

CEAL 2009 – Business Meeting
Wednesday March 25, 2009 9:30-10:20
Chicago Ballroom 10, Sheraton, Chicago

Opening Remarks: CEAL President, Kristina Troost, opened the meeting by noting that this year CEAL has implemented a new format for meetings, and there may be further changes ahead. She encouraged anyone with ideas for meeting format or reactions to the changes to talk to Executive Board members. She welcomed in particular first-time attendees, new members, and visitors from abroad.

Honoring Retirees:

Dr. Amy V. Heinrich served as Director of Columbia University's C. V. Starr Library for over 20 years. She was also the first chair of the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC).

Kio T. Kanda retired as a senior cataloguer and team leader of Japanese Team I of the Library of Congress. He led the very successful CEAL preconference on Buddhist material cataloguing in 2003.

Jane H. J. Cheng will retire on 30 April 2009 from her post as Senior Asian Cataloguer at the Spencer Art Reference Library of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, where she has spent 28 years. Among her other duties, she catalogued CJK materials for the library OPAC.

If there are other retirees, please send a message to eastlib honoring them.

Election results:

Philip Melzer reported that the Nominating Committee consisted of himself and Cathy Chiu. They extended thanks to Dr. Wooseob Jeong for again preparing and managing the e-ballot. Voting ran from February 20 – March 11. The committee expressed appreciation to those CEAL members who submitted nominations, to those who agreed to stand for election, and to those who voted. Each position was closely contested. The results were:

Treasurer: Ai-lin Yang (Stanford University)

Secretary: Dawn Lawson (New York University)

Members-at-Large: Ellen Hammond (Yale University) and Ying Zhang (University of California, Irvine)

Kristina Troost reminded the newly-elected Executive Board members to attend the second meeting tomorrow at 4 pm. Toshie Marra will give the meeting agenda, other preparatory material, and training to Ailin Yang; Hong Xu to Ying Zhang; and Kristina Troost to Dawn Lawson and Ellen Hammond.

Recognizing outgoing Executive Board members:

Kris thanked the following members for their service on the Executive Board.

Philip Melzer, Vice-President, President, and Past-president

Ellen McGill, Secretary

Toshie Marra, Treasurer

Hong Xu, Member-at-Large

Kuniko Yamada McVey, Member-at-Large

Appointments of *JEAL* editor and Statistics Coordinator: Kris announced that although their rotations have ended, Gail King (Brigham Young University) and Vickie Fu Doll (University of Kansas) have agreed to serve another term of three years as *Journal of East Asian Libraries* editor and Statistics Coordinator, respectively. The Executive Board has approved their appointments. We all recognize their work and contributions over many years and are grateful for their service.

Committee on Library Technology (CLT) Report: Kris noted that this year there is no CLT panel as technology underlies all issues and the committee has other work.

Rob Britt, CLT chair, provided an overview on the state of CEAL technology and the use of an experimental server to host a new kind of CEAL directory. Currently, the CEAL website, which includes committee webpages, is hosted on a server via PARCOM. (*JEAL* and CEAL Statistics are hosted at the home institution of the CEAL officer responsible .) Each committee has its own folder/part on the server and can ftp files there. Each committee is responsible for its own files. This arrangement seems to be working out well from CLT's standpoint. Please let him or another CLT committee member know if there are issues. The Access database and asp program for the Membership Directory are also now on the CEAL server rather than at UCSD. The website is now updated via Frontpage, but other editors may also be used.

Drupal experiment: The committee has been experimenting with a Drupal-based website (rather than html). Drupal is a free and customizable Content Management

System (CMS). It provides a group like CEAL a place to put all their stuff. The committee thought it might provide better access and consistent updating for the CEAL directory. As a first step, they are using the CivCRM Drupal module, which was set up for us by a volunteer who works for Vickie Fu Doll. The committee is very grateful for this help. Directory entries have been exported into the new system. Fields didn't always match and there were some complications, but CLT members volunteered to set up records for individuals. So far, CLT is impressed by the power of the system. The down side is that it's complicated for novices. Speed has been a bit of an issue. Although they have been assured that with a new Pair networks server adequate for Drupal, speed will not be a problem, directory entry update is still taking 10-15 seconds. He suspects paying more money to Pair networks would lead to better speed. The old PARCOM server working via Microsoft Access has limitations, but it has improved and is more accessible to him. The new one is experimental; if CEAL wants to pursue it, we might consider hiring a part-time Drupal expert to advise on implementation and move the whole website into Drupal. This would give us a uniform interface, menu system, etc. On the other hand, we've just gotten to the point that all committees have their own folders, and now we're thinking about moving to a new system. Today the committee is just throwing ideas out to the membership and asking for reactions. The Executive Board may also talk about future directions for the website at its meeting tomorrow.

Information updating: Rob reminded everyone to update their information in the Membership Directory. Each institution should have a designated updater – if you don't, let CLT know. The updaters are listed on the CEAL website. Information should be kept current for individuals and for institutions.

Questions, Discussion, and Comments: Kris noted that members have requested more space for questions, answers, and discussion. This year the Executive Board split the business and plenary sessions, partially because we are co-sponsoring the plenary and partially to accommodate this desire. She asked for reactions to the changes and noted that we also can talk about other issues.

James Cheng (Harvard University) recognized the attendance of a senior colleague from Taiwan, Dr. David Tsai. Dr. Tsai retired from the Library of Congress and now teaches at Tatung University in Taiwan. He has come to attend CEAL and also the celebrations to honor the 100th birthday of Prof. Tsuen-Hsuin Tsin, who taught in the East Asian Languages and Civilizations Department at the University of Chicago and also served as curator of the University's Far Eastern Library.

Kris asked current Executive Board members to stand so people know who they are.

Ellen Hammond (Yale University) asked Kris to describe some of the other ideas floating around for future meetings. These include:

- Organizing the whole conference around a theme
- Taking time from the materials committees to do an explicitly comparative panel – e.g. on copyright. Perhaps half the time could go for the committee, half for the panel and have small group discussions
- Possible topics/ themes of general interest include budget changes, open source, open access, etc. These could be organized on CJK lines or by function (resource description and public services).
- One possible question: Can ILL supplement collections sufficiently to balance budget cuts?

Ellen expressed approval of the separation of business and plenary meetings. She suggested appointing CEAL taskforces a year ahead of time to look at issues and then report back on those questions with wider implications at the business meeting

Kris noted that with the OCLC-RLG merger there is now lots of overlap between CEAL and OCLC programs. Could the Committee on Technical Processing and OCLC create a common program instead of two separate ones?

Rob Britt asked again for reaction to cutting the CLT panel. The committee approves since they already have lots of other responsibilities, plus CLT topics often overlapped with those in other sessions.

James Cheng had two comments on the CEAL statistics survey. He opposes doing away with the print version in *JEAL*, as it is important to have a paper copy for a record on file. He noted that the inclusion of e-books this year might mean that titles are repeated where a print version is also held. He suggested that this be reconsidered. Kris replied that the Executive Board will discuss this point, but the change was made because CEAL follows ARL practice. It is also important to have accepted standards.

CEAL dinner and Library Tours: Kris thanked Yuan Zhou of the University of Chicago and his staff for arranging the CEAL dinner. It's a lot of work!

Yuan Zhou welcomed everyone to Chicago and thanked them for bringing better weather.

CEAL dinner: The CEAL dinner is Thursday evening in a different venue than in past years. He was glad to see the growth of CEAL members, but found that it makes it harder to find a Chinatown restaurant accessible by public transportation which also accommodates 200+ people. They have tried very hard to contain costs while maintaining good food, particularly since this year many have had their travel budgets cut. Transportation options were announced on eastlib; about 50 copies and some maps of Chinatown are on the chairs in the first row.

So far 190 people have registered for dinner; there are ten seats left. If you haven't registered and want to come, please pay in cash right after this meeting. There may also be some people who sent a check which still hasn't arrived. In this case, you have a reservation; please pay cash here or at the door, and when your check arrives, it will be returned to you or shredded and an email sent to you that it's been destroyed. If you made a reservation and haven't paid and can't go, please let him know, in case others want to attend. If you sent a check but can't come, see him after the meeting and your money can be refunded now. Everyone will have to be checked in at the restaurant, so please make a line.

Yuan Zhou acknowledged the help of his colleagues. Younghee Sohn, the Korean Studies Librarian, did most of the organization; Jai-Hsya Tsao, the Technical Services Librarian, also worked on details of the dinner. They will be up front handling cash receipt and refunds.

Library tours: Tours will be held on Friday March 27; there is one at 2 pm and another at 4:30 pm. All are welcome. Yuan Zhou thanked everyone who made a reservation as requested. The library will accommodate as many as possible. If there are too many people, multiple simultaneous tours will be arranged.

In case of questions, please see Yuan Zhou and his colleagues after the meeting.

Jane Cheng: Jane Cheng, upcoming retiree from the Nelson-Atkins library, thanked other CEAL members and noted how much she has learned from everyone over the years.