2016 CALA Mid-Year Committee Report Template

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Committee Name: The CALA Annual Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Committee

Committee Roster:
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Committee Charge:

Tasks Completed:
- The committee has set up its mission, goals, objectives, possible procedures, and timeline in its Action Plan (2016-2017).

Goals and Objectives Accomplished:
- The total number of committee members has reached the odd number required by the CALA President.
- The committee has completed its task to review the current procedures and selection criteria of the Guidelines for Jing Liao Award Application and Selection.

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:
- The committee is clarifying reviewing
- The committee is building up a rubric to evaluate the submitted research works for the competition of the CALA Annual Jing Liao Award for the Best Research in 2017.

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any):
- The committee suggests that the CALA Board should increase its financial investment in the CALA Jing Liao Award to boost a strong enthusiasm and academic atmosphere among the CALA members to generate more high-quality scholarly researches and studies in the fields of library and information sciences.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions for the Board (if any):
1. The committee request that the CALA Board should agree to remove a phrase of “in ALL Media” from the Guidelines of the CALA Annual Jing Liao Award for The Best Research in ALL Media. Literally, “in all media” includes audio, graphics, images, streaming video, social media, webpages, etc., except for books, book chapters, conference proceedings, dissertations, peer-reviewed papers, reports, theses, etc. Frankly
speaking, the CALA has no expertise to assess and evaluate published research works “in ALL Media.” Our ability, experience, knowledge, and skills are limited.

2. The committee inquires if the CALA Board could add additional $500 (?) annual investment for the CALA Jing Liao Annual Award to encourage more CALA members to get engaged in library researches and studies? If possible, the committee hopes to present one First Prize ($500), one Second Prize ($300), and one Third Prize ($200), instead of only one winner for $500 under the current rewarding system.

3. The committee suggests if the CALA Board could design and distribute a certificate of honor to each CALA member who participates the annual Jing Liao Annual Award for the Best Research. It will be used as one of the effective service records for the CALA members’ either to pass annual evaluation or apply for promotion or tenure in academic learning environment.

Summary Paragraph: 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.

All in all, the committee is exerting its best to provide the CALA members with a fair and transparent service during the process of evaluating the submitted research works from the CALA members who participate in the CALA Jing Liao Annual Award for the Best Research. Since the committee selected its best committee members, the committee has set its mission, goals, objectives, procedures, and timeline. At present, the committee has completed its review for the current Guidelines of the CALA Annual Jing Liao Award for the Best Research.

Based on the experience and lessons accumulated from the practice of the previous CALA committees, we believe that it is imperative to refine current evaluating procedures and regulations, and standards, including a rubric, to assess and evaluate the submitted research works in an effective and fair way. Between 2012 and 2016, the CALA Jing Liao Annual Award for the Best Research Committees never opens their rubrics to the CALA members how they assess and evaluate the submitted research works. This is an abnormal operation. It looked as if the CALA invited the CALA members to participate in a competition without letting them know how the CALA committees measured their performances. That is why the committee (2016-2017) is making every effort to modify and refine a new guideline for the CALA Jing Liao Annual Award for the Best Research. Before the end of January 2017, a new draft is scheduled to be submitted to the CALA President and the CALA Board for a review.

The committee strongly recommends that the CALA Board should increase its annual investment, such as $500 or more (if practical), to foster a strong enthusiasm and academic atmosphere among the CALA members to generate more high-quality scholarly researches and studies in the fields of library and information sciences. Also, it will attract more interested librarians and other professionals to join the CALA.

Note:

- please submit your report in PDF format and sent to CALA Executive Committee at exc@web-cala.org
- Save/name your files in the following way, and for long committee name, abbreviation can be used-
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