Annual Report

CALA Constitution & Bylaws Committee 2016/17

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The Committee set out the goals and action plan at the beginning of the year in July 2016. And it followed the schedule outlined in the Action Plan. The proposals for update were presented to the Board Meeting at the Midwinter in Atlanta. The Board accepted the proposals with modifications, which were discussed and finalized by the Committee. These proposal of updating 1 clause in Constitution and 1 clause in Bylaws went on the Ballot of annual election and were approved.

Despite the wide time zone differences with 1 member based in Hawaii, the Committee was able to conduct business via email successfully. Discussions and consensus took place and carried the committee to accomplish the goals.
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, solicit suggestions from the other CALA Committees, and make recommendations in conjunction with the SP2020.

   Updated C&B have been shared via Google Docs with the Committee, to collect ideas and suggestions.

2. Complete the 1st draft based on the Committee review and recommendations. Submit to the Board and other committee chairs for feedback, target submission date Nov 18th and request feedback from the Board by December 16th

   Reviews didn’t identify any additional updates. No feedback was received from other committees or the Board. Questions regarding overseas chapters were raised. And the Committee reviewed the Bylaw and sees adequate coverage. The Chair forwarded the sections regarding questions back the member.

3. Discuss and compile the 2nd Draft proposal/recommendation based on the feedback from the Board & committees, to be presented to the Board prior to Midwinter in Atlanta, GA for discussion

   The Committee will continue accepting feedback and suggestions; and will present to the Board if any info is received.

4. The Committee compiles recommendation based on the feedback and decision by the Board from the Midwinter. And compile the 2nd Draft to the Board in March/April, 2017.

5. Final proposals submitted to the Board for approval on the ballot.

6. Vote by the general membership either during the election

7. Update the C&B according to the voting result and hand over at the Annual Membership Meeting Chicago, IL.