2017-2018 CALA Annual Committee Report
International Relations Committee
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Committee Name: International Relations Committee
Committee Roster: Qinghua Xu, Yuan Li, Michael Huang, Peng Wei, and Grace Liu

Committee Charge: To promote, coordinate, and support non-partisan international library related activities and programs in accordance with CALA's strategic plan.

Tasks Completed (according to the 5 Goals Outlined in the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan if Applicable- Be Specific):

Goals and Objectives Accomplished:

- On behalf of IRC, helped host and provide tour for the library directors delegation group from Yunnan.
- Drafted and announced the call for presenters on the regular basis for CALA-BALIS program.
- Helped the immediate past president coordinate and facilitate the CALA member’s presentation to BALIS.
- Announced a call for presenters for the CALA-BALIS program.

Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:

- Develop the new collaborative program with Shanghai Pudong Library.

Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any): No

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

The group suggests adding one more item to the committee responsibilities, which is to develop and maintain the detailed list of the collaborative programs between CALA and partners worldwide.

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.

In the first half of 2017-2018, the committee accomplished a couple of projects. Firstly, working with NE Chapter, we successfully hosted seminars for the library director’s delegation group from Yunnan, including Yonglin Wan, Yunnan University; Fei Li, Kunming Medical University; Shilin Zhao, Yunnan Minzu University; Yun Yang, Kunming Metallurgy College. Secondly, under the guidance of the immediate past president, we announced a professional development opportunity at BALIS to CALA members and coordinated the selection process. Shortly we received three applications and one speaker Ping Fu was selected. Professor Fu successfully delivered his presentation on December 6 at Beijing Normal University. Last by not least, in 2016 CALA and Shanghai Pudong Public Library (PPL) co-
hosted an Academic Research Symposium aiming to promote Sino-US librarian Exchange and cooperation. Early December the IRC committee chair met with a representative from PPL and expressed that CALA would be interest in continuing the collaboration with PPL when opportunities arise.

In the second half of 2017-2018, a few collaborations are undergoing or forthcoming. Ms. Li Shuning of BALIS invited five speakers from CALA Academic Session of 2018 Chinese Library Conference to present at BALIS on May 30, 2018. Speakers are Lian Ruan, Michael Huang, Ping Fu, Jie Huang and Xiaocan Wang.

CALA made progress on the collaboration with Shanghai library. IJoL (International Journal of Librarianship) will be listed as a sponsor to this year’s Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF http://www.libnet.sh.cn/silf2018/). As the Editor-in-Chief, Grace Liu have been invited into the planning committee, and will be working with SHPL to host a half-day sessions on scholarly publication.

Mr. Le Yang, the president of CALA, paid a visit to the School of Information Management at Wuhan University, where an intention of establishing a strategic relationship between CALA and the department was discussed. Mr. Yang drafted the “Letter of Intent”, approved by the EC and is currently awaiting Wuhan University review.