Mid-Year Report

CALA Constitution & Bylaws Committee 2015/16

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Report:

It has been a pleasure working on such an effective committee, thanks to the highly organized co-chairs and actively participatory members. The Committee laid out a great action plan (below) and adhered to it closely.

The Committee was formed promptly after July 1, 2015. Initial introduction and discussion commenced via email. The first online meeting took place on August 28, 2015, where charges, action plans and tasks were covered. Subsequent discussion and work took place mostly via email and Google Docs. 2nd online meetings was conducted on Oct 2, 2015:

1. After the initial online meeting on August 28, the Committee reviewed the latest C&B, made recommendations in conjunction with the SP2020, ALA’s guideline and based on experiences on the local chapter level. Preliminary suggestions, notes and questions were incorporated into a shared Google Docs file.

2. The Committee met online on Oct 2, 2015 based on all members’ comments, and completed the 1st draft (attached) based on the Committee review and recommendations. The 1st draft was submitted to the Board and other committee chairs for feedback.

3. These proposals have been included on the Board Meeting agenda at Midwinter in Boston, MA, after which the 2nd Draft proposal/recommendation will be compiled based on the feedback from the Board & committees.
Action Plan

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Goals:

1. To ensure the currentness of CALA Constitution & Bylaws
2. To ensure the close alignment of CALA’s C&B with the current Strategic Plan
3. To ensure CALA’s practices in compliances with C&B

Action Plan:

1. The Committee will review the latest C&B, make recommendations in conjunction with the SP2020, and collaborate in the shared working document. Target date Sept 30, 2015
   a. Focusing based individual experience and perspectives, looking for guidelines that need clarification, update or add/deletion, including:
      i. ALA’s for recommendations will used as a benchmark for CALA’s C&B
      ii. The local chapter level, especially regarding election processes, will be a focus

2. Complete the 1st draft based on the Committee review and recommendations. Submit to the Board and other committee chairs for feedback
   a. Draft to the Board and committees, target date Oct 9th
   b. Board and committee provide feedback, target date Nov 20th

3. Discuss and compile the 2nd Draft proposal/recommendation based on the feedback from the Board & committees, to be presented to the Board during Midwinter in Boston, MA

4. Committee rep(s) present to the Board and collect feedback or approval during the Midwinter Board meeting

5. The Committee compiles final recommendation based on the feedback and decision by the Board

6. Vote by the general membership either during the election or at the Annual Membership Meeting in Orlando, FL