

Action plan

Charges of CALA Best Book Award

The CALA Annual Best Book Award is to honor books originally published in North America and on topics about China or written by authors of Chinese descent. The Award is to raise awareness of these topics and authors in North America. Winners of the Award will be announced by CALA and published in the *ALA Cognotes* during the ALA Annual Conference.

Goals

- Select a book that best represents Chinese culture, traditions, beliefs, or literature.
- Promote awareness of Chinese topics and Chinese descendants authors

Objectives

- Evaluate the book based on facts
- Consult review sources

Procedures

January:

- Develops criteria for Award and advertises the CALA Best Book Award at ALA Mid-Winter. Sends “Call for Nominations” to CALA members' listserv and other related lists such as the Society for Chinese Studies Librarians list (SCSL), the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL), and the Chinese Writers in North America (北美华文作家协会).
- Compiles a book publishers' list with contact information and sends the “Call for Nominations” to all publishers on the list.

February:

- Collects applications.
- Committee Chair arranges an electronic discussion list for exclusive use by the committee so that discussions and nominations can take place throughout the selection year.
- Searches Books in Print and other databases, also commercial book retailers' websites such as Amazon to prepare a book list which meets the basic criteria.

March:

- Contacts publishers to obtain copies of nominated titles, if not already sent by authors, nominators, or publishers.
- Committee members submit reviews to the group, and the Co-Chairs lead the discussion of critiques; all nominated titles shall be discussed.

April:

- Conducts votes and reports the results to the CALA Board. Committee Chair submits a written report.

May:

- Announces the winners of the award at the CALA bouquet in conjunction with the ALA annual conference as well as on the CALA listserv, CALA website and/or CALA Facebook.
- Issues press release to ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, major Chinese language newspapers in North America, et al.

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