2016-2017 CALA Annual Committee Report

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Committee/Office Charge:
The Midwest Chapter is one of the seven chapters of CALA. While the chapter conduct its own election of officers, the chapter conducts activities which align with vision, mission and 2020 strategic plan of CALA.
Tasks completed (according to the goals outlined in the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan if applicable- be specific):

Nomination Committee led by Fu Zhou solicited nominees for two positions for this year’s election, the two positions are vice-president/president-elect (2017-2018) and treasurer (2017-2019). There were two candidates running for each position stated above. Membership status was verified by Membership Committee and an online election system was set up by the Web Committee. The election is now concluded and announcement of new officers was sent out on Midwest Chapter listserv.

Public Relations Committee led by Yan He and Jianying Shou organized two activities this year. First, the committee invited Lisa Zhao’s husband to a dinner social gathering after the chapter’s annual conference. Second, the committee planned a visit to Dr. Tze-Chung Li, co-founder of CALA, the day after the chapter’s annual conference. In order to show respect to Dr. Li, the committee brought thank you gifts, a cake and flowers.

Membership Committee led by Wen-Ling Liu and Jian Anna Xiong worked closely with CALA Membership Committee to verify status of candidates during this year’s election. The committee also obtained the latest roaster from CALA Membership Committee in order to ensure all eligible members were properly set up with the election system. In addition, the committee worked on an interactive map using Google API to virtualize location of Midwest chapter members.

Professional Development Committee led by Liangyu Fu worked hard year-long to plan for the chapter’s annual conference. This year, the annual chapter conference was hosted at Chinatown Branch of Chicago Public Library on April 21. The conference is offered in a hybrid format, both in-person and online. 17 members attended in-person, with a few online attendees. The keynote speaker this year is Dr. Clara Chu from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 10 presentations, which include keynote, paper presentations, lightning talks and posters, were all very well received. All in-person attendees enjoyed the social networking opportunities and the conference was a great success. Presentation slides can be found on the Midwest Chapter website.

Web Committee led by Minghao Jiang not only performed backend system maintenance to the chapter’s website, but also post information and professional development opportunities regularly on the Midwest chapter’s homepage. The committee worked closely with Professional Development committee to develop webpages for this year’s annual conference. Also, the committee set up voting system for election of officers. Moreover, the committee investigated a photo album app and explore it’s possibility to be used on the chapter’s website.

Goals and objectives accomplished for the whole year (and highlight those accomplished after mid-year report):

1. Called for volunteers and formulated 5 committees. Selected and appointed committee chairs and as Executive Committee members.

2. Sought goals, action plan, and budget request from each committee for the year of 2016-2017.

3. Discussed location, date and format of the Midwest Chapter Annual Conference.
4. Communicated with chapter members through listserv. Meeting notes of Executive Committees were sent to members through listserv.

5. Held Midwest Chapter Annual Conference at Chicago, IL and reviewed conference evaluation.

6. Visited Dr. Tze-Chung Li at Chicago, IL.

7. Invited Lisa Zhao’s husband to social gathering at Chicago, IL.

8. Conducted chapter’s officers election.

Goals and objectives not completed (and concerns):

None.

Budget requirements or reimbursement Requests (if any):

This year, the chapter decided to offer $300 honorarium for keynote speaker, and $100 financial assistance for traveling of students attendees. It will be great if these expenses can be funded by CALA.

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

N/A

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

The Midwest Chapter leadership team, i.e. the Executive Committee, did a great job this year! We kept chapter members inform of professional development opportunities through the chapter website, we organized social gathering with Dr. Tze-Chung Li and Lisa Zhao’s husband, we assisted and encouraged library school students to attend and participant in annual conference, and we organized a successful and enjoyable conference with a variety of topics and formats! All of the above will not be possible without the outstanding executive committee members Fu Zhou, Yan He, Jianying Shou, Wen-Ling Liu, Liangyu Fu, Anna Xiong and Minhao Jiang. Vincci appreciated the support she got from the executive committee and she also appreciated Qi Chen and CALA’s continuous support for the Midwest Chapter.