CALA website.
- It was also emailed to all accredited library schools in the U.S. and Canada.
- The application and reference forms, on the CALA website, were revised to reflect current information.

January 2006

- Posted a follow-up reminder at the end of the month.
- March 15, 2006
- Received 24 applications by the deadline, March 15, 2006.

April 2006

- Copied and distributed application materials to all Committee members.

- Reviewed 24 applications based on the evaluation criteria.

May 2006

- Recommended scholarship recipients to the CALA President, Executive Director and board members for their final approval.
- Informed each recipient of his/her award status
- Drafted the official announcement of the scholarship recipients to be posted to the CALA listserv and the CALA website.

June 2006

- Revised the application form, reference form, and application guidelines for the following reasons:
 1. To reduce the Committee workload. Under the existing application guidelines, the Committee Chair receives at least five pieces of mail (the application, three letters of reference, transcripts, etc.) from a single applicant which arrived at different times. It was time consuming to organize these individual pieces of materials. The Committee proposed that applicants include all of their application materials in one big envelope, with the reference letters and transcripts in sealed smaller envelopes.
 2. To streamline the evaluation process. The current application and reference forms allowed applicants to provide information in an irregular format. The Committee transformed both forms into a real form format, and therefore the application information can be standardized for reading and evaluation.
 3. The application guidelines for June 2006 to June 2007 were revised to reflect the above changes.

Submitted by Holly Yu (Chair)

JLIS Editor Report

Significant Activities since Mid-Winter Conference in 2006)

1. The *JLIS* CALA Editorial Board has updated the Guidelines for Submission of Manuscripts, which is now posted on the CALA website <http://www.cala-web.org/>.
2. Nancy and Holly have worked with CALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee to recommend amendments to CALA bylaws to reflect the changes regarding the position of the CALA *JLIS* editor and the new CALA editorial board. A proposal of changes to CALA Bylaws was taken to CALA board meeting for discussion and approval at the 2005 midwinter conference and the final version will be voted on at CALA Board meeting in June 2006.
3. The *JLIS* CALA Editorial Board has been working on the guidelines and procedures for the recruitment of English articles, which shall be synchronized with those for Chinese articles. The editorial board has discussed several drafts of the document and will meet during ALA/CALA to finalize it before submitting to CALA Board for vote to add it to the list of CALA Documents and to Dr. Mei-mei Wu for her to bring to *JLIS* Editorial Board for approval. Please see Appendix for the draft document.
4. On March 16, between 11:00 p.m. and midnight, Zhijia participated in the online *JLIS* editorial work meeting about the April issue (v.32 no.1). It was a very good meeting. Details were discussed about each article individually. Dr. Mei-mei Wu chaired

the meeting. Because of connection problem, the other participants at the meeting could not hear me, but I was able to hear everyone else at the meeting.

5. The editorial board has successfully recruited, reviewed, and edited two English articles and submitted them to Dr. Mei-mei Wu for the Spring issue. We also assisted in reviewing, but not responsible for the full editing and submission, of a third English article acquired by Dr. Mei-mei Wu. These are articles are:
 - How will Google Print Library Project Affect the Use of Books (by Lisa Zhao)
 - Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning (by Diana Wu)
 - "Building and Sustaining Digital Repositories in Support of Global Information Access and Collaboration" (we helped reviewed this only)
7. The editorial board will meet during ALA to discuss strategies regarding application for *JLIS* to be indexed in *SSCI*.

Recommend for the CALA Board discussion:

- Official title for the CALA *JLIS* editor and name for the CALA editorial board:
- CALA *JLIS* editor: *JLIS* Associate Editor
- CALA editorial board: *JLIS* CALA Editorial Board

Appendices: *JLIS* CALA Editorial Board Guidelines and Procedures (Draft)

Submitted by Zhijia Shen

JLIS CALA Editorial Board

Guidelines (draft)

June 2006

NAME: *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)* CALA Editorial Board

Associate Editor of *JLIS*

Term: Associate Editor of *JLIS* (will be referred to as associate editor below) is appointed by the CALA president and approved by the CALA Board of Directors for a three-year term. The official term starts immediately at the end of the ALA annual conference. A second consecutive term of three years may be appointed. The associate editor also serves as chair of the CALA *JLIS* Editorial Board.

Reports to: CALA Board of Directors

Responsibilities:

- Associate editor of *JLIS* is responsible for the solicitation, review, referee process, selection, and editing of all English articles for publication in the *JLIS*.
- Associate editor is authorized to make decisions based on referee comments about which English articles to publish and notify the authors of the acceptance of their articles and in which issue of *JLIS* their articles will be published.
- Associate editor shall provide two to three quality English articles appropriate for publication for each issue of *JLIS*.

- Associate editor shall keep statistics and archives of the publication of English articles in *JLIS* and provide an annual report to the *JLIS* editorial board and CALA Board of Directors.
- Associate editor shall actively promote the journal in the United States and solicit quality articles for publication.
- As chair of the *JLIS* CALA Editorial Board, the CALA editor will lead the Board to fulfill these responsibilities.

JLIS English Article Review Process

OPTION ONE:

To provide for the two issues of *JLIS* scheduled to be published in April and October each year, the English article review process follows this timeline and procedures:

- Associate editor for English articles will send out a call for papers to CALA listserv and other appropriate venues in January and June every year.
- Within two weeks of receipt of a manuscript, the Associate Editor will forward the manuscript to a board member according to the order of the board roster for review and notify the author of receipt of the manuscript.
- The reviewing board member should send each article to two referees selected from the pool according to their background of expertise.
- A letter and referee questionnaire will be sent to the referees (please use the form letter and questionnaire).
- The referees will be given 4 weeks to complete the review.
- The reviewing board member will communicate his/her recommendations to the Associate Editor based on the referee comments within two weeks after the articles are returned from the referees.
- The Associate Editor will notify the author of the decision about their article within two weeks after receiving the recommendations and copy the reviewing board member.
- The reviewing board member will work with the potential authors to revise the articles according to referee comments and submit the final version of the article in camera ready form to the Associate Editor at least two months before the expected publication date.
- The reviewing board member will forward all review documents to the Associate Editor.
- The Associate Editor will send the camera ready article along with review documents to Dr. Mei-mei Wu, the journal Editor, in Taiwan.

OPTION TWO:

(For Option Two, I have referenced Shali Zhang's proposed guidelines for the new CALA Occasional Papers Series. By designating assistant editors to handle certain tasks may provide consistency in our work. This is just an idea inspired by Shali for your consideration.)

JLIS Assistant Editors

Term: *JLIS* CALA Assistant editors are members of the *JLIS* CALA Editorial Board, recommended by the associate editor and approved by CALA Board for a three-year term. The official term starts immediately at the end of the ALA annual conference. A second consecutive term of three years may be appointed.

Responsibilities:

Assistant editor for copy editing (we could have two people as assistant editor for copy editing)

Shall produce the final copy of the reviewed manuscripts to make sure they are free of grammatical errors, typos, and style problems; put the final copy of the reviewed manuscript into the camera-ready format for *JLIS*.

Assistant editor for review process

Shall contact referee reviewers and send the manuscripts through the review process; communicate with authors about the revision of their manuscripts; work with authors to make sure their manuscripts are revised according to referee comments and recommendations; work with associate editor on selection of articles based on referee recommendations.

Assistant editor for acquisition and public relations

Shall solicit manuscripts; promote the visibility of *JLIS* including application for it to be indexed in places such as *SSCI*; announce the publication of each issue, promote journal subscriptions, update *JLIS* pool of reviewers, send appreciation letters to reviewers once a year before the winter holiday season.

Workflow:

- Assistant Editor For Acquisition and Public Relations shall send out call for paper to CALA listserv and other channels twice a year (preferably in January and June) and forward manuscripts to Assistant Editor for Review
- Assistant Editor for Review shall handle the reviewing process, work with authors for revision; and forward the fully reviewed and revised manuscripts to Assistant Editor for Copy Editing; forward all review documents to associate editor for archiving purposes
- Assistant Editor for Copy Editing shall complete the copy editing and formatting; send the camera-ready manuscripts to associate editor by February 30 for the April issue and August 31 for the October issue.
- Associate editor shall forward the camera ready manuscripts to the Editor of *JLIS* in Taiwan
- Before ALA midwinter and Summer conferences, associate editor will obtain information from assistant editors for the committee reports

Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant Ad hoc Committee

The \$1,000 grant, donated by Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director, provides support to CALA members in activities related to research in library and information science. This year's Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant Committee consists of the following members:

Manuel Urrizola, Head of Monograph Cataloging, University of California, Irvine (Chair)

Maggie Wang, Reference Librarian, Bruggemeyer Memorial Library, Monterey Park, Calif.

Yongyi Song, Technical Services and Collection Development Librarian, California State University, Los Angeles, Calif.

The call for Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant applications was distributed via the CALA listserv and on the CALA Web site in the first few months of 2006. A number of people inquired about the grant, and a couple of outstanding applications were received by the March 15th deadline. After careful review and discussions, the Committee selected the following recipient:

Wenwen Zhang, Event Coordinator, CALA California Chapter-South

Ms. Zhang is also Community Library Manager at San Gabriel Library, County of Los Angeles Public Library, in San Gabriel, Calif. The grant will help Ms. Zhang and the CALA California Chapter-South embark on their project entitled *Exhibitions and Symposia on Dr. Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925) and China's Revolution of 1911*. The project, which consists of exhibitions and symposia, will commemorate "the 94th Anniversary of Xin Hai Ge Ming (China's Revolution of 1911)" and will "honor Dr. Sun Yat-sen's 140th birthday." The project will serve "the needs of the Chinese community" and will "increase public awareness of Chinese American culture and history." Exhibitions and symposia will be held sometime in October 2006. The project will benefit CALA members' professional development and will favorably impact the collections of "the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and the County of Los Angeles Public Library."

The Grant will be presented to Wenwen Zhang on Sunday, June 25, 2006, 6:30-10:00 pm at the CALA Awards Banquet in New Orleans at the Asian Cajun Bistro, 301 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA, during the 2006 ALA Annual Conference.

Submitted by Manuel Urrizola (Chair)

Officer's Handbook Committee

Here is the Table of Contents of the CALA Officers' Handbook:

- Section 1: About CALA – History and the organization
- Section 2: Constitution and Bylaws
- Section 3: Organization, Officers, Board members, Chapters, and time tables
- Section 4: Committees, Committee Charges, Procedures, timelines, and deadlines.
- Section 5: Elections and Nominations
- Section 6: Publishing/Publication (Web and Print)

Section 7: Meetings (Midwinter/Annual)

Section 8: Checklist for committees

Section 9: CALA Budget

Section 10: Forms

Committee members continue to work on the first four sections of the handbook.

After approval of the revised Constitution and Bylaws at annual meeting, we should be able to incorporate all the changes in the Handbook. We will continue to work on Sections 4 to 10 in the coming year. We await several committee entries before the completion of Section 4.

Hopefully, we will be able to obtain them by the end of June 2006.

Recommendations:

Assign or identify current or past chair of the following committees to help draft the committee entries: Local

Arrangement, Public Relations/Fund Raising, Web and Webmaster.

Submitted by Dora Ho (Chair)

Best Book Award ad hoc Committee

The Best Book Award ad hoc Committee was built on June, 2005. The Committee's activities were divided into two stages.

Stage one

Before ALA Midwinter Conference 2006, the Committee's activities included:

1. Opened Yahoo Best New Books Discussion Group for nine members.
2. Built two groups within the Committee Adult Group: to review adult books nominated by members; Young Readers' Group: to review the juvenile and young adult books.
3. Completed four documents and submitted to the CALA Board Meeting for Approval. The four documents are:
 - o *CALA Annual Best Book Award Guidelines*,
 - o *General Criteria of 2005 CALA Best Book Award for Adult Works*
 - o *General Criteria of 2005 CALA Best Book Award for Young Readers' Works*
 - o *Best New Book Award Nomination Form*
4. On March 15, 2006 the CALA Board approved the Committee's revised guidelines, from which the date April 18, 2006 was set as a deadline for nomination.

Stage Two

From March 15, 2006 to June 10 the Committee members were working on collecting nominations and book reviews.

1. With help of Diana Wu, the CALA's President, and Shixing Wen, Executive Committee Member, the letter of Call for Nomination was submitted to the CALA's Listserv; Also, it was posted on the CALA's Website.
2. A Chinese letter of Call for Nomination was posted on the BestNewBooks Yahoo Discussion Group.
3. The Committee Co-Chairs called and sent an email to all Chinese distributors listed on the back of CALA Membership Directory.
4. Julia Tung brought the Guideline and Nomination Form to Annual Conference of the Committee of East Asian Libraries, Association of Asia Studies held in San Francisco on April 9th to call for nominations from Chinese writers, Librarians, publishers, dealers.

5. By the end of the nomination deadline, the Adult Group received eleven nominated titles; the Young Readers' Group received seven nominated titles.
6. Committee members conducted reviews for all of the titles.
7. Adult Group voted the Best Fiction, *A Long Stay in a Distant Land*, and two honor mentions, *Saving fish from Drowning* and *Rainbow Beyond the Horizon*.
8. Young Readers' Group voted the Best Book, *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*, and the Best Illustration Book, *Beyond the Great Mountains: A Visual Poem about China*. The other 2 honor mentions include *Shanghai Messenger*, *Little green: growing up in the Cultural Revolution*.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee needs the support from the Board to advertise these awards. We need to seek more resources to bring more nominations for the future.
2. Many of our senior CALA members were willing to provide services to the Committee. Later some of them were committed with tight schedules, heavy business and family responsibilities and back out. We may ask these members; step forward to recruit their friends or connections to provide service to the Committee. The indirect assistance is very helpful.
3. We suggest CALA to plan 2006 program in New Orleans as early as possible. Please send librarians name, who is willing to serve, to the Committee; Also send newly published books' title to the Committee members. These members are willing to follow up and help to pass all information to the proper channel
4. The Committee request librarians to help the committee to learn how to get free copies for the titles has been nominated. We either bought our own copy and circulate in tight schedule, or try to borrow from the local library. Some member may not have the economic interest to absorb the cost. It is expensive to do the way we have done this year. We ask the Board to annually provide amount of fund, \$200, for the Best Books Award Ad hoc Committee based on this year's practice. It will be used to buy copies of new books and postage expense.
5. Positive suggestion is vital to the smooth operation of this Committee for next year.
6. For both adult's and children's publication, we can also partner with one of the

vendors such as Baker and Taylor, Ingram or BWI. Any one of these vendors can supply us with the large pool of Chinese literature based on our criteria. However, the available items in Chinese language may be limited.

7. For both adult and children's literature, the number is very limited when we narrow down to one publication year. The Board may want to consider recognizing works published within several year's period. Or, recognize books in specific subject category. We should take turn to present the Adult's Award and Children's Award once every other year.

8. This is not necessarily a recommendation to the Board, but just wants to point out that we need a larger pool to contribute book reviews and to vote on award books. The juvenile group is even smaller than the adult group.

Fortunately, there are new librarians waiting to serve the 2006 Committee. We hope more librarians will join them.

Submitted by Yi Liang (Co-Chair), Julia Tung (Co-Chair)

CALA Adult Best Chinese New Books

Chiang, Chieh. *A Long Stay in a Distant Land*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2005

Review

This semi-autobiographical novel is based on the emotional factors influence the fate of nine main members of Lum family. Louis decided to cut the relation with the tragic family at his youth. When his father became psychologically hazardous after the death of the mother, his worry made him move with father.

Grandpa Melvin immigrated to Orange County, California from Hong Kong during WW II. He was a hero worshipper and joined the U.S. Army in fighting Germany. The novel is presented in tragic mingle with humorous fatal developments of the characters, which covers three generations. This chronological coverage of the story was between the 1940s-2002.

Uncle Bo Lum left family to avoid the strong overshadowing of his mother. He moved to Hong Kong and did not come back to US. Grandma Esther was very fearful person. Sonny, (whose father was a music lover), is a hot tempered man and a drunkard. His wife was killed by a medical student in a car accident.

To manage Sonny's murderous intention for the revenge of the wife's death, Louis departed for Hong Kong to search for the long lost Uncle Bo. He also split from the family in order to cut the image of being favored from his mother. Later on Louis realized the dictatorial nature of the Grandma.

In seeking the subtle characteristics of different personal relationship, and the nature of each family member, the author lightened many faces of the benevolent support from the family members. In other words, the superficial disagreement between individuals and the frequent cunning or sibling scratches are often forgiven. Broader shoulders and bigger hearts take care of the family.

The author articulately described Chinese American immigrants' adapted American culture; particularly during annual family gatherings, funeral ceremonies, and emotional memories of the loved one. It adds to the value and cultural mingle. Together the community works towards a social harmony.

The chronological list of main figures is on the cover, and the contents that are listed at the front of the book clarified the complicated stories, and added the comprehension of the book.

This autobiographic novel begins with Louis Lum's father, Sonny, who is in an unstable mental state, because of his mom's collision with a car driven by Hersey Collins. *A Long Stay in a Distant Land* follows Lum's clan, a Chinese-American family living in suburban Orange County, California, through three generations, ending with Louis Lum himself. The book is chronicled pieces of stories of the ill-fated family. Six out of twelve family members suffer an untimely cause. Mom was killed in a car accident; Cousin Connie died from eating a bad cheeseburger; Aunt Julie suffered stomach cancer; Cousin

Will had a heatstroke, Uncle Larry fell off a cliff, Grandpa Melvin was struck by an ice cream truck. To follow Grandma Esther's call, Louise goes to Hong Kong to search Uncle Bo, her favorite son; Also, Louise receives pieces of information of Lums genealogy. At the end of the book at the scene of Rose Hills Memorial Park the author shows bright signs that Louis escapes from the shadow of the Lums' curse.

In this book Chieng applies a Chinese painting skill, which is not a central perspective to depict realism to his story. It gives the author freedom to better express his subjective feelings. From his description of Chinese Americans, he shows that they did not give up all their ties to the Chinese culture, but humor, songs, poems, and folk beliefs would survive. This novel emphasizes the importance of heritage, of knowing that our descendants are still alive in spirit, and that we have left a legacy for them to fulfill.

Even though *A Long Stay in a Distant Land* is not for those who desire immediate gratification, with its extensive detail, the literary experience it is well worth the length. Those who enjoy thought-provoking literature interspersed with lessons of hope, faith in loved ones, and joy in family, and to those who desire to learn more about the life of Chinese Americans.

CALA Adult Honorable Chinese New Books

1. Tan, Amy. *Saving Fish from Drowning*. New York: Putnam, 2005.

Review

Bibi Chen organized a group of eleven tourists started out from Chinatown, San Francisco to China.

The plot of the story started as Bibi Chen, who was killed in Yunnan before the trip started. She was a Chinatown gift shop owner. Somehow these 11 tourist lost in the rainforest without reason, and this was the record indicated what happened to the tour of 11 when visit Lijiang written by Bibi Chen. Chen's original plan was to lead the group to China and to visit Jewelry factories in Ruijin (famous triangle district), to see scenery in Liliang, and to visit the Buddha Temple in Burma. When the group entered Burma, the tribe of Nats in this area changed their fate, just like what changed Bibi's two weeks ago, and the rest of the tour members.

The focus of the novel :

- (1) Covered the daily life of Chinatown, California residents and its community.
- (2) How traditional Chinese Americans adapted American way of thinking, acting, living and inter relationship among local residents and vice versa.
- (3) Based on the various pattern of 11 tourists, how did man and woman express themselves with individual life styles, special characteristics and age. Large part was about the body languages.
- (4) The past and present of Nats mysterious spirit and believe in Buddhism is very different from India Buddhism. In early 20 century many English missionaries mingled with Nats. They mutually changed their life style and religion. The Burma Buddhist does not believe on doing nothing, or want nothing.
- (5) It seems that Chinese and Burma citizen mix Taoism and other religion in their Christian culture, or Buddhism. Both groups do not purify their religion. It is more mushy and complex.
- (6) Tan has tried strong emotional consideration to make the novel matters happened during their tour.
- (7) A long coverage deals with the spirit and ghost nature, and secretive behavior and happenings in Bai Tribe, Yunnan. It is the common way people call it : fate, or ghost story.

The story seems projected the sorrow of rainforest Myanmar, which is governed by junta. That is probably implied in the title. This book is too long and too complex caused the story hard to follow.

This Amy Tan's new book is a stretch for the better. This satirical fiction plays upon the realities of a culture clash, the humor of natives and tourists, the ignorance of the well off and poor.

The story starts off with the death of Bibi Chen, who is going to become our narrator, as she and her group of friends travel through the Burmese jungle, encountering fascinating food and natives. This group of friends includes some of the wealthiest socialites in the San Francisco Bay Area, who after Bibi's death decided to endeavor on the trip nonetheless. The 11 friends of Bibi shows each side of the modern American society, from the wealthy widow to the TV star, all are grouped together and tossed into a culture that they have yet to understand.

The view from which this story is written is fascinating and absorbing, having an all powerful medium to write through, Tan was able to express the personality of each character. As these travelers journey advances they encounter a group of natives by the name of Karen, who believes one of Bibi's friends' son is the Younger White Brother, their deity. With this the Karen people steals the group away disguising the whole trip as a "Christmas Surprise", the ignorant group of tourists falls right into their trap and become "missing".

If one can overlook the 230 pages of pre plot then this book is astounding, full of laughs and cries through which we can see the wit that Tan has expressed. Read and bathe in the intelligence and humor.

2. Lan, Cen. *Rainbow Beyond the Horizon*. Euless, Texas: Fellows Press of America, Inc. 2005.

Cen Lan's story draws a beautiful dream of life in America. A dream life in American is a popular custom in China. In order to bring the dream to reality, there bound to have a series of sequence following the good will.

This story happened in a Curtain Factory sited in Atlanta. Most of the story was Cen Lan's real life experience, for the literature style, some parts were fogged up by her.

As a new immigrant to a multi-cultural working place, she recorded her child like laughter; and purity toward fellow colleagues, big heart in accepting challenges, commitments to inside and all around community, obstacles, unexpected changes, bitter surprises. In each difficult stage Cen provided solutions, kindness in many ways. She is willing to share what she experienced in seeking her dream life in American. Hoping every one will be encouraged to accept different individuals in the society or community. Freedom and democracy are part of the work to make the American dream as a better one at the end of their road.

The other section of the story is about homosexual Ai-mei-er, the Factory Boss. Cen Lan intended to emphasize: this kind of people only need different partner than ordinary people. That is the only difference. Otherwise, they are just like us. She is clearly showing her impiety toward those who need understanding for their lonely role in the society.

There is a part of story cover the nature of violence in the family. Large part occurred in women's situation. One should take proper effort to take care of it. One deserves to have a happy ordinary life.

Rainbow in this title is more than a natural phenomenon. It symbolizes a connection for Qian Li's family between reality and their American dream. As author describe at the beginning of the story. "Han Han, 'Mom, rainbow is truly like a bridge.' 'Yes, the rainbow is a bridge, which can lead to colorful dream.'"

Cen Lan, a story teller, a freelance writer, a researcher of Chinese contemporary literature, was the author of the novel, *Arguing Cooking* and the essay, *Close look at Norman Bethune*, and other more than twenty works published on various media. *Rainbow beyond the Horizon* is her long fiction published in North America. Cen Lan convincingly narrated the faith, as a rainbow, that leads people to leave their homeland to pursuit their American dream. This novel, set in the past ten years, is based on hi-tech immigrant wave, thus validating the experiences of those old and new comers. These experiences and struggles are typical of immigrants moving into the US from foreign countries.

The hero, named Qian Li, in the book takes along side the reader exploring together her new lives in a curtain factory in Atlanta. The plot follows several immigrant women, a group of homosexual people, over the space of a year of changing weather, dramatically altered lives, and 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Enlivened by Cen's fresh and spirited eye for imagery, the narrative creates cumulative details that convey the culture shock of archaic living where advanced transportation are chancy, sign language is confused, working place culture is much easier to be handled than that of the heroic' previous work. The characters are nicely nuanced in chronology impede the narrative flow. In the end, the well developed relationship amongst co-workers is the most impressive part of this novel.

In this work the details of how to adapt to American social lives will help new immigrants from China communicate to a new system. As a woman writer Cen provide a delicate description to the psychological landscape of heroic. The five nominations appeal the reader's attention.

CALA Young Reader's Best Chinese New Books

Yee, Lisa. *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2005.

Review

Through Stanford Wong's sensitive and funny diary entries, Yee defies stereotypes about Chinese Americans as well as gender stereotypes (Stanford flunks his English but is a great basketball player, while his English tutor, Millicent Min, is a girl genius who is taking a college course at the age of eleven), pokes fun at the boy's effort to protect his self-image of masculinity (Stanford calms himself down by knitting whenever he is under high stress, but always tells his love interest, Emily, on the phone that he is lifting weights), and captures the complexity of the intergenerational relationship between Stanford's family and his Grandmother, Yin-Yin. The story arrives at a satisfactory ending when the tensions between Stanford and his peers, between his family and the career-obsessed father are resolved. Characters' Chinese American heritage is weaved throughout the text of light humor.

CALA Young Reader's Honorable Chinese New Books

Cheng, Andrea. *Shanghai Messenger*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2005.

Xiaomei goes to Shanghai as Nainai's messenger with reluctance and homesickness. Food, the same types of food that Nainai in American and her sister in China make, helps Xiaomei connect to China and get comfortable there. She gets immersed in the bustling life of Shanghai, taking in sight, sound, smell, and tastes. Xiaomei feels increasingly attached to Shanghai and her extended family there. When she is back to America, she tells everything about them to Nainai and her younger brother, and finds herself missing them.

Following Xiaomei's trip to Shanghai chronically, the book is more like diary entries rich in subtle feelings and careful observations, but not in dramatic undulations. The text is full of details about ordinary people going about their business in today's Shanghai. Ed Young's poetic illustration is a quiet rendition of people's busy, trivial, and interesting daily life, and it goes well with Xiaomei's contained tone.

The illustration of the family tree is a source of confusion, and it does not match the text at all. The only less polished picture in the book is the supposed bird's-eye view of Shanghai.

The image shows a much smaller part of Shanghai than the text does.

Yu, Chun. *Little green: growing up in the Cultural Revolution*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books, 2005

Chun Yu tells about the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) from a unique perspective. Through her eyes, we witness how the political turmoil affects every aspect of people's lives family, relationship, education, leisure, among others. Political propaganda even penetrates children's games (war games against the Foreign Devils p. 69) and school performance (p. 39-43). Those who understand the Cultural Revolution and who have been under thought control will especially appreciate her honest voice and the sense of irony she quietly conveys.

For example, after the earthquake in Tangshan, Old people who were superstitious whispered, / Heaven and earth are angry, / the dynasty will change soon. (p. 103) After Chairman Mao died, when Chun an out of reasons to cry again, / while some others where still crying. / I started to worry, wondering if they had deeper feelings / for Chairman Mao than I did. (p. 105) The text speaks fluently to readers with a Chinese background, especially to those who are familiar with the history of the Cultural Revolution. Even with the help of the epilogue and glossary at the end, other readers may find the narration lack of context. I am concerned if the language, peppered with unfamiliar Chinese political vocabulary, whose meaning is hard to guess from surface, will keep the attention of a young reader.

CALA Young Reader's Best Illustration Book

Young, Ed. *Beyond the Great Mountains: A Visual Poem about China*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2005.

Review

The world of human knowledge has been greatly expanded by human visual power joining the scientific technology during the last 20 years. We are trying to grasp the focal point : what is out there for us to enjoy? We are facing the great world of multimedia. How that we do not lost in this endless expanding world, yet still feel comfortable with all things included: art, word, thought, expression on one page, then next page? Somehow Ed neatly connected them by the sensitive and rule binding heart.

It is a highly professional work of its own literary and artistic style. I feel the powerful use of earthy color makes my reader most comfortable.

Each paper collage forms impressionistic images that compels readers, young or old, to look for the connection between visual message and the 2500-year-old seal-style Chinese characters. This is a book that stimulates imagination and meditation, as well as an appreciation of the nourishment, beauty, and inspiration that nature has to offer.

The author gives no source note on where he has obtained the analysis of these ancient characters. A word of warning about using this book with children is that the author may have taken artistic liberty, and the information about these ancient Chinese characters may not be accurate. For example, for the character “kingdom,” Young’s choice of a younger, simplified version (国) over the real seal-style version (國) begs for an explanation. Another flaw of the book is that it may offer less appeal to child readers than to adults.

Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, and Listserv Administrator

I. Webmaster:

1. Created the CALA 2006 Conference website, including the Awards Banquet and online registration form.
 2. Created the CALA 2006 election website.
 3. Created the CALA Northeast Chapter 2006 election website
 4. Created additional credit card payment options for placing advertisements in the CALA Membership Directory.
 5. Created 27 paid advertisements for the following institutions on the CALA website under CALA Library Job Line, with a gross revenue of \$3,620 generated for CALA:
 - [New York State Library: Library Development Specialist 1.](#)
 - [University of Montana: Reference Librarian and First-Year Experience Coordinator.](#)
 - [St. Louis County Library: Library Director.](#)
 - [University of Montana: Special Collections Librarian.](#)
 - [Roosevelt University: 2 positions \(Reference/Instruction Library & Reference/Instruction/Electronic Resources Librarian\).](#)
 - [East Carolina University: Director of Academic Library Services.](#)
 - [University of Missouri-Kansas City: Librarian I – Clinical Medical Librarian.](#)
 - [University of Missouri-Kansas City: Librarian – Cataloger/Cataloging Processing Unit Supervisor.](#)
 - [University of Missouri-Kansas City: Librarian – Interlibrary Loan Reference.](#)
 - [University of Missouri-Kansas City: Librarian-Reference Librarian-Coordinator of Library Instruction.](#)
 - [LITA: Deputy Executive Director.](#)
 - [University of Richmond: Head, Digital Initiatives.](#)
 6. Reports on the online payments (Nov.19, 2005 – June 5, 2006):
 - Total paid online: \$4,850.00
 - PayPal charges: \$ 166.52
 - Total net income: \$4,683.48
 - Number of members paid their membership online: 63
 - Number of banquet tickets paid online: 16
 - Number of advertisements paid online: 7
- [American University Library: Reference/Instruction Librarian.](#)
 - [Miami University-Middletown: Library Director.](#)
 - [State University of New York at Oswego: Associate Library Director.](#)
 - [State University of New York at Oswego: Instruction/Reference Librarian.](#)
 - [Alameda County Library: Deputy County Librarian.](#)
 - [Buffalo State College: College Archivist.](#)
 - [University of Montana: Metadata Catalog Librarian.](#)
 - [ALA: Program Officer/Web Editor.](#)
 - [Advanced Information Management: Chinese Language Materials Cataloger.](#)
 - [University of Missouri-Kansas City University Libraries: Librarian – Cataloger/Cataloging Processing Unit Supervisor.](#)
 - [New York State Library: Research Library Director.](#)
 - [Wesleyan University: Assistant University Archivist.](#)
 - [University of Wisconsin-Madison: East Asian Librarian.](#)
 - [University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center Auraria Library: Web Librarian.](#)
 - [University of Missouri-Kansas City University Libraries: Librarian – Associate Director.](#)

Recommendations:

The pilot project of offering an option for CALA members to pay their membership dues and for vendors to pay for placing their advertisements in CALA Membership Directory and on the CALA Library Job Line with credit card proves to be convenient to both our members and vendors, and thus beneficial to CALA. I'd recommend that the Board approve that CALA continue to offer the online payment option to our members and vendors.

II. Newsletter Editor:

- Published in February the Spring 2006 issue of CALA Newsletter, containing 29 pages, in PDF format on the CALA website. (<http://www.cala-web.org/publications/newsletter/2006spring.pdf>)

- Published September the Fall 2006 issue of CALA Newsletter, containing 43 pages, in PDF format on the CALA website: (<http://www.cala-web.org/publications/newsletter/2006fall.pdf>)

III. Listserv Administrator:

- Monitored the CALA listserv.
- Added new members to the listserv.
- Updated members' email addresses.
- Removed subscribers per their requests.
- Responded to subscribers' questions.
- Post job vacancy notices to the listserv.
- Created a new listserv for the 2006 online election.

Submitted by Shixing Wen (Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, and Listserv Administrator)

JCLC Reps Report

We are honored to represent CALA on the JCLC Steering Committee. The Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) is the first-ever national conference to be held and sponsored by the five caucus associations of color at the same time in the same place. We are pleased to serve with representatives from other organizations, the American Indian Library Association (AILA); the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA); the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), and REFORMA, the National Association to Provide Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. Conference proceeds will be divided equally amongst the five groups for their scholarship endowments.

The theme of the JCLC is "Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories." And the conference is scheduled for October 11–15, 2006 in Dallas, Texas.

There will be one day for pre-conference sessions (Oct. 11) and three and a half days for programs and events. The conference will end before noon on Sunday, October 15.

We are pleased that CALA members have been submitted papers and will make presentation at the conference.

- Official website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/jointconferenceoflibrariansofcolor/jclc2006.htm>
- Please note: Early Bird Registration Deadline Extended from June 30th To July 14th
- Awards and Scholarships! The deadline is fast approaching—June 30th. Please nominate CALA members for one of the five \$1,000 JCLC scholarships and an award in one of three categories.

JCLC Advocacy Awards
JCLC Author Awards
JCLC Distinguished Services Awards
Please visit the JCLC websites for all information.

Submitted by Linna Yu and Liana Zhou

ALA Diversity Council Reps Report

At the last ALA Midwinter Meeting at San Antonio TX, the council planned program for the ALA Program. But concerning the attending rate, it postponed its planned pre-conference at ALA to 2007. However, it will have some programs and meetings in Now Orleans. Annual Conference Program is "Religious Diversity @Your Library: Best Practices for Equitable and Respectful

Library Services to Users of Diverse Religious Backgrounds". The program will focus on religious diversity and the role libraries can play in 1) respecting and advocating for religious freedom, 2) educating communities about religious differences, and 3) reaching out to existing and potential users from various religious backgrounds. The tentative date and time is June 26th at 3:30 p.m.

At the same meeting, the Council introduced the Diversity bracelets for fundraising. Funds that are raised will be used for diversity initiatives: Katrina Relief Fund and Spectrum Scholars. COD (Committee on Diversity) - \$d Campaign \$d Campaign or "dollars for diversity" COD will launch the \$d program at Annual 2006. All conference attendees will be asked to contribute to the cause by donating \$1, or purchase a diversity bracelet for \$2. Proceeds will be used to support diversity initiatives such as seed money for doctoral scholarships in LIS and Conference/Travel Grant for paraprofessional to attend Annual.

From the meeting, we also know that the Spectrum Advisory Council, the Office for Diversity, and the Committee on Diversity will sponsor the "Diversion Project/Tour". The program "Diversion: Hand and Hearts for New Orleans," will be both a fundraiser and a service project. It is planned for Monday morning of Annual Conference. Additional details can be obtained from the ALA Office for Diversity.

At the meeting, we have reported CALA's last year's activities and the book published for CALA 30th years. Also announced the JLIS is calling paper.

Its publication "Versed" is published five times a year. It collects news and events related to library-based

diversity work. The length of text is 400-900 words. We may want to send our news constantly.

FYI:

"The Diversity Council serves as a representative body for the committees and organizations within the American Library Association (ALA) that promote the needs of traditionally underrepresented constituencies. Members are appointed to Diversity Council by the Committee on Diversity (COD) Chair, with recommendations from the Presidents/Chairs of the stakeholder committees and organizations. These groups include the ethnic caucuses: American Indian Library Association (AILA), Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking (REFORMA), Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT), and The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies Libraries Serving Special Populations Section (ASCLAs LSSPS)." (ALA Diversity Council Web site)

Submitted by Angela Yang and Cecilia Poon

Membership Section

1. New Life Members:	Huiyuan Chen	Lucia Lee	Fang Wang
Sabrina L. Hsu	Bill Cohen	Shu Liu	Jin Xiang
Eve Alison Nyren	Ida Z. DaRosa	Jinxuan Ma	Norah Ningning Xiao
Dajin Sun	Shirley XiaPing Deng	S Matveyeva	Jingmin Zeng
Zhuo Wang	Yimin Geng	Xiuling Nie	Yun Zeng
Peyyi Wann	Michael A. Golrick	Haiyan Pei	Ying Zhang
	Yi Gong	Wang Ping	Jie Zhao
2. New Members:	R. Jered Hundley	Jennie Pu	Guangchun Zhou
Tigercool Corp	Hao-Ren Ke	Jing Shi	Hailing Zhu
Liya Ai	Vincci Kwong	Yuwu Song	Fu Zhuo
Xueming Bao	May Lynn Lee	Jason Thomas SooHoo	
Shu Chen	Andrew Yan Qing Lee	Helen Spalding H.	

3. Honors

- **Ching-chih Chen** wins LITA's Kilgour Award. See details at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/april2006/2006KilgourAward.htm>
- **Lois Mai Chan** wins Beta Phi Mu Award. See details at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/april2006/BetaPhiMuawardwinner.htm>
- **Diana Wu** has been selected to be the "Teacher Scholar" for the 2007 Spring semester at the Center for Faculty Development, San Jose State University. Teacher Scholars are an elite group of selected faculty members to work on issues related to teaching and learning. This is only the second time a librarian to be a teacher scholar.
- **Manuel Urrizola** was the invited after dinner speaker and presenter at the 2006 Ohio Library Council Technical Services Retreat at Mohican Resort and Conference Center near Loudonville, Ohio, on April 25-26, 2006. His after dinner speech on the 25th included "Ode to OLC and Related Initialisms." His presentation on the 26th was titled "MARC My Words! Elements of Speaking for Technical Services Librarians." Manuel has been invited to speak at the President's Luncheon at the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006. Title of speech is "Books, Bytes, and Soap Boxes: Speaking Up for Libraries." On Thursday, Nov. 2, he will present a workshop "MARC My Words! Elements of Speaking for Librarians."

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5. New Initiatives

In order to support faculty teaching on-line courses, Diana Wu has launched her first podcast on information literacy/library research. It resides at her website <http://www.sjsu.edu/~dwu> under "Handouts".

News Section

I. ALA President Leslie Burger's initiative: Emerging Leader's Program

ALA President, Leslie Burger, is seeking emerging leaders to participate in an exciting initiative in our profession. This new initiative will "enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership."

Leslie Burger's Emerging Leaders 2007 will select and train 100 new librarians beginning with a day-long session at the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Afterward, it will continue online for six months, culminating at the 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information on the ALA Emerging Leaders Program, please visit http://lb.princetonlibrary.org/emerging_leaders.html.

To support President Burger's Emerging Leaders Program and with the intent to develop leadership potential among CALA members, the CALA Executive Board has approved a \$500 sponsorship each to two CALA members interested in the ALA Emerging Leaders Program and non-monetary sponsorship to four other CALA members interested in the program (As ALA notes, a "sponsor is not required, but it gets your preference.")

To request a CALA nomination, please send a copy of your ALA Emerging Leaders application packet to President Haipeng Li at Haipeng.Li@oberlin.edu by September 25th, 2006. All application materials must be

in electronic formats (e-mail attachments). To help the Executive Board prepare the nomination letter, please include a brief summary in one-page or less stating your involvement in ALA and/or CALA and other relevant activities. Your application information will be shared with and reviewed by members of the CALA Executive Board. You will receive an e-mail confirming your nomination. In addition, CALA will send a letter to Leslie Berger listing CALA members whom we are nominating. CALA members who request CALA nomination and are accepted to the program will be eligible to apply for the monetary awards. Eligibility requirements include:

- Current membership in ALA and CALA
- Age (under 35) or new librarians of any age with fewer than 5 years post-MLS experience
- Willingness to meet all other obligations for the program, as outlined by ALA President Leslie Burger at http://lb.princetonlibrary.org/emerging_leaders.html.

CALA is an active affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA) since 1976 and a member of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA).

Haipeng Li, CALA President
haipeng.li@oberlin.edu

II. Letter from Amy Liu

July 30, 2006

Dear Diana, Sally, Haipeng and CALA friends:

Thank you so much for your gift to help my family recover from the Hurricane Katrina.

Your thoughtfulness, concern and generosity have touched my heart and my family's.

With your gift, we are able to rebuild our lives in New Orleans. It is tough to live here right now, but it is a home that has grown dear to me over the years. Many of my friends are enduring the same hardship or tougher challenges during this rebuilding phase, but knowing that there are folks out there that care and support our efforts to rebuild as you do, gives us the strength to dig in and pull up our bootstraps to work hard to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

The recovery process is difficult and slow, because the uncertainty of the future and the settlement of the insurance. I found that I work a little harder, I could get the help I need from the insurance company and FEMA. It took me 5 months to get the trailer from FEMA. I have worked hard with my husband, my son and the roof insurance specialist to help our insurance company understand why we needed to replace the whole roof with the quality hard shingles. I am able to have my roof replaced. Although it took a lot of extra effort, and pay some amount out of our won pocket, we feel safe, and are ready to face the future storms.

Although it took 5 months to get the FEMA trailer, I am grateful for having it. It was stocked with donated brand new kitchen and bedroom necessities as well as other amenities that folks from all over the country have given to Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Your kindness is the same kindness that folks all over the country and the world have shown to us that members of

the media often don't share with the rest of the people in the country. While everyone often criticizes FEMA and the other government agencies for the failure that have befallen many in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina the positive things that have happened such as your gifts and the gifts of others often get left out.

Please let's all focus on the positives and try to forget the negatives of the Hurricane Katrina. The next time you talk to a friend, a neighbor, or a colleague about Hurricane Katrina, instead of speaking negatively about what has happened, please share the wonderful of another positive story you may have heard about it. There is so much unhappiness we have already heard about the storm. Let's try and show how there are folks

in New Orleans who aren't complaining, but are thanking for the kindness you have shown and thanking God for the blessings we have received.

I thoroughly enjoyed the CALA banquet. I really didn't help much. Thank you for your hard work. It is an extraordinarily successful gathering for the people who love and work for the libraries. I am looking forward to the future conventions.

May God bless you and everyone of CALA. Have a wonderful summer.

Love,
Amy

III. CALA Delegations to China

This summer, two CALA events took place in China, and both proved to be very successful. From July 17th-21st, the CALAMW Chapter delegation, which consisted of Shuyong Jiang, Xudong Jin (group leader), Haipeng Li, Haiwang Yuan, and Lisa Zhao, held a 5 day workshop on topics of librarianship at Yunnan University. The workshop, entitled "CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Workshop Series (中美图书馆实务培训研讨会)," was co-sponsored by the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission, the CALAMW Chapter and Yunnan University. The focus of the workshop was to provide a practical way to examine librarianship in the United States. More than 100 librarians from China participated in the event. Topics covered include library management, reference and instruction, cataloging and digital libraries, library consortium and outsourcing, challenges and opportunities, and many others. Feedback from participants was very positive. In fact the workshop turned out to be so successful that the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission requested that we go back next year. After some discussions, the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission and CALA signed an agreement to conduct the training project for a three year period: year one (2006) with Yunnan University (already done); year two (2007) with Yunnan Normal University; and year three (2008) with the Kunming Polytechnic University. Future collaboration will be explored further after the initial three-year period.

Two other universities in China also made contact with Haipeng Li, CALA President, and expressed serious interest in collaborating on similar projects. These were Northeast Normal University in Changchun, Jilin Province and Shanxi Agricultural University in Taigu, Shanxi Province. Haipeng signed an initial agreement

with the Northeast Normal University and made a verbal agreement with the Shanxi Agricultural University for collaboration next year. The CALA International Relations Committee will be starting soon to work on the details of these projects. Also while there, Xudong Jin, CALA International Relations Committee Co-Chair and immediate past president of the CALAMW Chapter, was authorized by Haipeng Li, CALA President, to sign an initial agreement with the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission to conduct a similar project with public libraries in Yunnan Province next year.

From July 24-26, the Library Society of China Annual Conference was held in Kunming. A 14-member CALA delegation headed by CALA President, Haipeng Li, attended the conference and was well received. The Conference was divided into the general meeting section with 5 keynote speakers, and interest group meetings on the following topics: 1. Libraries for users; 2. Building legal environment for libraries; 3. Digital libraries, building, sharing and services; 4. Literacy and society.

Proposals for presentation from nine CALA members were accepted and won the best paper awards of the conference. Eight CALA members made presentations on various issues of librarianship. The Conference provided an opportunity for participants to visit local libraries. It was a good time for CALA members to learn from our Chinese colleagues, exchange ideas, and explore options. More information about the Conference can be seen at the web site of the Library Society of China (<http://www.lsc.org.cn/CN/2006nh.html>).

Submitted by Haipeng Li

IV. Apple Tree Libraries in China

Apple Tree Library Foundation and its founding director Cathy Hsiao want to thank all the CALA volunteers who help mentor the public English-language children's libraries in China and those who visited the libraries in the summer.

With the mission of providing access to knowledge, Apple Tree Library Foundation has, for the past three years, donated children's books to Chinese libraries via the Ministry of Culture. By the end of this year, there will be 8 Apple Tree Libraries in 8 different cities. 4 more are likely to open next year.

In addition to providing English-language books, the Foundation also introduces US experiences to the Chinese public libraries in an effort to modernize the library practices, and in particular youth services. Through the generous contribution of their expertise and time by CALA members, each of the libraries has two volunteer advisors. By email, phone calls and personal visits, they help the Foundation monitor the impact of the donations, and more importantly, help the Chinese librarians and English teachers better serve English-learning students.

This past summer, several CALA members visited various Apple Tree Libraries and gave talks. The new ideas and enthusiasm they brought have created ripple effects among readers, parents, teachers and librarians. Many have been inspired by the power of reading and initiated reading programs at their schools and at home. Not only do we bring enjoyable English-language books to China, we also encourage the love of reading and the love of libraries.

Also this past summer, youth volunteers of Chinese Americans spent their time at some of the Apple Tree Libraries to lead programs of reading, singing and playing. When the books and the English language come alive for the Chinese children, the experiences were unforgettable and motivating. We plan on bringing more youth volunteers to our libraries next summer, regardless of their ethnicity or capability in the Chinese language.

Also in the plans is a way for volunteers to record book-reading for the Chinese children that visit our libraries. Now that they have English-language books to read, they want to hear the voices too to learn the correct pronunciations. We are trying to determine the feasibility of such voice recording. If you can help, please contact us.

The two Apple Tree Libraries scheduled to open this year are Hefei Children's Library and Fuzhou First High School Library. To get involved, please contact us.

We have come to rely on CALA members to help us help the Chinese libraries and their readers. CALA members also advise us on many fronts here in the US. In the future, we would like to form collaborations with CALA, so that everyone benefits from the experience on both sides of the Pacific.

Visit us at www.appletreelibrary.org for more information and pictures of Apple Tree Libraries. Please contact Cathy Hsiao at cathy.hsiao@appletreelibrary.org with any questions or comments you may have.

Submitted by Cathy Hsiao

CALA Membership Application

Today's Date: _____ Family Name _____ First Name Middle Name _____ Chinese Name (if any) _____ Home Address _____ City _____ State and Zip Code _____ Country _____ Home Telephone _____ Job Title _____ Institution _____ Address _____ City _____ State and Zip Code _____ Work Telephone _____ FAX/Home FAX _____ Email Address _____	[] New Member [] Renewing Member _____ Membership Dues cover the full calendar year, from January 1st to December 31st. Dues in U.S. dollar value equivalency or from a U.S. bank. Please choose one membership category Individual Member (\$30/year) \$ Institutional Member (\$100/year) \$ Life Member (\$400)* \$ Student Member (\$15/year) \$ Non-salaried Member (\$15/year) \$ Additional Contribution: CALA General Fund \$ CALA Scholarship Fund \$ CALA Research Fund \$ CALA Books to China Fund \$ _____ Total: \$ <u>Chapters:</u> [] California [] Florida [] Midwest [] Northeast [] Great Mid-Atlantic [] Southwest [] None of the above
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