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### Committee Name:

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### Committee Roster:

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### Committee Charge:

N/A

### Task Completed According to the Five Goals Outlined in the CALA 2015 Strategic Plan if Applicable and Please Be Specific:

The significant activities related to Goal 2. Become a Leader in Global Reach Initiatives:

- Continued helping increase awareness that CALA has officially become an IFLA member and the decision to join was approved by the CALA Board, the CALA's decision-making body;
- Timely shared with CALA members on the following important IFLA information via CALA listserv and other venues –
  - a. IFLA Office messages regarding IFLA's general operations, initiatives, and IFLA's strategic goals
  - b. IFLA's electronic publications, e.g., IFLA Journals and other online media which carry contributed articles, reports, and news items from IFLA membership
- Timely shared IFLA calls for papers and posters to ensure that CALA members had opportunities to present at and/or publish at IFLA conferences and satellite meetings. At the Information Literacy Satellite Meeting in Limerick, Ireland, CALA representative Min Chou was the primary convener, and CALA members presented and published at the Meeting (<http://www.iflasatellitelimerick.com/>) Several CALA members, Denise Kwan, Shali Zhang, Xiaoli Fang, presented poster sessions at the 2014 IFLA Congress in Lyon.
- Timely responded to CALA membership's inquiries on registration, lodging, local logistics, and local transportations. The CALA members outside U.S. especially appreciate the benefit of discount registration fee for the IFLA Congress through CALA membership with much lower rate.
- Provided needed information to assist CALA to join other library associations to sign the IFLA's Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development, released on August 18 2014 at <http://conference.ifla.org/past-wlic/2014/ifla80/node/522.html> CALA Executive Committee approved the action item.

### Work in Progress & Timeline:

N/A

### Goals and Objectives for the Second Half Year:

Other comments - As in each of our report, we would once again remind CALA officer to attend National Associations Meeting during the IFLA Congress and to cast voting on behalf of CALA at the General Assembly at WLIC. We would like to take this opportunity to remind future CALA presidents the importance of being present in person to participate in voting in IFLA. Upon arrival to the IFLA Congress, CALA officer must report to IFLA Secretariat first to pick up the voting documents. Should the voting officer not be able to attend the IFLA Congress, CALA President must nominate a proxy to vote on his/her behalf.

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

The 2016 IFLA Congress will be held in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. We request that the CALA board provide 10 scholarship opportunities, in the amount of the full-conference registration fees, to interested CALA members to participate in the world library event.

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

- Several CALA members expressed concerns that the current application deadline of the CALA Travel Grants did not help them at all when they planned to attend the IFLA Congress in August each year. According to the current call for applications, the Travel Grant only covers travel activities happening prior to July 1. In almost all cases, the Committee was not appointed until early or later fall. The Committee did not issue a call of applications until spring each year. There has been no application opportunity to cover IFLA attendance which is always in August each year. We request that CALA Board to address the concerns from the CALA members.
- Loida Garcia-Febo, a CALA member, requests that CALA, as a national association of IFLA, to nominate her to run for a second term on the Governing Board of IFLA on the 2015 elections for the IFLA Governing Board 2015-2017. We request that CALA Board support this request.
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**Attachment1:**

**Attachment2:**

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