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Message from the President Haipeng Li

Dear CALA Members:

Time really flies, as we have already marched into the 4th month of the new year we call 2007! So many exciting things are happening with CALA and so many dedicated members are working very hard to assist in accomplishing the goals of this wonderful and dynamic organization.

In my report to you after the Board meeting at ALA midwinter in Seattle, I outlined the major events that were going on and the important decisions the Board made at the Seattle meeting. It is exciting to reflect on what we have achieved in less than a year and to see the important directions that CALA is heading into as an association.

1. The CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series

With this project, CALA will send four delegations to four institutions in China to conduct a series of lectures and seminars in July of 2007. The planning of the project is moving forward nicely under the capable leadership of Co-chairs of the International Relations Committee, Xudong Jin and Guoqing Li. Presenters for all four teams have been finalized:

Northeast Normal University:

Haipeng Li (Leader): Oberlin College
Qi Chen: Argosy University, Chicago
Allison Zhang: Washington Research Library Consortium

Shanxi Agricultural University:

Haipeng Li (Leader): Oberlin College
Judy Jeng: New Jersey State University
Xiaoli Li: University of California, Davis
Junlin Pan: Northern Illinois University
Dajing Sun: Yale University

Yunnan Normal University

Guoqing Li (Leader): Ohio State University
Barbara Ford: Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
Shuyong Jiang: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Haiwang Yuan: Western Kentucky University
Lisa Zhao: University of Illinois, Chicago

Yunnan Public Library

Xudong Jin (Leader): Ohio Wesleyan University
Jing Liu: University of British Columbia
Dora Ho: Los Angeles Public Library
Caroline Han: Cleveland Public Library

All teams are working on topics and assignments, and also busy preparing for presentations. Everyone is looking forward to this great opportunity!

An online Board discussion of establishing a fund line for this program was conducted in March, 2007. The Board had unanimously approved the proposal. Board members were impressed at the fundraising efforts and the vendor attention the program attracted during this initial stage.

2. Progress with the new CALA Southeast Chapter

At the ALA midwinter in Seattle, the Board approved the establishment of the new CALA Southeast Chapter, which composes of seven states in the Southeastern region of the United States: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The election of officers for the chapter had just been conducted and new officers are in place this new Chapter:

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President: Hanrong Wang, Jacksonville State University
Vice-President/President Elect: Haiyun Cao, University of Florida

Treasurer: Li Zhang: Mississippi State University, MS
Membership Officer: Ying Zhang: University of Central Florida, FL

This chapter has much potential to grow as the membership is already increasing since a membership survey was conducted last November. These new officers are now getting ready to get rolling on the work with this new chapter. Please lend your support to the new chapter if you can!

3. JLIS Collaboration Agreement between CALA and NTNU

After months of negotiations with the National Taiwan Normal University on the issue of collaboration on the publication of the Journal of Library and Information Science, CALA had made a breakthrough in signing a mutually beneficial agreement with the NTNU in January of 2007. This was the first time an agreement had been proposed to be signed by both parties. I am glad to see the Board had approved this effort which will formalize this relationship of collaboration between CALA and NTNU. The CALA English Editorial Board will resume its responsibilities with the October 2007 issue of JLIS and work with NTNU proactively and collaboratively to better this relationship.

4. Approval of the Proposed Revision and Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

The CALA Constitution and Bylaws are important guidelines for the organization. This year the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, under the strong leadership of chair, Min Chou, had been continuing to work hard on revising and amending these important documents. Their work is outstanding. I am happy to see the Board approved all the revisions and amendments the

Committee had proposed. The revised and amended constitution and bylaws, which are now ready for the membership to vote on, will take into effect upon the membership approval sometime in the spring.

5. Life Membership Fee

At the Seattle meeting, the Board approved to offer a reduced life membership fee from \$400 to \$300 during the special promotion period between 2/1/2007 and 6/30/2007. The Membership Committee has taken action on this already. An online Board meeting following comments from members that the life membership fee was too high (at \$400) took place from January 30-February 7, 2007. After rounds of discussions, the Board approved to reduce the life membership fee to \$300. This decision has been incorporated into the revised and amended bylaws and will also take into effect upon membership approval this spring.

6. Fundraising

It is apparent that CALA has projected more and more visibility thanks to the public relations efforts from many of our members. This year the PR/Fundraising Committee, the Local Arrangements Committee, the Membership Committee and many others have worked hard with very encouraging results. I am very pleased to report that just for the CALA Awards Banquet alone, we have raised around \$3,000. I am sure that all CALA programs at ALA Annual in Washington D. C. this year will prove to be very exciting and I hope to see many of you there attending these events.

Again this is a very exciting time for CALA. I believe that interesting and exciting programs will not only rejuvenate our current members but will also attract many new members to join. If we work together, we can make things happen!

Best to you all!

Message from the Executive Director Sally C. Tseng

Dear CALA Members:

Happy New Year! CALA members have been very productive during the past six months. Congratulations and thank you to all on your achievements and your contributions. Your support of CALA is deeply appreciated.

2007 CALA Board Meeting in Seattle

The 2007 CALA Board Meeting during the ALA Midwinter Conference – Seattle, will be held on

Saturday, January 20, 2007, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Sheraton Seattle (SHER) Madrona Room. You and your friends are welcome to attend. Attendees are encouraged to come with their questions and ideas about CALA. This is a genuine opportunity to participate in the strategic plans that CALA intends to make. Please attend and share with us your priorities and concerns, and creative solutions.

Handouts for the Board Meeting

The Agenda, reports, proposals and recommendations are posted on a CALA Webpage at: <http://www.cala-web.org/board/200701> Please read and print them and bring them to the Meeting. Please arrange the Handouts according to their order in the Agenda. You can save all the documents if you are bringing your laptop computer with you. It may save you a lot of printing and paper accumulation.

These documents cover initiatives, events and work undertaken by CALA since the ALA Annual Conference in June 2006 in New Orleans, LA. Please see notes in the Agenda. There are also action documents. These items are very important for the Board meeting because they will be reviewed, discussed and voted by the Board at the 2007 ALA Midwinter Conference.

CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series Workshops

Many thanks to CALA President Haipeng Li and Xudong Jin for these initiatives and for their efforts. I encourage you to support a CALA Collaboration with libraries in China.

CALA Advertisements in CALA Website and Membership Directory

Two years ago the Board approved paid advertisements on the CALA Website. The CALA Library Job line has made its name known to many libraries and recruiting firms. It has become a steady revenue source for CALA. In 2006 the CALA Website posted 43 advertisements, which generated over \$6,000 for CALA. The Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee, co-chaired by Esther Lee and Linna Yu, raised \$5,750.00 from vendors for putting advertisements in CALA's 2005/06 Membership Directory. They also raised over \$1,000 in donations that benefited CALA members' professional activities in JCLC. Many thanks to Shixing Wen, Esther Lee, Linna Yu, Doris Tseng and members who helped by giving their time and efforts. Please encourage your library to send job advertisements to Shixing Wen, the CALA Webmaster, and to Wei Bender and Linna Yu, co-chairs of the 2006/2007 Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee. Thank you.

CALA Financial Support to Library Students and to Our Members for Professional Development

I am very glad that after many years of hard work, donations, growth and substantial gains CALA is able to provide financial support to our members for professional development grants and scholarships for students in library schools both in America and in China. I am very proud to share this CALA scholarships and grants information with you. In 2006, more than twenty CALA members and library school students have been awarded grants and scholarships. Special thanks go to Liana Zhou. Chair of the JCLC06 Award Committee for

her extraordinary effort and accomplishment in obtaining \$7,000 JCLC Scholarships for CALA members to attend JCLC06. We can all be proud of being CALA members. Please see JCLC and Scholarships Committee's reports for more information.

In response to ALA President Leslie Burger's Emerging Leaders Initiative, CALA received an impressive pool of 6 candidates. The ALA President's Committee selected two CALA members for this Program, they are:

1. Anchi Hoh, Special Assistant to the Chief, Asian Division, Library of Congress, and
2. Yu Su, Digital Library and Information Systems Team, University of Arizona.

In 2007, the Board has approved to provide funds in the amount of \$500 each to sponsor Anchi and Yu's trip to ALA for their participations at the Emerging Leaders Program.

Please join me in congratulating our recipients on receiving these Scholarships and Grants.

Chapters

I am very glad to see that most of the Chapters actively sponsored some very important programs during the past 6 months. Please see the Chapters' reports for more information. Many thanks to President Haipeng Li, all chapter presidents, officers, Board of Directors, Committee chairs and members for making CALA very visible in the profession and community and for your dedication and hard work in promoting CALA and librarianship. Congratulations!

Update on CALA's Tsunami Fund - Disbursement of the Fund

As reported in 2005, CALA raised and sent \$3,940.00 to the "Library Disaster Relief Fund" in care of Carla J. Funk, Executive Director, Medical Library Association. Director Funk was responsible for collecting all donations from U.S. library associations. In September 2006, the Fund was distributed equally (\$15,400 to each) between the rehabilitation of the library of the Andaragasyaya Primary Vidyalaya, part of the Sri Lanka Library Association's project, and the purchase of reading materials for the Phi Beta Learning Mobile Library in Aceh. Thanks again to CALA members and chapters for their contributions.

The Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC)

As you know, since 2001 I have been calling for papers, leading CALA delegations in participation at the Annual Conferences of the Library Society of China (LSC, formerly: CSLS [China Society of Library Science]) and planning Post-Conference Cultural tours. I think it is time now to hand over these responsibilities to others. I discussed this with President Haipeng Li and he has

appointed Guo-qing Li, one of the co-chairs of the CALA International Relations Committee, to assume the 2007 LSC Conference responsibility. You will hear from Guo-qing soon. These activities are fruitful! They not only provide CALA members and friends opportunities to attend the LSC conferences, present papers and win awards, make friends, but also provide opportunities to

visit libraries and some famous places in China. The warm welcome and hospitality engendered is very memorable. I highly recommend that you participate in these events and make CALA visible in every corner of China.

2007 CALA Election Results

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you who took time to vote for the 2007 Election of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). Your active participation and service to CALA are very much appreciated.

We sent 322 e-ballots and 63 mail ballots. Total ballots were 385 including 3 NOT deliverable mail addresses. So, there were 382 ballots sent. The voting period was from March 9 to 31, 2007. We received 191 e-ballots and 33 mail ballots ?a total returned valid ballots of 224 (58.63% voting rate).

Haipeng Li, Jen-Chien Yu and Sally Tseng counted the returned e-ballots, Maggie Wang, Ying Xu and Sally Tseng counted the returned Mail Ballots. We counted and checked the ballots several times to ensure the voting rules were followed and the counts were accurate.

According to CALA Constitutions, Article VI, Section 1, the nominees who receive the largest number of votes for any offices shall be elected. On behalf of the 2007 CALA Election Ad hoc Committee we are very pleased to announce the 2007 CALA Election Results. We are pleased to report that an overwhelming majority of the membership approved the proposed revision and amendments of the Constitution and Bylaws. Please join us to congratulate the following members on their election to the following positions:

Vice-President/President Elect, 2008/2009: Xudong Jin, Elected
Executive Director, 2007/2008-2009/2010: Shixing Wen, Elected
Directors of Board, 2007/2008-2009/2010: FIVE to be elected *
Min Chou, Elected
Shuyong Jiang ** Elected for 2007/2008
Jiun Kuo, Elected
Zhijia Shen, Elected
Amy Tsiang, Elected
Liana Zhou, Elected

*According to the newly approved CALA Bylaws, Article. V. Chapters, Section 2. Duties of Chapters. Chapter presidents shall be members of the Board during their terms.

**Shuyong Jiang will fill one year term vacant by Xudong Jin for the Board of Director when he becomes the 2nd Vice President/President-Elect beginning on Monday, June 25, 2007.

All Board of Directors, including the newly elected Board of Directors and the Chapter Presidents are expected to attend CALA Board Meetings in Washington, DC in June.

Proposed revision and amendments of the Constitution -- Approved
Proposed revision and amendments of the Bylaws -- Approved

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected officers! For those candidates who did not win this year we thank you for your interest in serving CALA and would like to strongly encourage you to run again in the future. Your continuing support to CALA is deeply appreciated. We look forward to working with you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the 2007 Nomination Committee and the Election Ad Hoc Committees for their hard work and time. Your contributions to CALA are deeply appreciated.

Special thanks go to Sally Tseng for coordinating the election process and to Jen-chien Yu for designing a sound voting system for the online election.

Best wishes for your continuing success.

Respectfully submitted by,

2007 CALA Election Ad hoc Committees

E-Ballots Ad Hoc Committee

Haipeng Li (President), Sally Tseng (Executive Director), Jen-Chien Yu (Web Advisory Committee Co-Chair)

Mail Ballots Ad Hoc Committee

Sally Tseng (Executive Director), Maggie Wang (Treasurer), Ying Xu (California Chapter Past President)

2007 Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Recipients

The Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Committee is pleased to announce that this year's recipients for Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Awards are Jin, Xudong, Li, Guoqing and Li, Haipeng.

This recognition is to support the research for publishing the book "Academic Libraries in the U.S. in the 21st Century, Its Theories and Practice". Jin, Xudong is the Chief Editor and Li, Guoqing and Li, Haipeng are Vice-Chief Editors of the book. The author team includes 11 CALA members. The book will be used as the textbook for the CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar Series and will contribute to improving the academic exchange between China and U.S. This project fits well with the purpose and scope of the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant.

Please join the Committee in congratulating the three recipients.

Xiwen Zhang

Chair of the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Committee

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Minutes of the Board Meetings

**CALA 2006/2007 2nd Board Meeting
At 2007 ALA Midwinter Conference - Seattle
Saturday, January 20, 2007, 7:00-10:00 pm
Sheraton Seattle (SHER)**

Minutes

Board of Directors present: Haipeng Li, Dora Ho, Carol Ka-Chuen Gee, Nancy Sun Hershoff, Xudong Jin, Esther Lee, Mengxiong Liu, Zhijia Shen, Sally Tseng, Zheng Wang, Diana Wu, Linna Yu, Priscilla Yu, Sha Li Zhang and Liana Zhou.

Board Members that have requested absence: Yongyi Song, Maggie Wang, Karen Wei, Ying Xu and Holly Yu.

Chapter Presidents present: Southern California Chapter: Sally Tseng for Wenwen Zhang; Florida Chapter: vacant; Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Tammy Wong for Cathy Yang; Midwest Chapter: Haiwang Yuan; Northeast Chapter: Maria Fung for Wang Zheng, Northern California Chapter: Fang Gu; Southwest Chapter: Klairon Tang.

Committee Chairs and Members present Other than Board of Directors: Min Chou, Anchi Hoh, Shuyong Jiang, Shuqin Jiao, Jiun Kuo, Guoqing Li, Manuel Urrizola, Shixing Wen, Harriet Ying, Jen-chien Yu and Lisa Zhao.

Guests: Gladys Bell, Nancy Davenport, Fran Freimarck, Li Fu, Michael Gorman, Rod Hersberger, Sharon Hu, Xiaoli Li, Chihfeng P. Lin, Xiaoming Liu, Jim Rettig, Marcellus Turner, Ken Yamashita, Harriet Ying, Ying Zhong and Tim Zou.

Tseng's note: This Newsletter is a snapshot of current CALA activities and accomplishments by the Board, Chapters, Committees, Task Forces, CALA Representatives and members. It is the most comprehensive source for review by members. President Haipeng Li and Executive Director Sally Tseng formally recognize the outstanding achievements of the authors for their comprehensive reports, proposals and recommendations which are published in this issue of the CALA Newsletter. They also commend all members, contributors and officers whose efforts have contributed to CALA's success and who are committed to building on CALA's past and present success. In addition to the Reports, the highlights and important actions from this Board Meeting are as follows.

I. Presentations by ALA Candidates

Candidates for ALA President are Nancy A. Davenport (<http://www.nancydavenport.info>) and James R. Rettig

(<http://rettigforala.org>). Rod Hersberger (<http://rodhersberger.org/>) is the candidate for ALA Treasurer. They were very pleased to be invited to speak to the CALA Board and gave brief statements and addressed questions from CALA members. They also expressed their desire to work with CALA.

Davenport emphasized the importance of her former position with Acquisitions at the Library of Congress where she heavily collected materials from China under PL480. This experience provided her with a cultural and ethnic background that she will bring into ALA with a vigorous participation from ethnic minorities. Her professional involvements include ALA, ACRL, ALCTS, LAMA, and other organizations which provide rich experience at the national level. She values the mission and vision of ALA and would represent ALA by providing leadership for different types of libraries, encouraging diversity in the workplace and within ALA.

James (Jim) Rettig congratulated CALA on the success of JCLC06 and pledged to strengthen ALA's diversity initiatives, to advocate vigorously for public access to information, and to make a positive difference in the lives of library workers. He emphasized that, if elected, he will serve ALA as a forthright and direct leader, who strives to engage both current and future members of ALA. He values a leader who looks to the future and states that he will strive to bring together the many communities in ALA, to advocate services and programming, to be inclusive, and to serve all those who work in libraries.

Rodney Hersberger stressed that he would be an excellent Treasurer because of his 34 years of energetic, creative leadership in academic librarianship and his financial and managerial experience, with a degree in accounting, MBA and MLS. He also has extensive experience in ALA. Hersberger promises a transparent budgeting process and accounting reporting to all members. He is looking ahead to 2010 and knows that fiscal decisions have a significant impact on national and local professional services and programs. [Postscript: Congratulations and best wishes to: James Rettig elected ALA president for 2008-2009; Rodney M. Hersberger elected ALA treasurer 2007-2010; and CALA's Past President, Liana Zhou, elected ALA Council-At-Large 2007-2010]

II. ALA Executive Board's Liaison to CALA -- Michael Gorman

Gorman is the ALA liaison to CALA. He explained the purpose of the ALA Executive Board's Liaison Program and extended ALA's and his keen interests to communicate and to strengthen relationships with external organizations and individuals. Gorman will interface with ALA and CALA to discuss ALA administrative and policy issues that need to be brought to the attention of CALA. He shared with us key activities and decisions within ALA. Highlights included ALA Ahead to 2010 Strategic Plan, budget, diversity and goals to bring ethnic librarians from 9% to 13%, redesign of ALA Website, National Library agenda, advocacy on the values of libraries, etc. ALA and its divisions have been affected by the recent developments at the Library of Congress in doing away with subject headings and series authority records. Gorman encouraged CALA members to send him issues and concerns related to diversity, equitable access to information and library services, education and lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, advocacy for libraries and the profession, literacy and organizational excellence, etc.

III. JCLC Representatives' Presentation

JCLC representatives Gladys Bell, Ken Yamashita and Marcellus Turner reported on the successful JCLC06 and shared the good news that they estimated CALA and other caucuses would soon receive a check in the amount of \$10,000 from the JCLC06 proceeds, and more to come after JCLC paid all their bills. They thanked Liana Zhou and Linna Yu, CALA representatives, and CALA past and current presidents, executive director and members for their strong support during the past eight years and for their participation at the JCLC06. The five caucuses are tentatively planning to hold a Joint Conference every three years. They also encouraged CALA to recommend strategies for future JCLC conferences. The Board extended our appreciation to the representatives and was pleased to recognize through the JCLC06 Awards and Scholarships Committee, chaired by Liana Zhou, that seven (7) CALA members had already been awarded \$7,000 scholarships to attend the JCLC06 Conference in Dallas in October 2006. (See JCLC report in this issue for more information.) [Postscript: Maggie Wang, CALA Treasurer, received the \$10,000 JCLC check in March 2007].

IV. Actions Taken by the CALA Board

Approved the Agenda as amended and the June 2006 CALA Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes are available in CALA Newsletter, no. 95 (Fall 2006, pp. 7-10), at:

<http://www.cala-web.org/publications/newsletter/2006Fall.pdf>

Accepted the following reports from the President, Executive Director, Treasurer, Chapters' Presidents, Committees and Task Forces.

V. Additional Actions Taken by the Board

A. CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series and International Relations Committee

1. Voted and approved Haipeng Li's and International Relations Committee (IRC) Co-Chairs, Xudong Jin's and Guoqing Li's proposal that the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series be held in 2007 at:
 - a. Northeast Normal University, Changchun,
 - b. Shanxi Agricultural University, Taigu (near Taiyuan),
 - c. Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, and
 - d. Yunnan Provincial Library, Kunming.

Sally Tseng announced that the ALA International Relations Office would be happy to co-sponsor, in name only, the "CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series" to be held in China.

2. Voted and approved to make the above workshop materials available for future workshops.
3. Voted and approved the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series to be incorporated into the CALA 2010 Strategic Plan as an ongoing effort to promote CALA internationally.
4. Voted and approved the IRC's recommendation that CALA representatives be authorized to sign draft agreements for future workshops after seeking necessary consultation/approval from the President or the Executive Director.
5. Voted and approved IRC to work in the participation of CALA's 2007 international conferences, including 2007 LSC (Library Society of China) Conference, to be under the guidance of the President and the Executive Director.

B. Voted and approved the establishment of a CALA Southeast Chapter and dissolved the Florida Chapter. This new Southeast Chapter includes the following seven states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The Board congratulated and thanked Sha Li Zhang, Hanrong Wang and members for their efforts in promoting CALA to the Southeast region.

C. Voted and approved the JLIS Collaboration Agreement between CALA and the National Taiwan Normal University, Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies. The Board thanked Shuyong Jiang, Chair of the Publications Committee and her members for their fine work, Zhijia Shen, Journal editor, and Haipeng Li for his able leadership to accomplish this job.

D. Voted and approved the CALA 2006/2007 Annual Budget.

E. Voted and approved the "proposed revision and amendments to the Constitution", and the "proposed revision and amendments to the Bylaws". The approved amended Constitution and Bylaws would be submitted to the membership for approval. The Board thanked Min Chou, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and her members for their excellent contributions and hard work. [Postscript: The membership overwhelmingly approved these two documents during the 2007 CALA Election in March 2007].

F. Voted and approved, for the 2007 election, voting online for members with email addresses and sending print ballots to members without an email address.

G. Voted and recommended Esther Lee, Chair of the Finance Committee to work with Maggie Wang, Treasurer, on investing CALA's money with special attention to the Vanguard Index Funds and higher interest rate CDs.

H. Membership Committee

1. Advised the committee to cut down expenses in the printing and mailing of the Membership Directory.
2. Approved the Life Membership Dues to be reduced to \$300 during July to December 2007 as a promotion to recruit more life members. (see Minutes of CALA Special Online Board Meeting I in this Newsletter)

3. Voted to retain the email addresses of CALA officers on the CALA Website.

4. Charged the Membership Committee to send out an announcement to update member's information and to see if members want to remove their home address information from the CALA Membership Directory.

I. The Board reviewed the list of candidates for assistant editors for the Occasional Paper Series (OPS): Manuel Urrizola and David Hickey for manuscripts and Xiaoli Fang for production. The Board advised the Publications Committee that candidates need to be CALA members in good standing. The Committee will verify their membership status.

J. President Haipeng Li appointed Jen-chien Yu to serve as a coordinator for the 2007 electronic election.

K. President Haipeng Li will send out calls on the CALA listserv for the following positions: Listserv Administrator, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. He will appoint committee members to evaluate and recommend candidates.

L. The Board held a closed session to deliberate the excessive number of candidates recommended by the Nomination Committee for the Board of Directors for the 2007 Election. The potential candidates for the Board who attended the meeting were excluded. Normally, the number of nominees for Board members is between five and ten. We had 15 candidates. Four candidates withdrew from the nominations. The Board voted and approved an exception, for the 2007 election only, to have eleven (11) nominees to run for Board members.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally C. Tseng
Executive Director

CALA Board Special Online Board Meeting I (January 30-February 8, 2007)

Minutes

The Board voted and approved reducing the life membership fee from \$400 to \$300 permanently and offered a \$100 refund to each of the two members who recently paid the \$400 fee.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally C. Tseng
Executive Director

**CALA Board Special Online Board Meeting II
(March 16-21, 2007)**

Minutes

Approved the Establishment of a Fund Account for the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series

Haipeng Li's proposal to establish a fund account for the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series was approved unanimously. The Board approved this project to be an ongoing program for CALA at our Seattle Board meeting and at the Special Board Meeting II, which was conducted from Friday, March 16, 2007 to Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

You should know that this project has created much momentum in motivating our members to get involved. They see this as a great opportunity for professional development. It has certainly generated a great deal of interest among CALA's members.

Currently 16 CALA members have been confirmed as presenters in four groups going to China in July to participate in this meaningful endeavor. The International Relations Committee will soon make an announcement of the participants on the teams and provide an update on current planning. We are all very excited about this effort!

I am also pleased to announce that Ebrary, an e-book vendor, has agreed to sponsor this year's project with \$2,000, thanks to the efforts of Xudong Jin, Co-Chair of the International Relations Committee. This is very encouraging. Sha Li Zhang, our VP for next year, has

also been assisting to cultivate donors and to solicit funds from vendors for this particular project. Sha Li's efforts are also very much appreciated. I am, therefore, proposing that we establish a CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series Fund. Revenue for this fund will come from the following three areas:

1. \$2,000 from Ebrary, designated to support this project;
2. Donations from Sha Li's efforts, also designated to support this project;
3. Balance from this year's awards banquet.

The Executive Board has already discussed Point 3 and all have agreed that this is a meaningful project to support. As some of you know, we have raised close to \$3,000 for the awards banquet for this year. After we pay for our guests and all other expenses, we should still have some money left over from the banquet. The Executive Board thought it would be a good idea to use the balance to support this project.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally C. Tseng
Executive Director

Chapter Reports

Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter Interim Report

1. New GMAC board members

President: Cathy Yang
 Vice President/Program Chair: Anchi Hoh
 Secretary: Tammy Wong
 Treasurer: Yuan YAO
 Advisors: Rita Sun Lewi, Ming-sun Poon, Laura Wang
 Past President: Helen Wang

2. Board Meeting

The first GMAC board meeting was held on Sept 20, 2006, in the Asian Division Conference Room of the Library of Congress. Discussions were held on issues including the 2006 Fall Program, JCLC participation, membership drive, the Chapter's cooperation with CALA HQ for the Program and Awards Banquet during the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in DC, and planning the next Spring Program, etc.

3. Fall Programs

The Fall program was planned to be held on Nov. 11, 2006, featuring Professor Shi-Kuo Chang as the keynote speaker to talk about Web-based literature. Dr. Chang is a Fellow of IEEE. He is currently Professor and Director of Center for Parallel, Distributed and Intelligent Systems, University of Pittsburg. He is a famous writer with 28 popular novels published and is known in the Chinese communities in the US and abroad. His novels were translated into English, German, Japanese, and made into musical play, movie and TV series. He is credited to be the "Father of Science Fiction" in Taiwan. In 2003 Columbia University Press Published his three major sci-fi novels as a single volume entitled *The City Trilogy*, which has been highly recommended on the web for reading about contemporary Chinese literary works. Due to difficulties with travel arrangements, the speaking engagement was canceled at the last minute.

On Dec. 13, 2006, our chapter co-sponsored an event with LC's Asian Division Friends Society. We invited Dr. Xilao Li, Professor of English, William Rainey Harper College, to give a lecture titled: "A Survey of the Chinese Response to African American Literature". Dr. Li gave a brief review of the history of the Chinese response to African American literature beginning at the turn of the 20th century. The Chinese interest in African American literature came from their efforts to overthrow the oppressive rule of the Qing Dynasty and their

determination to resist domination by foreign powers. The African Americans' experience of enslavement and freedom served as a valuable lesson to the Chinese and was a rich source of inspiration. Afterwards, the participants asked many questions and all expressed gratitude to learn so much on such an interesting and thought provoking subject.

4. 2007 Spring Annual Program

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee committed to be the keynote speaker at our next spring program. Dr. Lee is the Chief of the Asian Division of the Library of Congress and is also a well known scholar and respected leader in library communities. The topic of his presentation will be "Asian Collections in the Digital Age at the Library of Congress".

It is viewed as an important documentary testimony. The program is tentatively scheduled for April 24 or 25 in the Library of Congress.

5. JCLC participation

Our chapter members Helen Wang and Laura Wang participated in a JCLC poster session in Oct. 2006 in Dallas, Tex. With Sally Tseng's support, they were accepted to do a poster on China and the Chinese American Project for Libraries in an effort to enrich and diversify high school history curriculum. They developed a supplementary teaching resource kit that was distributed in the session. For details, please see a Summary written by Laura Wong at the end of this report.

6. Local Arrangement Committee business

Some of our chapter members are involved in the preparation for the 2007 Awards Banquet program. Lucie Chen, Anchi Hoh (co-chair), Cathy Yang (co-chair), Yuan Yao and Jing Zhong were appointed to the LAC committee. Yuan Yao agreed to be the contact person for the Banquet registration. For details on the progress of the LAC, please refer to the LAC report by Anchi Hoh.

7. Summary of GMA Chapter participation at the First Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), Oct. 11-15, 2006, Dallas, Texas

Chapter members Helen Wang and Laura Wong spoke with over 30 librarians who stopped by their poster

session held on Saturday morning on October 14, 2006. Participants learned about the two curriculum kits – Chinese History and Asian American Experience – and were given copies of the CD-ROM products to take back to their institutions. The goal of strengthening coverage of China and of Asian American communities for middle school and high school education in mainstream society was achieved. CALA and the Maryland-based Chinese Culture and Community Service Center (CCACC) provided support to enable free distribution of the CD-ROMs. Their volunteers created the curriculum content

and the large-size poster display. Our chapter members enjoyed networking and exchanging views with colleagues from the American Indian Library Assoc.; Asian/Pacific American Librarians Assoc.; Black Caucus of the American Library Assoc. (BCALA); National Association to Provide Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking; and CALA. (See also other reports on CALA's participation at the JCLC meetings.) – Reported by Laura Wong

Submitted by Cathy Yang, CALA-MA President

Midwest Chapter Interim Report

1. The President of the Chapter has filled the Committees with new members. The Committees and their members are as follows:

Program Committee

Shuyong Jiang (Chair)(IL, shyjiang@uiuc.edu)
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 Lijun Xue (MI, lxue@madonna.edu)
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 Vickie Fu Doll (KS, vdoll@ku.edu)
 Wen-Ling Liu (IN, wliu@indiana.edu)

Membership Committee

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 Ya Lan Wu (OH, wuy@muohio.edu)
 Li Zhang (MSU, LZhang@library.msstate.edu)

Archive Committee

Qi Chen (Chair) (IL, qchen@argosyu.edu)
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 Liu Wenling (KY, w.liu@louisville.edu)

Public Relations Committee

Zheng Wu (Chair) (IL, wuzheng2@uiuc.edu)
 Anna Xiong (IL, axiong@lib.siu.edu)
 Li Fu (IL, ful@indiana.edu)

Web Committee

Xiaohong Zhang (Chair) (MN, xzhang@cartographic.com)

Jintao Huang

Jen-chien Yu (OH, jyu@lib.muohio.edu)

Liyang Lin (IN, ally_lly@yahoo.com)

2. Formation of the new Program Committee has been delegated to the Vice President Shuyong Jiang, who has done a wonderful job in getting the new members. She is now working with them on the 2007 program in terms of its main theme and sub-themes and the time and venue for the annual conference.

Discussion is going and deadline for suggesting locations and time has been set.

The main theme is "Outreach & Collaboration in the Age of Digital Transformation, Ideas and Experience from MW"

The sub-themes are:

- Information literacy -collaboration in classroom
- Digital service outreach/collaboration
- Ideas and opportunities

Choice of location is between Chicago vs. Iowa.

3. Other committees have begun to work and their reports are pending.

Submitted by Haiwang Yuan, President of CALA Midwest Chapter

Northeast Chapter Interim Report

1. Information on CALA/NE Chapter section on CALA's website was updated by 11/06.

2. Papers by Mr. Frank Cheng and Mr. Rich Kuslan on Chinese copyright are posted on CALA's website.

3. Our Winter Program, Let's Get Entertained, was very successful. 18 members (including friends and families) took part in the lunch at Todai, the Japanese restaurant in

midtown and the CNN Studio tour. 30 attended the Broadway show, Lion King. A good time was had by all.

4. REFORMA sent an invitation to the Northeast Chapter to participate in their 2007 five-ethnic caucus joint mini-conference. We will be working along side with REFORMA, AILA, APALA, and BCALA. Speakers are asked to talk about successful programs/services that they developed previously on the following areas:

- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender
- Homeless
- Immigrants
- Intellectual Freedom
- Job Seekers

- Literacy
- Older Adults
- Persons with Disabilities
- Refugees

Northeast Chapter will discuss about this invitation at our next meeting on 1/18/07.

5. Northeast Chapter will also be discussing about our Spring/Summer Program at our next meeting. The tentative topic will be on the librarian profession for new librarians and library school students.

Submitted by Maria Fung and Songqian Lu

Northern California Chapter Interim Report

1. Book Talk Activity (October 2006)

Emily Wu & Belle Yang Book Talks Activity was held in King Library, San Jose State University, October 28, 2006. Emily Wu, the author of "the Feather in the Storm" and Belle Yang, the author of "Hannah is my Name" and many other books, were invited to talk on their books and their journey as a Chinese immigrant. The event was held at the King Library, San Jose State University. Dr. Ruth Kifer, the dean of the university library, was there to present the certificate of appreciation to the speakers.

Event Planning Committee: Mengxiong Liu, Susana Liu, and Diana Wu



(From left to right) Elizabeth Soh, Mengxiong Liu, Diana Wu, Ruth Kifer (SJSU Library Dean), Emily Wu, Belle Yang, Susana Liu, Irene Yeh, and Julia Tung

2. CALA-NC Workshop Program for the 108th CLA Conference (November 2006)

The 108th California Library Association Conference was held in Sacramento November 10 - 13 2006. CALA

Northern California Chapter sponsored and moderated the workshop of "Working Together to Get Our Voice Heard". As the chair of the program, Fang Gu invited the following people as our panel speakers:

- 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, Director, Sutro Library, San Francisco

On November 12 in Room 301, Sacramento Convention Center, the five distinguished panelists shared their experiences and information with the audience. The California State Librarian, Susan Hildreth attended the workshop and asked questions.



(From left to right) Haleh Motiey, Jianjun Chen, Donna Corbeil, Theresa Salazar, Donna Bero, Fang Gu.

3. CALA Traditional Chinese Banquet for the CLA Conference

On November 12 evening in the Chinese restaurant of Fortune House, Sacramento, CALA-NC hosted the traditional Chinese Banquet for the CLA Conference. About 100 people came to the banquet including Susan Hildreth, California State Librarian; Susan Negreen, Executive Director of California Library Association; Margaret Miles, CLA 2006 President and Diana Wu, CALA Immediate Past President.

For this banquet, CALA-NC prepared various entertainment programs with children and CALA supporter's performances. All people at the banquet were impressed with demonstration of Guzheng played by four lovely Chinese children. Suona (Chinese Trumpet) performed by Mr. Xie Hongtao was another pleasant hit with its distinctively loud and high-pitched sound. The solo of Nessum Dorma from "Turandot" and duet: Brindisi from "La traviata" received a warm applause from the banquet audience.



(Guzheng Performance by Four Children)

Suona (Chinese Trumpet) performed by Xie, Hongtao



Duet by Chen Jianjun and Deng Lili



Dinner with Susan Hildreth, California State Librarian (right fourth); Susan Negreen, Executive Director of California Library Association (right third); Margaret Miles, CLA 2006 President (right sixth), Diana Wu, CALA Immediate Past President (left third) and Fang Gu, president of CALA-NC (left second).

In addition to the entertainment programs, CALA-NC provided a large variety of door prizes with the strong support of CALA members and our sponsor of APAPA (Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association). Listed below are some of the door prizes:

- Sculptured Elephant made from Italian white marble (APAPA)
- Sapphire Crystal Diamond. (APAPA)
- Emerald Crystal Diamond. (APAPA)
- Chang Da-Qian painting book (2 v., HB) donated by Soyodo Bookstore in Sunnyvale
- \$20 gift certificate to Best Buy
- A couple of Crystal Sapphire Swan (APAPA)
- Crystal Vase with Inner Chinese Painting (APAPA)
- DVD Player, donated by Sino-American Bookstore in San Francisco.

Special thanks go to our CALA members: Doris Tseng and Nancy Fong for their efforts in obtaining and donating the generous prizes.

Special thanks also go to the following CALA members for their assistance in the program and the banquet: Hong Wang, Janet Lin, Bin Zhang, Joe Zhou, Sue Chen and Diana Wu.

Feedback on the Program and Banquet:

"The thanks need to come from me to you and CALA. The banquet was wonderful—those young girls playing their instruments will stick in my memory for years to come—they were just great. And, your hospitality was deeply appreciated. (Of course, the food was wonderful, too.) Thank you for including me in your event!" -- Susan Negreen, CAE, Executive Director, California Library Association

"I want to thank you very much for inviting me! I very much enjoyed the entertainment, the food and the conversation. I wish you good luck in planning next year's events, and I look forward to seeing you in Long Beach next October." -- Margaret Miles, CLA 2006 President

"I just wanted to let you know how grateful I was to participate in such a wonderful panel presentation you put together. The fact that the California state librarian was in the audience and asked question seemed to be very encouraging. Also the CALA banquet was another big hit. People told me that they go to CLA because of our banquet. Thanks for all the hard works." -- Diana Wu CALA Immediate Past President

"It was so nice to see everybody at the program and banquet on Sunday. I was very glad to help as mc. I thought the program and banquet was very nicely done and you can see the fruits of all your hard work. Congratulations...it was the excellent prep job done by you and your committee of workers that made the events run smoothly and so very enjoyable. Having 100 people willing and wanting to come to the banquet is an accomplishment in itself considering the competition of the state library's reception an hour before. CALA has built a fine reputation for a great programs, wonderful banquets and always very generous raffle prizes. It was also nice to see the amount of support generated from CLA officials and Susan Hildreth. Thank the performers too. I thought they were outstanding. It's always appreciated and I do believe people value multi-ethnic,

multi-cultural programs. I am very busy at my library right now, but in the near future, if you ever want to do any programming in the East Bay area, I would be very pleased to host the event at San Leandro Library." -- Nancy Fong, MC for CALA Chinese Banquet

"I want to thank you for inviting me to be a part of the panel. I very much enjoyed the other presentations, and it was great to meet you and all the other panel members, as well as members of the audience. You did an excellent job organizing the panel." -- Theresa Salazar Curator, the Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley

"I am so happy to know that the good hard work of CALA members continue on, we have established such a good reputation although I feel so sorry that I couldn't attend the program and banquet myself, however still want to congratulate each and everyone of you for your effort and dedication to CALA like a big family." -- Susana Liu, CALA-NC Committee Member

4. Future Work

We will work on election for new CALA-NC Committee Members and Vice President. I am planning on creating an online voting form and formulating the ballot committee to accomplish this task in 2007. Please email me your suggestions, comments and opinions.

Respectfully submitted by Fang Gu, President of CALA Northern California Chapter

Southern California Chapter Interim Report

1. CALA Southern California Chapter

With the approval of Nationwide CALA, the CALA California chapter was successfully divided into two independent chapters. Therefore, the CALA - Southern California (CALA-SC) was established on July 4, 2006.

As the president of CALA-CA before the chapter division, Kuei Chiu will serve as the President until the next election. Wenwen Zhang will serve as CALA-SC Vice President, Xu Ying as CALA-SC Secretary / Treasurer, and Yongyi Song as CALA-SC webmaster and Chair of the Membership Committee. This was announced on July 31, 2006.

Currently, CALA-SC is busy organizing its very first major program: Dr. Sun Yat-sen Exhibitions and Symposium in mid-November. This program will display rare and valuable exhibits from Zhongshan Library in Guangdong and will invite scholars and researched from both China and U.S. to present papers.

2. CALA Southern California Chapter Website

Many thanks to Ying Liu for her talented creation of the Southern California Website. It is beautiful! Ying's artist talent makes the site itself a piece of art! CALA Southern California Chapter is fortunate to have Ying as our Web Master! The site is available at: <http://www.cala-web.org/chapters/SouthernCalifornia>

3. CALA-SCA Annual Program 2006

CALA Southern California Chapter proudly hosted a series of symposia and exhibitions in honor of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's 140th birthday and in commemoration of the 95th Anniversary of China's Revolution of 1911, with the co-sponsorship of the County of Los Angeles Public Library and the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. The symposia and grand opening ceremonies were held in the Asian Pacific Resource Center of Montebello Library on November 17 and in the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library on November 18, 2006. The

exhibitions were held in both libraries for over a month. All the exhibit items of more than 400 rare photos, manuscripts, historical documents and publications focused on the 1911 revolution of China, especially in Guangdong Province. These large poster-sized photos and documents were hand-carried from Guangdong, China to Los Angeles. The Exhibitions and the Symposia, both in size and content, mark a "First" in the history of Southern California for similar activities.

Four distinguished speakers at the symposia deeply impressed the audience with interesting topics and vivid illustrations and presentations. Dr. Huanwen Cheng, Director of Sun Yat-sen University Libraries and Director of the Research Institute of Library and Information Science illustrated the connection between Dr. Sun and Sun Yat-sen University, and the influence of Dr. Sun's spirit at Sun Yat-sen University. Dr. Philip West, Mansfield Professor of Modern Asian Affairs of the University of Montana, shared his experience in teaching Dr. Sun Yat-sen in the American college Classroom. Mr. Jun-ming Ni, Head of Special Collections and Assistant to the Director of the Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Province, made an introductory speech on the Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Province and library's special holdings. Researcher and Journalist Sean Liang's speech focused on descendants of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and their close relations with the United States, especially with California.

At the Exhibitions and Symposia Grand Opening Ceremonies, the CALA Southern California Chapter was especially honored to receive a very warm written greeting from Rose Sun, a granddaughter of Dr. Sun Yat-sen who was invited to celebrations of Dr. Sun's 140 Anniversary in China, which Sally Tseng proudly read to the audience. Our honorable guest speakers included Mayor of City of Montebello Bob Bagwell, Monterey Park Mayor David Liu, Vice Consul General of the Chinese Consulate in LA Zhao-you Xu, County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, Monterey Park City Librarian Linda Wilson, CALA-SCA President Kuei Chiu and CALA Executive Director Sally Tseng made wonderful remarks on the programs. We also received Special congratulations and Congressional Recognition from Hilda L. Solis, Member of the Congress; Leslie Berger, ALA President, Michael Gorman, immediate Past President; Susan Hildreth, California State Librarian, presidents of the Friends of the Libraries and many more.

More than 10 Awards and Certifications of Appreciation were presented to each speaker and the Program Planning Committee members at the Award Banquet held immediately after the first symposium on November 17.

The entire program was extraordinary successfully with the hard work of the Program Planning Committee members under the leadership of Sally Tseng. We had over 220 people who attend both days' symposia. The program was reported and covered by the major American media including Chinese Daily News, World Journal, and Xingdao Daily; Broadcasting KNZA 1300 and TV LA Channel 18, California Library Association and several local newspapers.

Our sincere thanks go to the program Planning Committee members: CALA members Sally Tseng, Ying Xu, Maggie Wang, Xiwen Zhang, Ying Liu, Yongyi Song, Kuei Chiu, Manuel Urrizola and Wenwen Zhang, and librarians from the County of Los Angeles Public Library and Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Helen Tsai, Patty Banuilos, Lisa Castaneda, Linda Fernandez, and Linda Wilson. They worked tirelessly and closely together for over a year for this program on planning, fund-raising, promotion and lots of detailed preparations. Wenwen Zhang was awarded \$1,000 Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant for this program. It was enthusiastically supported by CALA-SCA and the other two sponsor library organizations. All in all, it was everybody's efforts, dedication, and team work that made this program a huge success!



Dr. Sun Yat-sen Exhibitions and Symposia Planning Committee:

From the front row left: Ying Liu, Helen Tsai, Sally Tseng, Linda Wilson, Ying Xu.

From the back row left: Maggie Wang, Manuel Urrizola, Lisa Castaneda, Linda Fernandes, Wen-wen Zhang, Yong-yi Song, [Chiu Kuei and Xiwen Zhang (not in the picture)]



One of the Huge Posters for the Events in Honor of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

Dr. Philip West, Mansfield Professor of Modern Asian Affairs of the University of Montana

One of the group pictures of speakers and Program Committee members receiving awards



You may find more detailed exhibit description, distinguished speakers' biographies and abstracts of speech, press releases and photos of events on the CALA-SC website, <http://www.cala-web.org/chapters/SouthernCalifornia>



Dr. Huanwen Cheng, Director of Sun Yat-sen University Libraries.

3. 2007 California Library Association (CLA)-CALA Banquet Planning

The 2007 California Library Association Annual Conference will be held in the city of Long Beach, Southern California in October. It is a tradition that CALA California Chapters hosts a fund-raising Banquet at the Conference. The Chinese Banquet has won its reputation in the CLA due to the delicious Chinese food, fantastic entertainment, enjoyable environment, high quality door prizes, and lots of fun.

CALA-SC Board members have already begun planning of this banquet event by looking for an elegant place at an ideal location, collecting door prizes, coordinating guest speakers and seeking for art performing individuals and groups. We look forward to presenting another great Chinese Banquet at the CLA Annual Conference. If you are in this are, come and join us!



4. 2008 ALA/CALA Annual Events

Several SC members have been approached by Dr. ShaLi Zhang, CALA 2008 President-elect to serve on Local Arrangement Committee when the ALA Annual Conference will be held in Anaheim, California. SC members are looking forward to many exciting years ahead!

Submitted by Wenwen Zhang, President of Southern California Chapter

Southwest Chapter Interim Report

1. Current Work in Progress

(1) 2007 Annual Program

As you may know, CALA-Southwest chapter Annual program always take place in the Texas Library Association Annual Conference. With the help of ex-presidents: Rosa Hsu and Klarion Tang, the planning for the 2007 program is complete.

The title of the program will be: Acquiring and Managing East Asian Language Materials. The event will be held on Friday, April 13, 2007 at 10:00 am - 11:50 am in San Antonio, Texas.

For the program, we recruit three experienced colleagues to share their expertise on how to manage East Asian language materials, from acquisition to cataloging to public services. Ms. Caroline Xiaofang Han has been the Librarian of Asia Collections in the Foreign Literature Department at Cleveland Public Library since 2004. She also served as the chair for the Local Arrangement Committee and the co-chair for the Program Committee in the Chinese American Librarians' Association Midwest Chapter for the year of 2005-2006.

Ms. Eileen Liu is the founder and CEO of Tsai Fong Books. She is also a regular contributor to newspapers and the host of three radio talk shows on Texas 1180 AM, including Talk About Books - a look at the past and present gems of the book world. Tsai Fong's Annual Book Fair since 2002, organized by Ms. Liu, offers seminars on interesting topics as well as books and is an eagerly anticipated Chinese community events in the Greater Houston area. She will share her experience on acquiring Chinese materials from the viewpoint of a vendor.

Ms. Meng-fen Su has been the Head Librarian of East Asian Library Program at University of Texas Libraries at UT-Austin since 2000. She was Chinese Cataloger at Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University from 1984-1999, and East Asian Cataloger at the Ohio State University Libraries from 1979-1984.

We really appreciate these colleagues' acceptance to speak in the TLA 2007 Annual Program. Their experience will definitely benefit the Texas library communities, mostly generalist libraries, with increasing interest in serving East Asian language materials but lacking the expertise.

(2) Social Gatherings

The first social gathering for members in Houston area took place on 12/3/2006. The second gathering to celebrate Chinese New Year is under planning.

2. Agenda for 2007

(1) Update of chapter information in CALA Webpage

I will be working with CALA webmaster, Shixing Wen, to bring information regarding our officers and programs up to date. The officer roster for 2006-2007 is:

- President: Hweifen Weng, Rice University
- Vice-president/President-elect: Siu-min Yu, Rice University
- Immediate past President: Klairon Tang, Houston Community College
- Treasurer: Shelley Mao, University of Houston Downtown Library
- Membership: Klairon Tang
- Program: George Teoh, Houston Community College, Northwest campus

We do have an archive of the information in binders. I will compile the list in an electronic format and send to Shixing for updates.

I would also welcome suggestions on anything else that we can put in the CALA webpage for our chapter.

(2) How to get members outside of Houston area involved?

CALA-Southwest chapter covers members from 9 states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah. Currently we have 79 members in the CALA membership list. Among them, only 18 are current and 11 are life members. The rest of them are inactive. Members in Houston area have regular gatherings. However, outside Houston area, there are few activities.

With these situations in mind, I would like to solicit suggestions from our chapter members on how to get the inactive members active again. Please send me any suggestions and thoughts on this issues and I would compile them to put into general discussions.

(3) Planning for 2008 Program

The position for the chapter president usually starts around June. However, the deadline for the planning of the Annual Program to take place in TLA Conference also takes place around the same time. To help the incoming new president, i.e. the current vice-president, I would like to start the planning process early on around

May. If you have any ideas on what topics would be of interest to TLA community or even better, if you are interested in giving a talk on your area of specialty, I would like to hear from you so we can have a list of

potential topics or speakers available when time comes for planning again.

Submitted by Hweifen Weng, President of Southwest Chapter

Committee Reports

2007 Conference Program Planning Committee

1. Secured the following biography and program titles from speakers:
 - 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

2. The Title of the program is modified to "Librarians of the 21st Century: Developing solutions to new challenges at the global, national and local levels".
3. Flyers and brochures were developed by Vickie Doll and Carol Gee, with the assistance of Vickie's student Michelle Chen.

Submitted by Dora Ho, Chair

2008 Conference Program Planning Committee

The Committee explored the topics to be presented at the CALA 2008 Annual Conference to be held in June 2008, in Anaheim, California.

Based on the input from CALA members, committee members, and CALA leadership, the committee recommended using the CALA program as a platform to introduce and present several successful and sustainable projects between U.S. and China's library communities.

- The tentative title for the program is: Global Outreach: A U.S. – China Experience
- The program date: Sunday, June 29, 2008
- Program time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Program location: To be announced

The committee members are finalizing the program contents, format, and speakers.

Chair's notes: the committee members demonstrated enthusiasm and energy to plan and make this program as the best as possible. Amy Tsiang, past CALA President, offered valuable experience and suggestions to the chair in the program planning process.

Submitted by Sha Li Zhang, Chair

Awards Committee

CALA Award Committee this year includes three members: Yongyi Song (Chair), Denise Kwan and Ying Xu. During the past six months, our major task was to select Distinguished Service Award and Advocacy Award for 2006 Joint Conference of Librarian of Color in Houston.

We have received total 19 letters for nominations, and we selected Ms. Sally Tseng and Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee as the receipts for the above-mentioned Awards after thorough reading and discussion. We also wrote 300 words of bio-information for the award presentation, and 50 word of description for the plaques.

Submitted by Yongyi Song, Chair

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Members of the Committee: Min Chou (Chairperson), Manuel Urrizola, Susan Xue, Lena Lee Yang, and Harriet Ying.

The Committee was given the following charges by President Haipeng Li:

- Finish any carry-over items from last year (i.e. revise the Constitution and Bylaws and propose for voting);
- Review the Constitution and Bylaws and make amendments where necessary to the Board (i.e. voting procedure and chapter establishment);
- Make sure that the Association's business is conducted as prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The chairperson would like to commend the Committee members for their professionalism, expertise and dedication to CALA demonstrated in the course of duties, and the countless time and efforts they have contributed to the challenging tasks. Listed below is a highlight of the Committee accomplishment thus far:

In reference to the carry-over items from the last year, the Committee thoroughly reviewed the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) made by previous C&B Committees. Our goal was to make the documents consistent, clear, and typo free. With the editorial changes and further amendments proposed by the Committee as reflected in the documents, the proposed C&B have sounded much better. The Committee submitted initial drafts of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to the Board for the online discussion in November. In December, after gathering feedbacks from the Board, the Committee prepared final drafts of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and submitted them to the Board for voting at the midwinter meeting.

In reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws regarding voting procedure, the Committee recommended that whenever a vote is held at a membership or board meeting, a well defined quorum should be present. Article II, Section 4 of the final draft of the proposed Bylaws was edited to add a quorum requirement to any membership vote. Article III/2 of the final draft of the proposed Bylaws was edited to spell out the quorum requirement for board meetings and any voting that takes place at board meetings, as well as the procedure for tie-break vote and the requirement of in-person vote.

Regarding chapter issues, the Committee recommended to add a new section to the article on chapters to address the dissolution and reorganization of a chapter. This way the article regarding chapter issues would be more complete. Text of the proposed new section - section 7- can be found in the Article V of the final draft of the proposed Bylaws.

CALA's Constitution has grown longer than the Bylaws and has started to cover specific rules and procedures. The Committee proposed to reorganize the C&B to move the following "rule/procedure specific" sections from the Constitution to the Bylaws and to leave brief statements and guidelines in the Constitution if applicable, so that the Constitution will focus on providing guiding principles and the Bylaws will provide further definition to the Constitution and outline specific procedures.

- Article V. Section 3 Board Meetings
- Article VII. Vacancies
- Article VIII. Membership and Program Meetings
- Article IX. Chapters
- Article XI. Parliamentary Authority

The proposed reorganization was incorporated in the final drafts of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws.

As for the standing charge, the Committee will continue to review the C&B to bring the constitutional language and the procedures outlined in the bylaws in line with the practice of the Association, and to include any recommendations in our final report.

Submitted by Min Chou, Chair

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that CALA's finance is very strong.

As most of our money is now deposited in a bank which gives minimal interest (1.5%), the Committee proposes that:

1. The small Continue Education Fund of \$3,007.46 be absorbed by the \$5,278.77 Scholarship Fund, and the new amount be put in a money market account at Citibank (or its equivalent) which is giving 5% interest at the present.
2. Of the \$26,643.43 General Fund, let \$16,643.43 be placed in a long term CD that will generate 5% or more annual interest, let \$5,000.00 be placed in a checking account, and the remaining \$5,000.00 be

placed in a money market account in the same bank (5%). If money is needed from that money market account, that can easily be transferred to the checking account anytime.

3. Try to cut down expenses in the printing of the Membership Directory, perhaps by making it in a smaller format and/or making it available online. That may also cut down the cost of mailing. Perhaps to those who prefer the electronic format, no mailing is necessary.

Please keep up your good work in fund raising and getting/giving donations to enrich the activities and services of CALA.

Submitted by Esther Lee, Chair

International Relations Committee

I. Significant Activities since Last Report

1. The Committee discussed the work plan in late September. We decided to:
 - Discuss the major tasks of the committee for 2006/07 in September and early October;
 - Make guidelines for selection of teams leaders and members of three or four CALA workshops to be conducted in China next summer by October 31;
 - Select the teams leaders and members of the three or four CALA workshops by November 30;
 - Work with group leaders and members, create workshop topics for each individual training group by December 31;
 - Work with group leaders to make a deadline for complete of presentations for all group members;
 - Keep contact libraries which we will conduct the workshops in summer 2007 and update information to all group leaders and members.
2. The Committee made two documents, entitled "CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series, Proposal of Conducting Four Seminars for Summer 2007," Internal User and Public Use on November 28, 2006;
3. The Committee made a CALA Twenty--first Century Librarian Seminar Series, Presenter Application Form and a sample of resume in Chinese;
4. One of the Committee members, Lisa Zhao, made a Webpage for CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series at: <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/project/workshop.shtml>

II. Next Work Plan before June 30th 2007

1. Make the Committee's recommendations for selected members for four seminars by January 15th, 2007;
2. Assist group leaders and members to create workshop topics for each individual training group;

3. Assist group leaders to make a deadline for completion of preparing presentations for all group members;
4. Assist group leaders and liaisons to keep contact libraries which we will conduct the seminars in summer 2007;
4. Assist group leaders to make new agreements with these four and other Chinese institutions to conduct more seminars in summer 2008.

III. Recommendations

1. The IRC recommends that CALA launch the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series in four locations in China in summer of 2007:
 - Northeast Normal University, Changchun;
 - Shansi Agricultural University, Taigu (near Taiyuan);
 - Yunnan Normal University, Kunming;
 - Yunnan Provincial Library, Kunming;
2. The IRC recommends this project be made a part of the ongoing efforts for promoting CALA internationally and make a goal to conduct the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series not only in China, but also in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other areas; not only in academic and public libraries, but also in special libraries.
3. The IRC recommends that the Board approve CALA delegation leaders and authorize them to sign draft agreements for future projects after seeking necessary consultation/approval from the President or the Executive Director.
5. The IRC takes charge of CALA's international academic exchange affairs including LSC (Library Society of China) 2007 Conference under the guidelines of the President and the Executive Director.

Submitted by Guoqing Li and Xudong Jin, Co-Chairs

Membership Committee

Below is a progress report which summarizes committee activities since 7/1/2006, the post-ALA Midwinter working plan, as well as a preliminary report on the printing of the membership directories. Proposed agenda item is listed under item 2).

1. New Members Drive

Thanks to the great efforts made by CALA members from all chapters, we have recruited 38 new members since 6/25/2006, including 2 new life members. Particularly worth noting is the successful recruitment of three former ALA presidents: Barbara J. Ford, Carol A. Brey-Casiano, and Michael Gorman. The committee wishes to thank the local chapters for their recruitment efforts. Currently, we are also focusing on a membership renewal drive which has been progressing smoothly.

2. Life Membership Promotion Program

In previous years, the Life Membership promotion program had yielded great success, as all local chapters assisted within the regions. The committee has received several inquiries about this offer.

Proposal: Offer a reduced life membership fee of \$300 during a special promotional period 2/1/2007-6/30/2007.

3. Print Directory

Printer and price are under investigation. The plan is to work with a local publisher in the Houston metropolitan area (this is where the current membership committee chair resides). The content, format, and total number of copies to be printed will soon be discussed within the committee. The final recommendations will be sent to the Board for review and approval, tentatively in February 2007. The committee will also work with the Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee to solicit vendor advertisements to help offset the costs.

4. Online Directory

No significant progress made so far. The committee will work with the Web Advisory Committee after ALA-Midwinter.

5. Membership Database -- review and update of membership status coding

The importance of correct coding of the current and life members is particularly evident during the time of election and appointment of CALA committee members. With the approval of the Executive Board, the membership status coding was comprehensively reviewed and updated in July to reflect current status.

6. Membership Database -- verifying

The Chapter member lists were distributed to committee members. Each member then worked with their respective chapter officers to recruit new members, encourage renewals, and contact inactive members to verify their status and to invite their returns. Project status: Ongoing.

7. Officer's Handbook

The committee is working with the Officer's Handbook Taskforce to compile related documents and committee policies and procedures.

Submitted by Jiun Kuo, Chair

Mentorship Program Committee

On August 31, 2006, the Mentorship Committee received charges from President Haipeng Li to:

- keep a sound record of any business conducted this year;
- make a tentative timeline which indicates, where necessary, the various steps of tasks which need to be accomplished;
- come up with a sound plan to continue and ensure the success of the Mentorship Program;
- explore options to further enhance and improve the program.

Subsequently, the Mentorship Committee first reviewed the documents and resources on the Committee website (<http://www.cala-web.org/mentorship>). Based on the previous Committee reports that the Forum was not used much, it has been removed. In its place, a new category called "Resources" was created, which include Program announcements to library schools and the CALA listserv as well as a List of Library Schools in North America and their email addresses. Each committee member has taken a portion of the email list to verify their currency before the Program announcement was sent out.

The following timeline was adopted by the Committee:

- 9/14/2006 Updated the Mentorship Program website
- 9/18/2006 Send the announcement to the CALA listserv
- 9/22/2006 Send the announcement to library schools
- 10/2-6/2006 Match mentees and mentors
- 10/9/2006 Inform mentees and mentors
- 6/1/2007 Receive Program evaluation from participants

This year, in order to reach out to the next generation of Chinese-American librarians, we have opened the CALA Mentorship Program to all library school students of Chinese heritage and emailed the Program announcement to each library school in North America. We have also sent the Program announcement to the CALA listserv, encouraging seasoned CALA members to share their experiences with junior librarians and library school students.

We are happy to report that this year there are 20 mentees in the Program, of which 14 are students from 11 library schools (Catholic University of America, Florida State University, Indiana University, Long Island University, Rutgers University, San Jose State University, University of Denver, University of Maryland,

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of North Texas, and University of South Florida) and 6 junior librarians. 5 veteran CALA members (Dora Ho, Haipeng Li, George Teoh, Angela Yang, and Lisa Zhao) have volunteered to serve as mentors. And we have recruited 14 mentors as needs grew.

Here we'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those mentors who have honored our request (Xi Chen, Min Chou, Judy Jeng, Xudong Jin, Jian Liu, Mengxiong Liu, Hong Miao, Junlin Pan, Lian Ruan, Fu Yuan Schuttringer, Yongyi Song, Diana Wu, Yunshan Ye, Sha Li Zhang) and willingly contributed their time to provide guidance to our library school students and junior librarians.

This year, we have kept our Program enrollment open. Our latest mentee, a junior librarian, joined the CALA Mentorship Program on December 8.

This year, we have also asked our mentors to initiate contact first and encourage the mentees to ask questions. Diana Wu and Sha Li Zhang have respectively arranged a face-to-face meeting with their mentees.

Angela Yang has been providing mentorship to 3 mentees, including a junior librarian she herself recruited during a conference. Sha Li Zhang has recruited a library school student herself and been mentoring 2 mentees.

CALA Mentorship Program is a joint venture of all our mentors and mentees. It is our sincere hope that all participants will find it worthwhile and beneficial.

Submitted by Shixing Wen, Chair

Nominating Committee

There were 20 candidates nominated for the Board of Directors, of which 5 declined, leaving 15 candidates for 5 spots.

Two candidates were nominated for the Executive Director position. One of them declined. Two candidates, Xudong Jin and Li Fu were nominated for the VP/President Elect 2008. Li Fu was nominated multiple times to run for the Board of Directors, which she accepted and declined to run for the VP/President Elect 2008.

The Committee is trying very hard to seek for a better geographical distribution.

All biographical sketches and personal statements were received as of December 18, 2006. These materials will be forwarded to Sally Tseng and the Election Committee early in January after the Board approved the slate.

The following issues need to be addressed:

1. Haipeng Li will need to appoint someone to replace Shixing Wen for the e-election coordinator. Jen-Chien Yu agreed to serve on this capacity.
2. We will need to replace Xudong Jin for his Board of Director position, 2005-2008.
3. Guidelines and a template have been developed by the Nomination Committee to help candidates in submitting their biographical sketches and personal statements. This is included in the report for the midwinter Board meeting. It is especially important to use these guidelines for the first-time candidates.

I. Proposed timeline:

- Sept 26 -Call for nominations was sent out to CALA listserv
- Oct. 16 and Oct. 24 - follow-up reminders sent to CALA listserv
- December 19 – slate of nominees emailed to the board; all candidates' biographical sketches and personal statements received
- December 20 - mid-year report send to the Executive Director and President, with cc to the Executive Board for midwinter board meeting
- January 20, 2007 - at the midwinter board meeting: Chair of this committee presents the slate to the Board
- January 25, 2007 - once being approved at the midwinter board meeting, the slate of the candidates will be posted to CALA listserv and publish in Spring issue of CALA newsletter for record
- February 1-15 The Executive Director works with Webmaster to prepare for the online election and paper ballots to those without email address.
- February 20 - post the online election and mail the paper ballot, last for one month window, election shall be closed by March 20.

II. Slate of Candidates:

Executive Director - Shixing Wen, MW Chapter
VP/President Elect 2008 - Xudong Jin, MW Chapter

Board of Directors:

NE - Min Chou, and Dajin Sun

GA - Lucie Chen

MW - Li Fu, Lian Ruan, Shuyong Jiang, and Liana Zhou

CA-S - Amy Tsiang and Wenwen Zhang

CA-N - Cathy Hsiao and Fang Gu

Florida - Ying Zhang
 SW - Jiun Kuo and Klairon Tang
 Z - Zhijia Shen

III. Recommendations

1. Call for nominations should be sent out as early as possible. We recommended as outlined above. This will give the Nomination Committee plenty of time to solicit

for qualified candidates with the considerations for balanced geographical distributions.

2. Guidelines and a template have been developed by the Nomination Committee to help candidates in submitting their biographical sketches and personal statements. It is especially important to use these guidelines for the first-time candidates. This document is attached.

Submitted by Diana Wu, Chair

Public Relations/Fund-Raising Committee

1. We created a wiki site to facility, record and document communications among PR/FR committee members. <http://prfr4cala.pbwiki.com/>

2. We held a PR/FR Committee kick-off meeting on December 19, 2006 via conference-call. The goal is to identify PR/FR tasks, tactics and timeline to accomplish these tasks. It was a fruitful meeting and here are some of the activities and suggestions that the group identified:

- Update/revise the brochure to distribute at conferences, booth, and events. Also make it available online if not yet.
- Add an option for members to subscribe e-Directory, for convenience, easy access while saving printing and postage cost.
- Package CALA literatures such as brochure, (directory), membership application, and donation form together so all the information about CALA is in one set as handout when talk to vendors for fund raising and/or recruit new members.

- Solicit ad placements from publishers/vendors in the Membership Directory (approved to be an effective) way for fund raising.
- Greet and contact current, retired members during holiday season (such as Chinese New Year), another way to solicit donation.
- Create advocacy opportunities through current and/or retired members, to raise the visibility and highlight the viability of CALA. These case studies or testimonies can be made available at CALA Web site, newsletter and membership directory.
- Create awareness about CALA and solicit support via various listservs (Need to consult with President Haipeng Li to identify these listservs.)
- Set up special programs with local chapter to raise visibility of CALA and recruit new members.
- Create and sell Chinese motif greeting cards for fund raising.

Submitted by Linna Yu and Wei Bender, Co-Chairs

Publications Committee

The main charges for the Publications Committee (PC) are to work with editors of JLIS, OPS and the Newsletter to ensure the timeliness of publication, quality, current and future directions; and to recommend to the Board any changes or improvements in the overall publication program and policies of CALA. More specifically, for this year, PC needs to review the CALA publication web pages, continue to work on OPS editorial statement and guidelines, revise the PC entry in the CALA Handbook, and reevaluate the publishing situation of JLIS after one year's experiment since 2005.

PC discussed issues regarding JLIS and was aware that there were some access difficulties and issues regarding English manuscripts process. To understand the situation, PC reviewed the minutes of meeting between CALA and JLIS editor in 2005. PC supports the key points recorded in the minutes of 2005 meeting between CALA and

NTNU, and considers these are the basic elements for future collaboration. Based on those key points, PC discusses how JLIS is beneficial to CALA members; the online access of current issue, and whether or not CALA should continue its collaboration with National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) in circumstance.

PC acknowledges the long term collaboration between NTNU and CALA and JLIS is beneficial to both CALA members and NTNU. As JLIS is a peer-reviewed journal, it provides opportunities for CALA members' research and publications. It can also serve as a marketing tool to promote CALA as an organization, and as a model for future collaboration of such. However, PC notices that this long standing practice is experiencing some difficulties. PC thinks CALA should make another attempt to solve the issues without terminate this long standing practice, as one of the member puts it: "I believe that we should do what we possibly can to improve communication with NTNU. After all, there has

been a long history of the established collaboration." PC emphasizes that these benefits can only be achieved when there is a mutual willingness to cooperate and to communicate, and a respectful work relationship between CALA and NTNU.

After reviewing the current situation, PC has identified some issues or problems: CALA members still have no/limited access to the current issues; the Journal is not well balanced in terms of the number of Chinese and English articles appeared in each issue; second, its contents are more geared toward the interest of Taiwan readers. PC realizes that it is unfortunate that there is no official agreement between NTNU and CALA from 2005 meeting, only minutes of the meeting.

Based on the above observations, PC has made the recommendations to the board to communicate with J LIS to re-enforce the arrangement made in 2005 and if possible, CALA should pursue a meeting (web conference call/email) with Chinese editorial board, and to have an agreement signed with NTNU on the collaboration. The Recommendation was made to the Board on October 20, 2006.

The next task on the list is the OPS discussions. The OPS was announced last year, and the editor-in-chief was appointed. For this year, PC is working with the editor-in-chief to establish the editorial board and also to finalize the editorial statement and guidelines. PC has reviewed the list of the candidates for assistant editors suggested by the editor-in-chief. PC realizes that there are some issues overlooked in the documents, such as the eligibilities and qualifications. There are also practical issues regarding OPS, such as the format, frequency, and length. The discussion also touches upon some other issues, such as the size, the responsibilities of OPS editorial board and also the relation of PC and OPS editorial.

Currently, PC has been reviewing the candidates for assistant editors to make recommendations to the Board at its Midwinter meeting.

PC will continue to discuss the identified issues regarding OPS and the final documents of OPS will be present to the Board at its annual meeting for endorsement.

Submitted by Shuyong Jiang, Chair

Scholarship Committee

CALA President, Haipeng Li, has charged the Committee to:

- Keep a sound record of any business conducted;
- Make a timeline which indicates the various steps of tasks to be accomplished; and,
- Complete the process of the selection of scholarship recipients.

CALA is pleased to announce the availability of the 2007 CALA Scholarships:

- The CALA Scholarship of Library and Information Science (\$1000)
- The C.C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship (\$500)
- The Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship (\$500)
- The Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Scholarship (USA) (\$200)

These scholarships are open to full-time students of Chinese heritage who are currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's or doctoral program of library and information science at an institution of higher education in North America.

July through September, 2006

The National Library of Medicine, through the efforts of Ms. Cassandra Allen, provided funds for numerous scholarships to attend the 1st Joint Conference of

Librarians of Color held in Dallas, Texas, on October 12-15, 2006. In July of 2006, Liana Zhou, Chair of the JCLC Awards and Scholarships Committee, forwarded to me, Manuel Urrizola, Chair of the CALA Scholarship Committee, the nominations of CALA members for the above NLM scholarships. The members of the CALA Scholarship Committee reviewed the nominations and sent our recommendations to Liana Zhou, Chair of the JCLC Awards and Scholarships Committee. On Sept. 12, 2006, Liana Zhou, Chair of the JCLC Awards and Scholarships Committee, announced the seven CALA recipients of the \$1000 scholarships: Minjie Chen, Esther Lee, Shu Liu, Cecilia Poon, Lian Ruan, Helen Wang, and Maggie Wang.

September through October, 2006

Committee members updated and extensively revised scholarship documents and drafted announcement/news release. Chief revision involved moving toward electronic applications and letters as much as possible.

November 2006

Revised documents and announcement posted on CALA website by CALA Webmaster, Shixing Wen.

Announcement/news release forwarded by Chair to all ALA accredited library schools in the US and Canada.

January 2007

Chair will send out to ALA accredited library schools a follow-up reminder about applications.

12 midnight Pacific Time, March 15, 2007

This is the deadline for all applications and reference material submissions.

April, 2007

Committee members will review all applications.

May, 2007

Committee will submit recommendations to CALA President, CALA Executive Director, and the CALA Board.

Committee will inform each recipient of her/his award.

Committee will have announcement of scholarship recipients posted on CALA website.

Committee will inform CALA membership of recipients via listserv.

Submitted by Manuel Urrizola, Chair

JLIS Editor Report

Due to the discussions between CALA and NTNU regarding the agreement about JLIS, our committee has not been actively soliciting and reviewing papers since Summer 2006. We recruited, reviewed, and published four articles for the April 2006 issue and one for the October 2006 issue. We will not provide any English articles to JLIS for the April 2007, also because of the delay of work due to the uncertainty of the agreement between CALA and NTNU.

Thanks to the strong leadership of CALA president, executive director, board, and the publications committee,

the JLIS agreement with NTNU will soon be signed to the satisfaction of both parties. We are very happy to see that JLIS will continue to be a collaborative project of CALA and NTNU. The agreement rearranged the work relationship between CALA JLIS editorial board and NTNU. Joyce Chen has assumed leadership about JLIS and we will be working with her on policy and higher level issues, while Professor Hsiao-tien Pu has been assigned as the coordinator and liaison for our committee regarding operational issues. We will start recruiting articles as soon as we receive directions from CALA president and look forward to a successful relationship.

Submitted by Zhijia Shen

**Collaboration Agreement Between
The National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)
On the Sponsorship of the Publication of the *Journal of Library and Information Science***

December 05, 2006

The National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) agree to sign the following agreement, to further joint effort in publishing JLIS.

Mutual Understanding

1. Both parties agree to collaborate willingly on the publication of JLIS.
2. Both parties agree to follow the policies and procedures regarding the publication of JLIS, set forth by CALA and NTNU, as delineated in the Appendix I and Appendix II.
3. Both parties agree that editorial authority and responsibility should be shared equally and collaboratively by the NTNU Chinese editorial board and the CALA English editorial board.
4. Both parties agree that each will be responsible for efficient and effective communication so that work that needs timely attention is not compromised or negatively impacted.
5. By signing the agreement, both parties agree to honor the terms outlined in the agreement.
6. Once the agreement is signed, a detailed working plan should be developed jointly in a given time to warrant the execution of the agreement (see also Appendix I and Appendix II).

7. If one party fails to satisfy the terms stipulated in the agreement successfully, the other party reserves the right to terminate this agreement immediately.

Haipeng Li, President	Chao-chen Chen, Chairperson
Chinese American Librarians Association	National Taiwan Normal University Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies
Date:	Date:
Sally Tseng, Executive Director	Mei-mei Wu, JLIS Editor-in-Chief
Chinese American Librarians Association	National Taiwan Normal University Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies
Date:	Date:

**Appendix of the Collaboration Agreement Between
The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)
On the Sponsorship of the Publication of the *Journal of Library and Information Science* (JLIS)**

I. JLIS Online Edition

NTNU and CALA seek a joint effort on the online publication of JLIS, which has for 32 years been their joint publication. The goal of this proposal is to provide a journal publication with open access format, while making paper editions obtainable for POD purchases. The open access format will start with the October 2006 issue.

The terms of collaboration are specified below.

II. Re-structure of Editorship Teamwork

In order to upgrade the journal to be moving forward to present itself with an internationally appealing format, a re-structure of editorial teamwork are as follows.

1. Editorial Board

The committee of editorial board is charged with the responsibilities for the direction of the journal development.

2. Responsibilities for the Editor in Chief

- (1) Be in charge of coordination between Chinese and English editors.
- (2) Be directing all fund-raising programs and activities.
- (3) Invite people to be named Chinese Editor, while asking CALA for recommendations for English Editor.
- (4) Be in charge of publication of the journal.
- (5) Coordinate other related matters.
- (6) Be responsible for providing access to the full-text version of JLIS to CALA members upon publication.

3. Responsibilities for Chinese Editor

- (1) Be responsible for calling for and collecting Chinese submissions.
- (2) Be responsible for matters related to reviewing Chinese submissions.
- (3) Discuss with English Editor about the number of articles to be published for the coming issues.
- (4) Be in charge of cover design, online format, and other related matters.
- (5) Be in charge of the design and maintenance of the online system of the journal.

4. English Editor

- (1) Be appointed by CALA Board of Directors.
 - (2) Be responsible for calling for and collecting English submissions.
 - (3) Be responsible for all English papers published in JLIS, including reviewing submissions, making final decisions on the acceptance of submissions, and communicating with authors about rejections or acceptance of their submissions in a timely fashion.
 - (4) Be responsible for at least three English papers in each issue, and related statistics should be reported to NTNU.
 - (5) Discuss with Chinese Editor about the number of articles to be published for the coming issues.
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5. Executive Editor

- (1) Be responsible for setting the formats.
- (2) Be responsible for proof-readings.
- (3) Be responsible for uploading the journal online.

6. Administration Editor

Be responsible for finance related matters, including bookkeeping and accounting.

7. CALA Sponsorship and Invoice

CALA is responsible for continuing to provide \$1,000 annually in support of the publication of *JLIS* upon the receipt of invoice from NTNU. NTNU is responsible for issuing the invoice to CALA 30 days prior to the payment due date, which is January 1st of each year.

8. If terms in this document are not carried out successfully by either party, the other reserves the right to discontinue this collaboration immediately.

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

1. The call for Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant applications will be distributed via the CALA listserv by the end of January, 2007. The deadline for application submission is Thursday, March 15, 2007.

2. The complete application packages will be sent to the Committee members to review. After the review and discussion, the Committee will send the decision by May

15, 2007 to the CALA President Haipeng Li and the Executive Director Sally Tseng.

3. The Chair of the Committee will notify the successful applicant(s) by May 31, 2007 and the recipient(s) will be announced on the CALA Newsletter and listserv.

4. The Grant will be presented to the recipient(s) in June 2007 at the CALA Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C. during the 2007 ALA Annual Conference (June 21-27, 2007).

Submitted by Manuel Urrizola, Chair

Officer's Handbook Committee

The committee met in December 2006 to discuss the template of handbook entry. It was a very fruitful meeting and we were able to finalize a standard form.

Committee members have been working on entries for the Handbook. After approval of the revised Constitution and Bylaws, we should be able to incorporate all the changes in the Handbook. We will continue to work on the entry of the officers as we received them. Committee entries already received and modified included:

- 1) Constitution and Bylaws

- 2) Handbook,
- 3) International Relations,
- 4) Membership,
- 5) Nomination,
- 6) Awards,
- 7) Publication,
- 8) Program,
- 9) Scholarship, and
- 10) Sally Tseng's Professional Development Grant.

We still need entries for Vice President, and the Executive Director, and Past President.

Submitted by Dora Ho, Chair

Best Book Award ad hoc Committee

We had ten adult books being requested for consideration for Award. There are 8 formal forms being submitted by our members, 7 of the books being reviewed by our Committee Members.

In the children's group, we received 5 titles recommended with forms for consideration for Award.

Susana Liu worked with MengXiung Liu, Diana Wu with my recommendation held a Book talk for Emily Wu, one of our Award candidate, and Belle Yang in San Jose King's Library on October 28, 2006. Ruth Kifer of SJSU Library Dean delivered a speech as Host. Irene Yeh, Elizabeth Sor joined us to help set the site for the day. We had a great time for the occasion.

Submitted by Julia Tung, Co-Chair

Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, and Listserv Administrator

I. Webmaster:

1. Created 16 paid advertisements for the following institutions on the CALA website under CALA Library Job Line, with a gross revenue of \$2,480 generated for CALA:

- University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries: Assistant Director for Collections and Scholarly Communications.
- University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center Auraria Library: Instruction Librarian.
- Western Washington University Libraries: Head of Reference and Instruction Services.
- Hunter College Libraries: Instructional Design Librarian.
- County of San Diego: Principal Librarian.
- Columbus Metropolitan Library: Director of Public Services.
- County of San Diego: Library Associate (Literacy Program).
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries: Dental Instructional Resources Librarian/Reference Librarian.
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries: Reference Librarian - Library Instruction Coordinator
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries: Reference Librarian -Two positions.
- Wesleyan University: CTW Consortium Librarian.
- Purdue University Calumet: Acquisitions Management Librarian and Subject Specialist.
- University of Virginia Library: Reference and Instructional Technology Librarian.
- University of California, Davis: Assistant/Associate University Librarian for Administrative Services.
- Peabody Essex Museum: Library Director.
- University of Maryland Libraries: Librarian, Chinese Cataloger/Subject Specialist.

2. Reports on the online payments (July 1, 2006-January 6, 2007):

- Total paid online: \$2,08.00
- PayPal charges: \$ 68.73
- Total net income: \$2,011.27

- Number of members paid their membership online: 23
- Number of advertisements paid online: 5

3. Updated committees' and chapters' webpage.

4. Created and maintained news items on the CALA front page.

Recommendations:

Each chapter needs to include a chapter webmaster in its officers so that the chapter webpages can be updated by chapter webmasters.

I'm thinking to step down as the webmaster by the end of June 2007. The Board needs to appoint a new webmaster.

II. Newsletter Editor:

1. Published the Fall 2006 issue of CALA Newsletter, containing 46 pages, in PDF format on the CALA website. (<http://www.cala-web.org/publications/newsletter/2006Fall.pdf>)
2. Plan to publish the Spring 2007 issue of CALA Newsletter in February 2007.

Recommendation:

My term of CALA Newsletter editor will end in June 2007. The Board needs to appoint a new editor.

III. Listserv Administrator:

1. Monitored the CALA listserv.
2. Rejected inappropriate or unsolicited spam messages.
3. Added new members to the listserv.
4. Updated members' email addresses.
5. Approved and rejected new subscribers.
6. Removed subscribers per their requests.
7. Responded to subscribers' questions.
8. Post job vacancy notices to the listserv.

Currently, there are 513 subscribers to the CALA listserv.

Recommendation:

I'm thinking to step down as the CALA listserv administrator by the end of June 2007. The Board needs to appoint a new listserv administrator.

Submitted by Shixing Wen

JCLC Reps Report

We are pleased to report that after many years of planning and organizing, the JCLC conference was

successfully carried out in Dallas, TX, from Oct. 11th to Oct. 15th. More than 30 CALA members attended this event. CALA was represented well at this successful conference! It has provided a much appreciated a wonderful time to learn from one another, to build your

network, and to develop new friendships. Indeed we all had a great time!

We are proud CALA has been one of the five organizing associations for the first ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color--JCLC. CALA provided much needed leadership, financial commitment and CALA members are both the speakers and participants during the conference.

JCLC attracted more than eleven hundreds of library staffers from all types of libraries and backgrounds, diversity advocates and educators to Dallas to network and to participate in over a hundred of programs about how to better serve increasingly diverse populations.

JCLC's theme "Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories," and it offered tools to create and support diversity policies, programs, and services for library staff who serve diverse communities. Its 100 plus programs focused on literacy, equity of access, diversity best practices, multicultural collection development, recruitment, service delivery and much more.

The proceeds from the Conference will be equally divided among the five caucuses/associations for their scholarship funds. While the exact dollar amount has not been announced, it is anticipated that a healthy amount of monetary fund will be received by each caucus. JCLC Steering Committee Co-Chairs will be presenting a check to CALA during the CALA Board meeting on January 20th, 2007!

CALA's representatives Liana Zhou and Linna Yu served as the Steering Committee members and also chaired the Awards Committee (Liana Zhou) and the Publicity Committee (Linna Yu). Linna was responsible for designing bookmarks and many other promotional/publicity events. Liana was responsible for the Awards and Scholarships and generating news releases relating to the Awards Committee.

Both Linna and Liana presided the Opening Event, the Plenary Session, the Legacy Breakfast, and the Award Banquet.

Our Appreciations:

Many CALA members served as the JCLC Committee members, this is an incomplete list: Sally Tseng, Cecillian Pooh, Esther Lee, Elizabeth Hsu, Manuel Urrizola (The MC for the GALA Event!)

Many CALA members staffed the CALA Booth during the conference; new members were recruited including a former ALA president!

The CALA President Haipeng Li and CALA Executive Director Sally Tseng organized an informal gathering for CALA members during JCLC; 20 people came to share

and discuss various issues related to CALA and the conference. In addition, there was a CALA caucus meeting during the conference which was well attended.

We wish to thank Haipeng Li and Sally Tseng for their unwavering support and much wise advice about JCLC. We thank CALA board for its leadership, guidance and much needed financial support. Over the years, there are several CALA past Presidents who have been extraordinarily supportive of the mission of JCLC, and to name a few Shixing Wen, Amy Tsiang Angela Yang and Diana Wu. Zhijia Shen and Amy Seetoo were also served as CALA representative to JCLC in the past and spent great deal of time and efforts in representing CALA's best interest and our deepest appreciation goes to all of them.

We also wish to thank many nominators for their enthusiastic nomination for many CALA members; they all put in lots of efforts in getting the nomination package ready and their support is most appreciated! Song Yongyi and Manuel Urrizola and their committee members also deserve lots of credit for a careful selection of the CALA recipients of the JCLC Scholarship and Awards.

The ALA's OLOS was instrumental in helping with all aspects of the Conferences. ALA officers and staffs such as Satia Orange provided extraordinary help.

JCLC Awards and Scholarships

The Awards Committee had successfully received over \$35,000 for conference scholarships which provided seven scholarships to each of the five associations. CALA's recipients received a total of seven thousand dollars. The National Library of Medicine was the largest donor for funding the scholarship program. Thirty five individuals including students and librarians from many underrepresented communities such as Indian Tribes are among the recipients.

In addition, 15 outstanding, seasoned librarians, authors, and advocates were selected, and they were recognized and honored during the October conference.

CALA's Advocacy award, Distinguished Services Award and Author Award were given to Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Ms. Sally Tseng and Amy Tan.

Many participants told us it was the best conferences that they have ever attended. The conference was full of positive energy and enthusiasm and it was exactly what we needed for building a library professional community that embrace the most essential quality—diversity.

JCLC Meetings during the Seattle conference:

There are two meetings planned for future JCLC and they are:

- Steering Committee I - WCC (Convention Center), Room 308, 6-10 pm, Thursday, January 18th
- Steering Comm. II -WCC, Room 613, 10 am to 1200 noon, Monday, January 22, 2006

The CALA's Recipients for the JCLC Awards

The JCLC Awards and Scholarships Committee announce the fifteen recipients for the JCLC Advocacy, Author, and Distinguished Service Awards. Each of the 5 ethnic caucuses of the American Library Association-the American Indian Library Association (AILA), Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), and the National Association to Provide Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking (REFORMA)-has one recipient in each of the three award categories.

We are pleased and proud to recognize these fifteen individuals for their substantial and lasting contribution to libraries and librarianship, and to the appreciation of diversity in a multicultural society. Each award recipient will receive a plaque at the JCLC Conference, "Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories," October 11-15, 2006, in Dallas, Texas, organized and sponsored by AILA, APALA, BCALA, CALA, and REFORMA. In addition, the distinguished service awardees will each receive \$1,000 from JCLC.

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Recipient of JCLC Advocacy Award

In his distinctive career, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee has already achieved many "Firsts" domestically including "the first American library director of Chinese origin" and "the first Chinese appointed as Chief of Asian Division, Library of Congress." He is also a well-known figure in international librarianship. He has left footprints in the five continents, especially in Southeast Asia, as a library consultant and lecturer. Because of the role model he set as a world citizen who advanced human understanding while setting unparalleled standards to the profession, he is highly praised as "the International Ambassador of Library."

Dr. Lee graduated from National Taiwan Normal University, and received his MA in Education, MLS, and Ph.D. in Education from the University of Pittsburgh. For forty years he held professional library positions at University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Colorado State University, and Ohio University where he was Dean of the libraries for twenty-one years. Because of his able leadership in achieving the library's unprecedented growth into a strong research institution, Ohio University honored his retirement by naming a new

library annex as the Hwa-Wei Lee Library Annex on May 22, 1999.

A strong believer in diversity in the library community, Dr. Lee has played important roles in numerous professional organizations. He was past president of CALA and a member of its Board of Directors, and won distinguished services awards from CALA and APALA. Dr. Lee has also been very active in IFLA and is a much sought-after lecturer and consultant in multicultural librarianship. At Ohio University, he developed international collections for Southeast Asian Studies as well as for other parts of the world.

As a renowned scholar in the library field, he is the author of three books and more than sixty articles, conference papers, and consultant reports, as well as editor of many conference proceedings.

Amy Tan, Recipient of JCLC Author Award

Amy Tan was born in Oakland, California. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, graduated from high school in Montreux, Switzerland, and received her master's degree in Linguistics from San Jose State University. Amy Tan is one of the greatest authors in America. Twenty years ago, a list of well-known American authors would have included virtually no Asian-Americans. Today Amy Tan is one of America's most popular novelists. For her first book, *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan won the National Book Award and the L.A. Times Book Award in 1989. Her subsequent books, *The Kitchen God's Wife* (1991), *The Hundred Secret Senses* (1995), *The Bonesetter's Daughter* (2001), *The Opposite of Fate: A Book of Musings* (2003), and *Saving Fish from Drowning* (2005) have been best-sellers, and the film version of *The Joy Luck Club* was an unprecedented success.

Although her books are primarily concerned with the lives of Asian-American women, her stories have found an enthusiastic audience among Americans of all backgrounds, and have already been translated into 23 languages.

Ms. Sally Tseng, Recipient of JCLC Distinguished Service Award

Ms. Sally Tseng has legendary experience for promoting librarianship in the community of color. She was one of the founders who made the Chinese American Librarian Association (CALA) a national organization in the early 1980s, and served as its President from 1984-1985 and the Executive Director from 1999 to present. Under her visionary leadership and tireless work, CALA has made significant growth in its membership and distinguished itself as a major entity in the library profession both at home and abroad. As a driving force behind CALA, Ms. Tseng is also a strong advocate for diversity in the library profession as well as in ALA governance. She was one of the first few CALA members elected to the ALA Council. Ms. Tseng has also played a great many

leadership roles in various professional organizations and societies such as ALA, ACRL, ALCTS and APALA.

Ms. Tseng has had a distinctive career. She was the Head of Serial Cataloging Section at the University of California, Irvine until her retirement a few years ago. As a professional, she is a high achiever. Her accomplishments have been highlighted by sixteen professional awards, thirty-eight publications (books, book chapters and articles), and more than sixty presentations. She is also an international lecturer, presenter, and teacher for the profession. Over the past twenty years, Ms. Tseng led CALA to establish an excellent relationship with the library societies of mainland China and Taiwan to convey the principles we hold firmly in the States, such as the freedom to information access, and to exchange ideas on librarianship in the digital age.

Most significantly, Ms. Tseng has been an excellent role model for many Chinese American librarians. Not only has she excelled herself in the profession, she also cared for the growth of fellow CALA members. She has encouraged many of them to get involved in the developing of the Chinese American librarianship. She donated funds to establish the Sally Tseng Professional Development for CALA members to conduct empirical research projects.

CALA Recipients of JCLC Scholarship

- Cecilia Siu-Wah Poon is an Associate Professor and Librarian for Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University. She has bachelor degrees in English Language & Literature and in History. After earning an MLS degree from Indiana University, she worked as Reference Librarian and Chief Librarian at the American (USIS) Library in Hong Kong. Her career as an academic librarian includes Hong Kong Baptist University, SUNY College at Oswego, University of Arizona, and the University of South Florida. Cecilia has been a member of ALA since 1995. She is an active member of CALA. She is also a member of APALA and ACRL. In 2003-2005, she served as the CALA representative to ALA's Diversity Council. She also serves on the JCLC Publicity/Program Booklet Committee. Her scholarship includes Serving Diverse Library Populations through the Specialized Instructional Services Concept, The Reference Librarian, September/October 1995. She was invited to co-present on Networking & Leadership through Professional Organizations at the Spectrum Leadership Institute in Orlando, Florida on June 25, 2004. She co-presented the Collaborative Environment: Successful Librarian-Faculty Partnership at Western Washington University Library at the 2005 Joint Conference of the Washington and Oregon Association of College and Research Libraries on October 28, 2005. She will present two programs: "Recruitment of Librarians of Color" and "Retention of Academic Librarians of Color" at JCLC. She is very excited to be an active participant in this conference.
- Lian Ruan has been Director/Head Librarian, Director of China Programs, of the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1999. IFSI is the statutory State Fire Academy and its library provides no-cost information services to firefighters and emergency responders throughout the state. Ruan serves the Illinois State Library IILINET Network Advisory Council (INAC) (2003-2007). She also served the Illinois Library Association Cultural and Racial Diversity Committee (2004-2005), Scholarship Committee Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) (2004-2005), Board of Director Special Libraries Association Illinois Chapter (2002-2004), inFIRE (an international fire library consortium) Committee (1996-2001), and inFIRE Treasurer (2001-2006). With numerous publications, her research interests cover use and user of information, outreach library services, special library administration and international librarianship. She is an adjunct faculty and doctoral student at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is also an adjunct faculty at the Department of Information Management, Peking University, P.R. China. She is a selected participant of the 2004 Synergy - The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative. She is the winner of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Diversity Leadership Development Program award and the University of Illinois Chancellor's Academic Professional

As chair of the JCLC Awards and Scholarship Committee, I am very pleased to report that seven CALA members were selected for the JCLC Scholarship Awards. Congratulations to CALA and to Cecilia Poon, Lian Ruan, Maggie Wang, Helen Wang, Minjie Chen, Esther Lee, and Shu Liu. All of them will be attending the Conference in Dallas next month. We appreciate your support and nominations. We are pleased to see many strong nominations and we are very excited that our funds awarded seven scholarships from each caucus; each recipient receives \$1000 for attending NLM's Preconference and the entire conference of JCLC.

The Scholarship funds were provided by the National Library of Medicine, through efforts of Ms. Cassandra Allen. Please join us in thanking NLM and Ms. Allen for their tremendous support of JCLC!

For other scholarship awardees from BCALA, AILA, and REFORMA, APALA, please visit the website, <http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/jointconferenceoflibrariansofcolor/awardsandscholarships.htm>

I look forward to seeing you and many CALA members at JCLC next month!

Following this message is the bios of all seven CALA Scholarship recipients.

Submitted by Liana Zhou

Excellence award in 2003. She is profiled constantly in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who of American Women*, published by Marquis Who's Who. Working with Chinese and American partners, she initiated and developed the Chinese Academic Librarians Summer Learning School in 2005 and it continues to be a success in 2006, when it was featured by the University of Illinois Online News and the local TV (WCIA3) Morning News.

- Helen Wang is currently a Contract Project Manager at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. Previously, she held the position of Cataloging Coordinator at American University Pence Law Library, in Washington, D.C., retiring after ten years of service.

Helen was born in China and raised in Burma. In 1968, she received a Bachelor's degree in English Literature from the National Taiwan Normal University and in 1971, a Master's degree in Library of Science from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

Her first librarianship was in 1971 at the Paul D. Camp Community College in Franklin, Virginia. Since then, she has worked in several public, law school and medical libraries.

Nearing retirement, Helen became passionate in educating the general public about the World War II history of Asia. Her efforts lead her to create the "Chinese History Resource Kit" for the Montgomery County Public School system in Maryland. The Resource Kit is now a supplementary teaching material for their school system since 2003.

- Maggie Wang, a native Chinese from Beijing, China, came to the United States for her advance study in library and information science. She is currently working as a reference/AV librarian for the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library, the city library of Monterey Park in California; a community where over 60% of the populations are Asian/Chinese descendants. Maggie is in charge of collection development of the Library's popular International Collection, which includes materials in Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Korean. In her daily work, Maggie provides reference service and bibliographic instruction to diverse patrons, catalogues Chinese materials, conducts computer and Internet training classes in both English and Chinese, and works closely with various community organizations to promote library services.
- Maggie's unique background as a new immigrant and minority librarian has enabled her to better serve the needs of her diverse community. With her community's special needs in mind, Maggie has spent a lot of time studying the trends and development in providing library services to minority patrons. In October 2004, she presented her paper entitled "hanging along with our Community" (discussing library services targeted at minority patrons at Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library) at the 2nd International Library Forum in Shanghai, China. In November 2005, she was one of the co-authors and presenters of a paper entitled Bridging the Cultural Gap (discussing various library services provided in minority patrons' native languages in public libraries) presented at the 2005 annual conference of the California Library Association in Pasadena, California.

An active member of CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) since 2001, Maggie has been working hard for the CALA California Chapter as one of its board members, and was elected as the Treasurer (2006-2008) for CALA Executive Board recently.

- Minjie Chen is a doctoral student at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). Her research interest is in children's literature and youth services. Having grown up in China, she is keen to enhance the understanding of Chinese (American) experience and culture through children's literature. She is doing a comparative study on how World War II in the Pacific theatre is reflected in American and Chinese children's literature as well as school textbooks. She does collection development for the children's and young adult collection at the UIUC Library. She is a service consultant for the Apple Tree Library Foundation, offering advice on reading promotion to libraries that hold juvenile literature donated by the Foundation. She has served in the Chinese American Librarians Association Best Book Award Committee since 2005.
- Esther Lee is the Division Manager of the Fine Arts and Recreation/Film and Video Division of Central Library in Queens, New York. This Central Library is one of the sixty three agencies for the Queens Borough Public Library, which serves a population of over 2 million, many of whom are foreign born. The Queens Library system has the highest circulation of library materials. Last year it circulated over twenty million items. On one of the busiest days (12/27/06), the Fine Arts Division alone circulated over 9,000 items. That shows the Division is usually very busy and very popular. Last year the Fine Arts Division alone circulated over 1 million items (1,365,164 items to be exact), which is over half of the 2 million plus item circulation for the Central Library.

Ms. Lee has worked at the Queens Library since her graduation from the University of Washington, where she received a Master of Librarianship degree after completing a Master of Arts degree in Musicology. Her undergraduate studies were from Seattle Pacific College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. She also received a Bachelor of Arts degree in German from Hunter College of the City University of New York. She enjoys her work and the manifold cultural offerings of New York City. She is fluent in English and Cantonese.

Ms. Lee is a life member of the Chinese American Librarians Association. For the past six years she has been a member of CALA's Board of Directors. At the present she is the Chairperson of the Finance Committee of CALA, and a member of its Public Relations and Fund Raising Committee. She is also a member of JCLC's Publication Committee.

In 1998 Ms. Lee was the Vice President of CALA 摺 Northeast Chapter, and she became its President in 1999. She has raised a sizeable sum for CALA for the past few years, and in 2005, she received the CALA President's Recognition Award.

She is indeed happy and grateful that the National Library of Medicine awarded her a Scholarship to attend this historic JCLC Conference.

- Shu Liu, MLIS, University of British Columbia, is Metadata Librarian and Assistant Professor at Colorado State University Libraries, 2004-The Present. Her job responsibilities include providing access to library-developed digital collections through design and application of metadata, cataloging, and collaborating with other library personnel in various special projects. Locally, Shu is a member of the Library Web Team, member of the Library Employee Enhancement Committee, and Chair for Professional Activities Committee of the Library Faculty Council, 2006-2007. Professionally, Shu is a member of the American Library Association and Secretary for Technical Services and Automation Division of Colorado Association of Libraries. Her research interests include learning objects, open repositories, and Web 2.0 tools. Her article, "Learning Objects: from Archival Collection to Online Collaboration," is going to be published in *Technical Services Quarterly*. She is co-Presenter for a session, "Learning, Gaming, & Training", at the forthcoming Internet Librarian 2006 Conference. Shu is new member of CALA this year.

Submitted by Linna Yu and Liana Zhou

ALA Diversity Council Reps Report

The Chinese American Librarian Association's current president is Haipeng Li and its Executive Director is Sally Tseng. CALA was established in 1973 and in 2006, CALA has had a great year including annual programs, frequent publications and increased membership. In this report, we will cover only relevant portions of the CALA event for the Diversity Committee here:

1. Chinese-American Librarians Association (CALA) International Relationship Committee is calling for Presenters for "2007 CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series." There are four ongoing seminars taking place in China next summer. Some of them may continue in 2008. Please go to the CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series Webpage for details, such as background, proposal, and application form the web site below. The deadline for accepting applications is December 31, 2006. If you have questions, please send an email to: Guoqing Li at li.272@osu.edu or Xudong Jin at xdjin@owu.edu. The deadline for accepting applications is December 31, 2006. <<http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/project/workshop.shtml>>

2. In the summer of 2006, 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 5 CALA members, held a 5 day workshop on topics of librarianship at Yunnan University. The workshop, entitled "CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Workshop Series" 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.

- 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.

3. CALA and JCLC

CALA is one of the five organizing associations for the first ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color--JCLC. CALA was involved from the beginning of its planning to its successful conference held in Dallas, TX of 2006.

JCLC brought over eleven hundreds of library staffers from all types of libraries and backgrounds, diversity advocates and educators to Dallas to network and to participate in over a hundred of programs about how to better serve increasingly diverse populations.

CALA's representatives Liana Zhou and Linna Yu served as the Steering committee members and also chaired the Awards Committee (Liana Zhou) and the Publicity Committee (Linna Yu).

1) The CALA's Recipients for the JCLC Awards:

- Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Recipient of JCLC Advocacy Award
- Amy Tan, Recipient of JCLC Author Award
- Ms. Sally Tseng, Recipient of JCLC Distinguished Service Award

2) CALA Recipients of JCLC Scholarship

- Cecilia Siu-Wah Poon is an Associate Professor and Librarian for Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University
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- Minjie Chen is a doctoral student at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).
- Esther Lee is the Division Manager of the Fine Arts and Recreation/Film and Video Division of the Queens Borough Public Library in New York.
- Shu Liu, MLIS, University of British Columbia, is Metadata Librarian and Assistant Professor at Colorado State University Libraries.

3) CALA President Haipeng Li and Executive Director Sally Tseng have reported the JCLC to CALA members.

3. CALA Board Meeting during the January 2007 ALA Midwinter in Seattle will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 7:00-10:00 pm at the Sheraton Seattle (SHER) Madrona Room.

Submitted by Lisa Zhao and Liana Zhou

Web Advisory Committee

1. Updated the Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter's webpages.
2. Planned projects and tasks for the 2006-2007 term, which includes –
 - Support RSS (Really Simple Syndication) on CALA's website. Hongyan Sun is looking into ways to use RSS for CALA to communicate its news and updates more efficiently to the members over the web.

- Test web publishing platforms, such as WordPress (open source) to be used to manage content and layout on CALA's website in the future.
- Webmaster and Co-chair Shixing Wen will be moving the current CALA site to a new web hosting service.

Submitted by Jen-chien Yu, Co-Chair

Local Arrangement Committee

The Local Arrangement Committee (LAC) was formed between late September and early October 2006. This Committee is co-chaired by Anchi Hoh and Cathy Yang of the Library of Congress and consists of the following members: Lucie Chen of the National Library of Medicine, Jennie Pu of the New York Metropolitan Museum, Yao Yuan of the Library of Congress, and Jing Zhong of George Washington University Library, with Haipeng Li and Dora Ho from the national executive board. Gail Gao of the Library of Congress decided to withdraw for personal reasons. Since September 2006 to date, LAC has accomplished the following lists of tasks.

1) In search of a restaurant as the location for 2007 CALA annual banquet in Washington, DC.

In September 2006, in response to the CALA national board's request, Cathy Yang and Anchi Hoh started the search of an appropriate restaurant to host the 2007 CALA annual banquet in Washington, DC. The result of this search was a list of restaurants including: Hunan Dynasty, China Garden, Tony Cheng Seafood Restaurant, and Grand Hyatt Washington. Except Grand Hyatt Washington, all three restaurants each provided two menus of \$30 and \$35 per person for the consideration of the CALA national board.

After taking into careful consideration the issues of location, transportation, service quality, reputation, and affordability, Hunan Dynasty has been chosen. The menu will be posted for registration purpose. Hunan Dynasty is located on 215 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, next to the Madison Building of the Library of Congress, 7 minute walk from the Capitol South metro stop on the Orange/Blue line.

Yao Yuan has kindly agreed to be the contact person for the banquet registration.

2) LAC Meeting.

The first LAC meeting was held on Friday, October 20, 2006, at noon, in the Asian Division Conference Room. LAC members discussed the coordination of fund-raising effort and entertaining program planning. Tasks were assigned among the committee members in order to ensure the steady progress.

The second LAC meeting will be held in the second half of January 2007 to continue planning the banquet entertainment program.

3) Fund-raising effort.

Thanks to LAC members' diligence, particularly Cathy Yang, as of the time this report was written, LAC has succeeded in raising \$800 for the banquet, including \$500 from the International Publishing House for China's Culture and \$300 from Stanley Associates, Inc. In addition to monetary donations, we have also received the following donation of books:

- a. The Press Secretary of Chinese Embassy, Dr. Li Jianhua, has agreed to donate more than 100 copies of a book to those who attend the banquet. The nicely written book is on Chinese heritage and can be used as coffee table reading material. This is a generous gift because of the quantity and quality of the donation and the effort of shipping from China to USA.
- b. Ms. Yu Lihua, a famous Taiwanese novelist, donated several of her books with her autograph as our door prizes.

Submitted by Anchi Hoh and Cathy Yang, Co-Chairs

CALA 2010 Strategic Plan

(January 2007 rev.)

Vision Statement

CALA will be a leading organization to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services to Chinese American librarians and American librarians through networking, communication, and professional development in the United States and abroad.

Mission Statement

CALA enhances communication among Chinese American librarians and American librarians, serves as a forum for the discussion of professional concerns, and promotes the understanding and exchanges among librarians in the U.S. and abroad, with special emphasis in Asia and Pacific Rim countries.

Goal Area 1. Strive for Organizational Excellence

- Enhance CALA organizational structure to its maximum efficiency.
- Continue collaborative activities with other ALA's caucuses, e.g., AIAL, APALA, BCALA, Reforma, etc.

- Continue working with the ALA Diversity Office, OLOS, and other committees on issues that have important implications to CALA.
- Work with LLA, MLA, PLA, SLA, and other associations on issues that have important implications to CALA.
- Continue exploring and applying technology-driven options to conduct CALA businesses, e.g., online banking, online election, virtual conferences, etc.
- Continue fundraising activities to support CALA's programs and services.
- Enhance marketing and public relations to project a much positive image of CALA activities and accomplishments to major library media in U.S. and abroad.

Goal Area 2. Become a Leader in Global Reach Initiatives

- Assist CALA members in developing sister library programs between their libraries and Chinese libraries.
- Provide information and contacts to U.S. libraries seeking for exchanging programs with Chinese libraries.
- Encourage participation in the Library Society of China's annual conferences, i.e., increase the number of delegation, speakers, papers, and work sessions at the annual conferences.
- Develop formal structure within CALA to coordinate the CALA 21st Century workshops and training programs in China.
- Enhance ties between CALA and ALA's IRC, IRRT, and ALA divisions' IRCs in collaborative library activities between U.S and China.

Goal Area 3. Advocate for users of Chinese heritage, Chinese culture, and Chinese language

- Act as a driving force to provide information and library services to the Chinese population in the U.S., through branch libraries, Chinese material acquisitions, Chinese language cataloging, etc.
- Provide advocacy training for CALA members on new initiatives.
- Develop advocacy materials in promoting library services to Chinese-speaking communities, i.e., branch libraries with new immigrants.
- Provide resources and expertise to the Chinese area studies in academic and research libraries.
- Make connections with major Chinese language material book fairs, such as Hong Kong Book Fair, to assist U.S. librarians in purchasing Chinese language materials.

Goal Area 4. Serve CALA Membership

- Develop a plan to enhance services to CALA members; to recruit student members, librarians, and library workers, and to retain current membership.
- Conduct surveys to seek input and feedback from CALA members on their needs.
- Encourage members to participate in the association's governance.
- Enhance communication among CALA members, chapters, and the Board.

Goal Area 5. Provide Educational Opportunities

- Encourage CALA members to publish on CALA sponsored publications, such as *Journal of Library and Information Science*, *CALA Occasional Papers Series*, *CALA Newsletter*, and other CALA occasional monographic publications.
 - Continue recruiting LIS students to participate in the CALA Mentoring program and match them with experienced CALA members.
 - Include CALA members in the presentations of the CALA annual conferences and chapter conferences.
 - Provide funding support for CALA members to present papers at the professional conferences, conduct LIS research, participate in training and workshops, and serve on offices of library associations.
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Membership Section

1. New Life Members:

Chih-Feng P. Lin
Min Liu
Cecilia Siu-Wah Poon
Manuel Urrizola
Hanrong Wang
Jen-chien Yu
Wenwen Zhang
Xiwen Zhang

Mi Chu
Victoria Chu
Gerardo Colmenar
Xiaofen Dong
Alice Eng
Suhua Fan
Robert W. Fernekes
Barbara J. Ford
Loida Garcia-Febo
Michael Gorman
Grace Ning Gu

Tang Li
Margie Liang
Jing Liu
Weiling Liu
Jane Lopez
Julia A. Martin
Xinmu Qiu
Han Ouyang
E. M. Roublow
Katherine Yanqing Sun
Li Sun

Ping Wu
Qinghua Xu
Guanhong Yao
Wei Zhang
Wei Zheng
Yuning Zhou
Bing Zuo-Dittmer

2. New Members:

Bryan Scott Bachner
Eugenia Chia-Yuan
Beh
Carol A. Brey-Casiano
Cesar Caballero
Haiyun Cao
Mei-Ju Chen

Celia Shih-Chi Huang
Jintao Huang
Miao Jin
Alice Pin-Lan Ko
Catherine Gui Yee Lee
Eric Michael Yong
Leong

Yu Tao
Margaret Tarbox
Leng Ky Vuong
Hong Wang
Jue Wang
Ya Wang
Elsie Lee Wong

3. New Institution Members:

Chopin's Corner
Foundation
University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville
Urban Libraries Council

4. Honors

- Mengxiong Liu, former CALA president, and Engineering Librarian and Professor of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University has been selected for a Fulbright Senior Specialists project in Uruguay at Latin American Center for Human Economy (CLAEH) and The British Schools during the month of November 2007, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
- Yan Ma has assumed the position of the Director of Confucius Institute at the University of Rhode Island. The Confucius Institute will serve as a resource to recommend Chinese teachers and provide reference services and consulting for people who want to study or do business in China.
- Yan Ma will co-teach a three-credit seminar at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China on June 4-15, 2007, focusing on the history of Chinese librarianship and the U.S.-China Million Book Digital Library Project. It is sponsored by University of Rhode Island's Global Education for Librarians and Information Professionals program and is part of URI's newly established Confucius Institute.
- Yan Ma has launched a program at the University of Rhode Island to educate librarians and information professionals in the Chinese language and culture. It is the first such program in North America to train information professionals to provide services related to China and Chinese studies.
- Patricia Hom Howe, Head of Technical Services and Automation Librarian at Greenwood Library, Longwood University, was elected to the office of President of the Virginia Library Association, an ALA state chapter. She is the first Asian-American to hold the position of President in the Association's 102 year history.
- Haiwang Yuan, Midwest Chapter president and Web Site & Virtual Library Coordinator at Western Kentucky University, has been promoted to full professorship effective in July 2007.
- Manuel Urrizola, a CALA Life Member, started working as Head of Cataloging/Metadata Services at UC Riverside beginning April 16, 2007.
- Diana Wu has been awarded with a sabbatical leave in Spring 2008. Her research topic is "Aligning information literacy with workplace expectations."

5. Publications

- Wu, Yuhfen Diana. (2007, May). "Fertile ground for lifelong learning, the Silicon Valley way." *The (National Taiwan) University Library Journal*, 11(1).
- Haiwang Yuan is finishing his second book "Princess Peacock and Tales of Other Chinese," a sequel to the positively reviewed and received "The Lotus Lantern and Other Tales from the Han Chinese" (Libraries Unlimited, 2006). Meanwhile, he has embarked on a new publication project "Encyclopedia of Chinese Ethnic Peoples", a two-volume book to be published by the Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.

6. Presentations

- Wu, Diana. Virtual Reference Service in Multilingual Environment, Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, October 13, 2006, Dallas, Texas.
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- Wu, Diana. San Jose Joint Library: Fertile Ground for Lifelong Learning, First Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, October 14, 2006, Dallas, Texas.
 - Wu, Diana. Information technology management and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, March 4, 2007, Vancouver, Canada, SAP Curriculum Congress.
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News Section

I. The Books-for-China Project

On March 26, 2007, some workers of EP Enterprises Holding, Inc. in Brooklyn, New York loaded about 20,000 books into a container to be shipped to Qingdao, China. This is the third container of books sent to China by the Books-for-China project. The Ocean University of China at Qingdao is responsible for processing the importation, storing and preparing for the distribution of the books to a score of university libraries in China.

Institutions of higher learning in China always rely heavily on Western publications for their instructional and research work. However, during a long period after 1949, for various reasons, university libraries in China acquired only a limited number of Western books. As China changed its educational system in recent decades, scores of universities have become research universities. They need a much larger collection of Western books than before. And they need to find important books which they missed since 1949.

In the meantime, in North America there are a number of professors, scholars, and specialists who are discarding their books when they retire, move, change their fields, or decrease. And many university libraries get rid of their duplicates and outdated reference books every year. Some publishing houses often liquidate their inventory by cleaning out unsold books. Many of those books are useful to university libraries in China.

As a retired librarian who has visited China several times, I became aware of this situation and initiated in 2004 a project which would collect books in North America and donate the books to university libraries in China. The project immediately received enthusiastic support from a few retired scholars, and a Books-for-China Fund was established.

The Chinese Ministry of Education has approved the project and designated the Ocean University of China at Qingdao as the receiving station of our books. The project sends books to Qingdao by container. Donors of books do not have to provide the project with a booklist. And the project can send a donor's books to any university specified by the donor, such as his alma mater or a university in his native town.

Sam Chen, who owns the EPEH Company, has provided the project with free storage. Donors may send their books there or deliver the books there during its office hours -- Monday to Friday, 9-5. The address of the storage is "Books-for-China project, c/o EP Enterprises Holding, Inc., 1300 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237.

In order to facilitate the collection of books from donors on the West Coast, the project has placed a storage container in the parking lot of the Chinese newspaper, the World Journal, at 231 Adrian Drive, Millbrae, CA, 94030. Ms. Shirley Chen, Manager of the Public Affairs & Administration Department of the World Journal in San Francisco, has been kind enough to receive donors' books on behalf of the project. Her telephone no. is 650-259-2068 and her e-mail address is rlchen@chinesenews.com. Donors may contact her for delivering books to that storage container.

The project accepts books at college and above levels, regardless of their languages, subjects, or dates of publication.

A number of prominent professors and scholars have donated books to this project. They include Professor T. H. Tsien, former Director of the East Asian Collection of the University of Chicago, Professor Cho-yun Hsu of the University of Pittsburgh, Member of Academia Sinica, Professor Kuo K. Wang, chair professor at Cornell University and member of the National Academy of Engineering of the U.S., and Professor N.T. Wang of Columbia University's School of Business, a well-known economist.

The project sent its first container of books to China in August of 2005 and the second in August of 2006. Together with the third container, it has sent a total of about 50,000 books to China. More than a score of universities in China have received the books. The Xinhua News Agency, the World Weekly, the World Journal, the China Press (Qiao Bao), Duowei News, and several other mass media have reported on this project.

As the project becomes better known in China, it has been receiving an increasing number of requests for books. Therefore, it must continue and expand its effort of collecting books. And it must raise funds to cover the costs of collecting books. But the project is a very small private organization with very limited resources. It needs the support of all people, especially librarians who are interested in helping university libraries in China. It needs to have more sources of gift books. It needs financial support. The Books-for-China Fund is a tax-exempt organization. Financial contributions to the Fund are tax-deductible. Contribution checks can be made payable to "Books-for-China Fund" and sent to "John T. Ma, 138-10 Franklyn Avenue. #3-D, Flushing, NY 11355". For inquiries, please call 718-886-4687 or e-mail johntajenma@att.net.

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II. 2007 Library Society of China Annual Conference, Lanzhou, China

The LSC 2007 Annual Conference will be held in Lanzhou, Gansu Province, China from August 4-8, 2007. LSC is the new English name for the China Society for Library Science (CSLS). As in the past few years, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) will form a delegation to participate in the Conference.

1. The main theme (主题) is: Library--New Environment, New Changes and New Development (图书馆：新环境、新变化、新发展)
2. The sub-themes are: (分主题)
 - a. Revisit the core value of library (图书馆核心价值的再认识)
 - b. Build Library Law in China (中国图书馆立法研究)
 - c. Library Education professional development in China (中国图书馆学专业教育与职业需求)
 - d. New development of decumbent description and organization (文献信息描述与组织的新进展及其对策)
 - e. Bring city and countryside library service development into line (城乡图书馆信息服务的协调发展)
 - f. Build network for library services (图书馆服务网络模式构建)
 - g. Library building and facility in the networked environment (网络信息环境下图书馆建筑与设备的新发展= 图书馆建筑与设备功能的新变化、环境的新要求、人文的新品位、技术的新发展)
 - h. Harmonious society and the library in China's Western area (和谐社会与西部地区图书馆的新变化)
 - i. Reading society: broad the growing space for library (社会阅读：拓展图书馆生长空间)

- j. Chinese libraries in the international perspective (国际视野下的中国图书馆)
- k. The role of library society in promoting academic communication and development of library science (各级图书馆学会在促进学术交流、推动事业发展中的作用)

LSC confirmed the registration fee for 2007 LSC conference as:

- CALA member: CNY 800(OR USD 110)
- Non-CALA member: CNY 1200(OR USD 160)
- Deadline for paying the registration fee is June 16, 2007.

LSC will reserve the hotel rooms for the registered delegates, which is Jincheng Hotel, at USD 40 per room, but will not be responsible for booking hotel rooms for the delegates who don't pay their registration fee on time.

LSC decided NOT to be responsible for arranging post-conference travel for the delegates but recommended a travel agency (Gansu Yellow River Travel Agency) for the delegates.

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III. In Memory of Karl Lo

Remembering Karl Lo: A Personal Account

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Around 4:00 PM on February 21, 2007, I received a phone call from Jenny Lo, wife of the retired director of the IR/PS (International Relations and Pacific Studies) Library/East Asia Collection at University of California-San Diego (UCSD). She said, "Karl just passed away." I could not believe what I heard. So, I asked, "What did you just say?" She repeated, "Karl just passed away about 30 minutes ago." It was Wednesday afternoon. Originally, Phyllis Mirsky, (who is the retired Deputy University Librarian at UCSD and Karl's friend), and I planned to visit Karl at his home after his brain surgery, on that day, even though we were informed that Karl's situation had worsened and was sent to the San Diego Hospice over the weekend. But Karl's passing was still too fast for me. We just had lunch together less than 2 months earlier when he'd just

come back from China and was as energetic and vital as ever. I called him a week after his surgery. He was recovering and could walk a little bit. When I asked him if he could see visitors, he said he could see some old friends. That was why Phyllis and I planned to visit him. But the visit was not materialized. He left his family, his friends, his colleagues, and his unfinished library projects too soon.

It is fate that my professional path crossed with Karl's. I still remembered clearly my first encounter with Karl Lo in 1986. I was a graduate student at the University of Washington and he was the Head of East Asia Library at UW. One day, after a graduate seminar on Chinese classical novels, Professor Brandauer said to me, "I want you to meet a very capable East Asian Librarian, Lu Guobang." He pronounced Karl's Chinese name in Cantonese). Then, we ended up in Karl's office at the front of the East Asia Library inside Gowen Hall. The meeting was brief and I don't remember the content of the conversation, but I remembered Karl's Chinese name in Cantonese pronunciation and his smiling and encouraging face. I had never mentioned this to Karl when we became much closer after I succeeded his position at UCSD in 2002.

When I started to work at the East Asia Library at UW as a library assistant in 1990, Karl already moved to UCSD. But I occasionally worked on the first Chinese full-text database "25 Dynasties in the West Coast" inside a small room in the East Asia Library at UW, which was set up by Karl and the engineers from Academia Sinica in Taiwan around 1989. There was another 25-dynasties database set up in the East Coast at Harvard at the same time. Karl often came back to visit the East Asia Library at UW. Whenever he did, he often came to the staff area to chat with everyone. I still remember that my wife and I, as well as all staff of the East Asia Library at UW, were invited to attend his daughter's wedding banquet in Noble Court Restaurant, Bellevue, WA. It was around 1992.

After I left UW and moved to my first permanent librarian job at the University of Iowa, I occasionally met Karl through CEAL/AAS (Council on East Asian Libraries/Association for Asian Studies) Annual Conferences. In 2000, the CEAL/AAS conference was held in San Diego. Karl, on behalf of the hosting institution--UCSD, organized a one-day workshop for Chinese Studies Librarians at UCSD, during which I, like many others, was deeply impressed by the full-text database "Siku Quanshu" that Karl helped set up for the users of the UC system. It was the first time for me to get to know this Unicode based and client/server type Chinese database as well as the advanced search functions, such as the relevant character search capability. During the CEAL fellowship dinner, Karl drove his famous Mercedes SUV to help with transportation. Driving a Mercedes SUV revealed to some degree Karl's personality. In contrast, most East Asian librarians are typically more "conservative", driving vehicles like Toyota Camry or Honda Accord or Civic. Also, I am sure many people who attended the CEAL/AAS meeting during that year remember that Karl hosted a fancy dinner party at UCSD's Birch Aquarium for all CEAL/AAS conference attendants with an incredible background against the ocean sunset and beautiful lighted aquarium display cases for colorful sea fishes and animals. My impression about that dinner party was so deep that when I received a phone call from Jackie Hanson, (UCSD's Associate University Librarian), to invite me to apply for Karl's position after his retirement in 2002, my brain immediately brought back the scenes of that dinner party. I immediately said yes to Jackie, and then called Karl at the Library of Congress where he was the acting chief of the Asian Division. He encouraged me to apply and introduced the working environment there for me.

After I took over Karl's former job at UCSD at the end of 2002, Karl stayed on campus for another year as a member/consultant of the CDL (California Digital Library) East Asian Digital Resources White Paper Task Force. When Karl came to UCSD in 1990, he was already a well-accomplished leader in the field, but I was not. So, I was naturally a little bit nervous to fit the big shoes left by Karl. Although Karl was still around, he was very careful not to interfere. He didn't come to the IR/PS Library and gave suggestions and advice unless I solicited them from him.

During that period, we developed a lunch meeting pattern, which continued after he finished his CDL appointment. Once in a while, we would call each other for lunch and talk about information technology, library related subjects, and some other interesting topics, such as "What is the meaning of cataloging in today's library setting?" Or "With full text search and federated search, do we still need the traditional cataloging service?" "How to take advantage of the new Web 2.0 technology?" Once, I remember he said he just came back from a cruise trip in a former Soviet republic and I suggested that he write down his impressions. During another occasion, we talked about the distrust, hatred, and condescending attitudes between different ethnic groups, and even people with the same ethnic background but coming from different geographic areas or different educational background or different language backgrounds. We both agreed that the melting pot in America, so far, is the most successful experiment for dealing with the issue, even though there are still many things that can be done here. He said he wrote an article in Chinese called "Long Live the Bastard". Later, he sent me a copy and I was impressed by Karl's writing in classical Chinese style and the idea that kids from mixed marriages have less prejudice against different races and can enjoy different cultures. Even though I didn't one hundred percent agree with his views sometimes, the conversation and discussion with Karl had always been extremely inspiring for me.

Right before the Christmas of 2006, I called Karl for something that I can't remember, and then he suggested we go out for a lunch. So he drove to the campus on his Mercedes SUV and took me to a Vietnamese restaurant on Convoy Street in San Diego where we had been a couple of times before. During the time when we were driving and eating the Vietnamese soup noodle "Phu", we were talking about new library digital projects. He mentioned that he just came back from Beijing, China and was working with Beijing SuperStar Digital Library to create a Web site called Great Chinatown. This would be a repository site for all digital projects related to overseas Chinese. I mentioned the digital project at University of British Columbia (UBC), related to the history of local Canadian Chinese in the British Columbia area, and he said he knew the project. Then I mentioned that CEAL had appointed Eleanor Yuen, Head of the Asian Library at UBC and the manager of UBC's Canadian Chinese Digital Project, to be the chair of a special task force on Overseas Chinese digital projects. I suggested that he should talk with the group during the next CEAL conference. Due to his usual modesty, he said the public talk should be given to others. He was more willing to work with people behind the scenes.

We hosted a 2-day multimedia event for the Chinese Cultural Revolution at UCSD on January 12-13, 2007. Then, on January 15, I called Karl and asked how come I did not see him during the event. He said he was not feeling well after the Christmas holidays and had this strange non-stop hiccup symptom. He said he was too weak to come to see the Chinese Cultural Revolution Poster Exhibition at the library. Two days after our conversation, Karl's wife Jenny called me. The doctors found a brain tumor in Karl. So I went to see Karl at the UCSD Hillcrest Medical Center. I stayed in the hospital very briefly because Karl was getting ready for his surgery. Physically, he was already quite weak, but his thinking was still very clear. He asked me how I knew he was in the hospital. I said, "Your wife called me." Then, I conveyed the regards from our University Librarian and other colleagues. He said, "Thanks. Well, seems the whole world knows it." When I said goodbye to him, he said, "Otherwise, don't worry."

I lost a mentor, a colleague, and a good friend. However, following in Karl's steps, I will do my best to continue the course that Karl devoted all his talents, energy, and life to.

Chronology of Karl Lo

April 28, 1935: Born in Zhongshan, Guangdong Province, China.

1958: Graduated from the Chung Chi (崇基) College, Hong Kong, majoring in Chemistry.

1960: Graduate from the Atlanta University with a Master degree in Library Services.

1959-1968: Served as the Bibliographer; Exchange Librarian; Cataloger, and Head of East Asia Library at the University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas.

1968-1990: Served as the Head of the East Asia Library at the University of Washington, Seattle.

1989: Helped set up the first Chinese full text database "25 dynasties" developed by Academia Sinica in Taiwan at the University of Washington, Seattle.

1990-2002: Served as the Director of the International Relations and Pacific Studies Library/East Asian Collection at University of California, San Diego.

1990-1993: Created the online conversion tool "ROMAX" (<http://prl.sdsc.edu/romax/romax.html>), which can convert three kinds of Chinese Romanization systems: Pinyin, Wade Giles, and MPSII (Mandarin Phonetic Symbols II)

1998: Received the Chinese American Librarians Association Distinguished Service Award.

2000: Helped organize the CEAL Chinese Librarian Workshop and introduced the first Unicode-based Chinese full-text database "Siku Quanshu", hosted at the San Diego Supercomputer Center for the University of California system, during the workshop at UCSD.

March 2002-September 2002: Served as the Acting Chief of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress.

February 21, 2007: died of cancer in San Diego, California.

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