

2017-2018 CALA Mid-Year Committee Report

International Relations Committee

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Committee Name: International Relations Committee

Committee Roster:

Yuan Li (co-chair), Qinghua Xu (co-chair), Michael Huang, Peng Wei, and Grace Liu

Committee Charge: To promote, coordinate, and support non-partisan international library related activities and programs in accordance with CALA's strategic plan.

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

Goals and Objectives Accomplished:

- On behalf of IRC, helped host and provide tour for the library directors delegation group from Yunnan.
- Drafted and announced the call for presenters on the regular basis for CALA- BALIS program.
- Helped the immediate past president coordinate and facilitate the CALA member's presentation to BALIS.

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:

- Develop the new collaborative program with Shanghai Pudong Library.
- Develop call for presenters for the CALA-BALIS program.

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any): No

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

The group suggests adding one more item to the committee responsibilities, which is to develop and maintain the detailed list of the collaborative programs between CALA and partners worldwide.

Summary Paragraph: In a few sentences, highlight your achievements, concerns, or suggestions that you mostly want addressed. This should be the main point of your committee report.

In the past half year, the committee accomplished a couple of projects. Firstly, working with NE Chapter, we successfully hosted seminars for the library directors delegation group from Yunnan, including Yonglin Wan, Yunnan University; Fei Li, Kunming Medical University; Shilin Zhao, Yunnan Minzu University; Yun Yang, Kunming Metallurgy College. Secondly, under the guidance of the immediate past president, we announced a professional development opportunity at BALIS to CALA members and coordinated the selection process. Shortly we received three applications and one speaker Ping Fu was

selected. Professor Fu successfully delivered his presentation on December 6 at Beijing Normal University. Last but not least, in 2016 CALA and Shanghai Pudong Public Library (PPL) co-hosted an Academic Research Symposium aiming to promote Sino-US librarian Exchange and cooperation. Early December the IRC committee chair met with a representative from PPL and expressed that CALA would be interest in continuing the collaboration with PPL when oppournities arise. We look forward to coordinating other international collaborative programs for CALA in the next half year.