2015 CALA Mid-Year Committee Report

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Committee Charge:
Oversees the operations of all CALA publications and coordinates with Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS), CALA Newsletter, and CALA Web publishing.

Tasks Completed:

Goals and Objectives Accomplished:
In line with the strategic goals of collaborating with members, leaders and other partners/organizations to increase CALA’s impact on the local, state, national and international levels laid out in CALA 2020 Strategic Plan, the publication committee established the goals to:

Collaborate with the LIS publications in China and promote the scholarly communication between Chinese American Librarians and Chinese Librarians

We have already contacted two LIS publishers in China:

- **Library Tribune**
  One of the most important LIS publishers in China located in Guangzhou. The editor has already agreed to publish a special column; the theme could be related to digital humanity or research data management. If there were several high quality research papers, they would like to publish two or more columns. The Language they prefer is Chinese, the styles could be articles or book reviews or others; the publication schedule is flexible; the authors have their copyright.

- **Journal of Data and Information Science**
A quarterly peer-reviewed research journal, which is an English journal in China, publishes mainly theoretical and empirical research papers, but would also welcome systematic reviews, insightful perspectives, and applied research based on integration, customization, and improvement of new methods and techniques. JDIS is open access, but with support from NSL/CAS, authors DO NOT need to pay for Article Processing Charge. JDIS doesn’t focus on Library issues. It won’t provide a special column for CALA members, but it welcomes CALA members to submit their research papers.

In line with the strategic objectives to increase research that demonstrates the value of Chinese American librarians and the role of CALA members in the LIS field. The publication committee established the goals to promote the Sharing of CALA Member’s Publication, Knowledge and Other Resources. And the objectives to Cooperate with the Task Force of CALA Academic Resources and Repository System (CALSYS) to support and assist the data collections in the system.

The publication committee has proposed to the president to accept CALSYS Task Force as the sub-committee of the Publication Committee.

Based on CALA publication Committee’s responsibility, we established the goals to Develop Coherent Publication Policy and Enhance Communication among CALA Members via CALA’s Publication and the objectives to Recommend CALA Occasional Papers Series (OPS) Editors to Board for appointment.

The publication committee has recommend CALA Occasional Papers Series (OPS) Editors to the Board for appointment and is waiting for their approval.

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:

Based on CALA publication Committee’s responsibility, we established the objectives to Collaborate with CALA publication editors and related CALA committees; develop coherent publication policies, standards and guidelines for CALA’s publication.

We are trying to establish the communication with CALA’s publication including OPS, CALA newsletter and CALA social media and figuring out the ways to collaborate.

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any):

None

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

Achievements: the publication committee has made great achievements in collaborating with the LIS publications in China and promoting the scholarly communication between Chinese American Librarians and Chinese Librarians.

Concerns: at the beginning of the appointment, we spent plenty of time trying to establish the communication with previous publication committee chairs and trying to figure out the scope of their previous work. With very limited knowledge of the responsibility of the committee and limited information from the CALA management, also due to lack of the transparency of the documentation of CALA’s committee projects and tasks, it was pretty challenging to make a smooth transition and understand the necessity for the continuity of the previous tasks.

Suggestions: provide more support for the new appointed chairs and inform them with the previous tasks and reports of the committee; make the CALA’s reports or publications or internal discussions more transparent at least from the intranet. Provide assistance in defining the roles of the each committee on achieving the strategic goals.