2016 CALA Mid-Year Committee Report

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Committee Name: CALA Liaisons/Representatives to IFLA

Committee Roster: Clara M. Chu, 2015-2017; Shali Zhang, 2016-2018

Committee Charge: N/A

Tasks Completed:

- Timely shared with CALA members the following important IFLA information via CALA listserv and other venues –
  a. IFLA Office messages regarding IFLA’s general operations, initiatives, and IFLA’s strategic goals.
  b. IFLA’s electronic publications, e.g., *IFLA Journal* and other online media, which carry contributed articles, reports, and news items from IFLA membership.
  c. Sent several messages to encourage CALA members to participate in the 2016 IFLA Congress held in August 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. With these messages, CALA’s IFLA membership code was provided for a low-rate registration fee.
  d. Other IFLA information pertinent to CALA members.

- Timely responded to CALA membership’s inquiries on registration, lodging, local logistics, and local transportations in attending the 2016 IFLA Congress. The CALA members outside the U.S. especially appreciated the benefit of discount registration fee for the IFLA Congress through CALA membership.

- Worked with the CALA leadership to organize/coordinate a dinner gathering for CALA members who participated in the 2016 IFLA Congress to meet colleagues from ALISE and ASIS&T during the IFLA Congress.

- Shared the information on the 2017 IFLA Congress to be held in Wroclaw, Poland, with the CALA listserv.

- Conveyed the 2017 IFLA nomination information to the CALA leadership. CALA is entitled the nominations to two IFLA standing section committees, Information Literacy and Library Services to Multicultural Populations.

Goals and objectives accomplished:
The activities connecting CALA members with IFLA events, initiatives, and strategic plans, and international librarianship have supported the following CALA’s strategic goals listed in the CALA 2015 Strategic Plan:

- Goal 2. Become a Leader in Global Reach Initiatives
- Goal 3. Enhance Services to CALA Membership

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed: N/A

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any): N/A

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

Other comments: As in past reports, we would again remind CALA officers to attend the U.S. Caucus Meeting during the IFLA Congress and to vote on behalf of CALA at the General Assembly at WLIC. We would like to take this opportunity to remind future CALA presidents the importance of being present in person to participate in voting in IFLA. Upon arrival to the IFLA Congress, the CALA President must first report to the IFLA Secretariat to pick up the voting documents. Should the CALA President not be able to attend the IFLA Congress, s/he must nominate a proxy to vote on his/her behalf.

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.

Please see the above listed activities and suggestions