Fifth Town Hall Meeting for 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

Time: Apr. 30, 2020 2-3pm Central time

Attendees: Lian Ruan, Wenli Gao, Michael Huang, Min Tong, Haiyun Cao, Ping Fu, Vincci Kwong, Le Yang, Wen Nie Ng, Jianye He

Meeting Chair: Wenli Gao & Lian Ruan

Minutes Taker: Jianye He

Question 1: Compared with other library associations (ALA, IFLA, CEAL, ALCTS, APALA, etc.), what do you think CALA can adopt?

Attendees Responded:
  ● CALA can do more in connecting members with library professional expertise and service responsibilities (such as adding more break-out programs to CALA’s Annual Meeting to encourage more members to attend).

Question 2: What improvement can CALA do to meet your expectations?

Attendees Responded:
  ● Create more opportunities for members to share their research interest/projects.

Question 3: What is your long term career goal, and how can CALA help you?

Attendees Responded:
  ● Provides timely guide on library professional trends and professional development for how to work in this new environment.
  ● Continue providing travel grants to support members’ professional activities.
  ● Share expertise among CALA members (membership database could include professional expertise/library job responsibilities).

Question 4: What do you want CALA to be in the next five years?
Attendees Responded:

- Try to balance between focusing on Chinese American librarians in North America and international influence.

**Question 5: What is your feedback on CALA's vision, mission and value statements?**

Attendees Responded:

- They still look great.

**Question 6: CALA has six strategic priorities. What do you think CALA has accomplished the most and the least so far?**

Attendees Responded:

- Membership data might show progress in member recruitment and engagement.
- Leadership Training and Development has been doing excellently well (series of successful workshops on leadership development; more CALA members are elected to national/international level library professional organizations).
- It is still hard to mobilize local chapter members.
- Collaboration between chapters is encouraging.
- CALA can do more in networking with other professional organizations.

**Question 7: What has CALA done for you professionally?**

Attendees Responded:

- Travel grant supports CALA members’ crucial professional activities (such as IFLA fellows).
- Service experience helps with developing professional skills, library reviews and networking.
- CALA also provides publishing opportunities (CALA’s peer-reviewed journal).

**Question 8: What has CALA done for you personally?**

Attendees Responded:

- Friendship
- Networking
- Learn from each other
- Sense of belonging
- Legacy transmitting