Chinese American Librarians Association
Southwest Chapter
2015-2016 Mid-year Report

Report written by
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1. Chapter officers

In May 2015, CALA President Lian Ruan introduced Dr. Hong Cui to Southwest (SW) Chapter. In July 2015, Dr. Cui was elected as Vice President/President-Elect for 2015-2016. Dr. Cui is an associate professor of the School of Information, University of Arizona. She specializes in information technology.

Ms. Klairon Tang, Catalog Librarian at Houston Community College agreed to serve as the Treasurer for another year (2015-2016).

Ms. Xiaoyin Zhang, Libraries Resource Value Stream Analyst of University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries agreed to serve as the Membership Chair for another year (2015-2016).

Southwest Chapter completed the enrollment of officers in July 2015.

2. Membership

According to the member list obtained from CALA Membership Committee, Southwest Chapter currently has 30 members. The member distribution in Southwest Chapter’s nine states is presented in Figure 1.

Arkansas (AR): 3
Arizona (AZ): 3
Colorado (CO): 2
Louisiana (LA): 1
Nevada (NV): 1
Oklahoma (OK): 2
Texas (TX): 18
3. Chapter Finance

As of May 27, 2014, the Chapter Treasurer reported that the chapter currently has $773.26 in the account. Right now the annually rebate check from CALA is the main funding resource of SW Chapter.

4. Chapter activities

(1) On August 3, 2015, SW Chapter held its first administration meeting online. On the meeting, attendees agreed to change the meeting platform from Anymeeting to Google Hangout. Chapter President Xiaoyu Duan shared the updated membership information with chapter officers. Xiaoyu also showed officers the new SW website.

Attendees discussed issues about the connection between SW Chapter and Texas Library Association (TLA). Xiaoyu was included as one of TLA’s members, and TLA was asking for proposals for its annual conference. Due to the close timeline and possible high cost, SW Chapter was not going to participate in TLA Annual Conference.

Xiaoyu expressed the idea of getting in touch with chapter new members. And Xiaoyu will confirm the southwest area library program list with previous Chapter President Le Yang.
Attendees agreed to have quarterly administrative meetings, and attendees suggested that Xiaoyu could utilize CALA List to look for fundraising opportunities for the chapter. Attendees agreed with Xiaoyu’s idea about having joint events with other CALA chapters in the future.

The meeting minutes were shared with chapter members.

(2) On November 23, 2015, SW Chapter held its second online meeting. Prior to the meeting, Xiaoyu sent out meeting invitations to the whole chapter, aiming at getting more chapter members involved.

Xiaoyu shared with members about the chapter website updates. The website now has up-to-date event information and new pictures. However, some previous program information is missing, and Xiaoyu will try to contact previous presidents about the annual programs they attended.

Xiaoyu has confirmed with Le Yang about the library program list, and sent out an outreach email draft to the chapter administration group. Once the email draft is finalized, Xiaoyu will send outreach emails before Christmas to the library program directors to introduce SW Chapter and CALA.

Xiaoyu has communicated with the Chapter President of CALA Southeast Chapter, Xiaojie Duan, about the idea of joint online conference in 2016. Attendees agree with the collaboration idea, and attendees also discussed some conference topics.

Vice President Hanrong Wang shared some fundraising ideas with attendees. The fundraising methods could also be utilized by CALA to raise money. Attendees also suggested holding a Southwest Chapter get-together event during ALA 2016 Annual Conference. If attendees have any suggestions or advice about the chapter events and website, they are welcomed to email Xiaoyu.

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