Report from Wen-ling Liu, Member-At-Large, 2012-2015

I. Work Assigned

- Budget Task Force, Member, 2014-2015
- Peer Review Committee, Member, 2012-2015
- Program Committee, Advisor, 2014-2015
  Chair, 2013-2014
  Chair, December 2012-2013

II. Some Thoughts

In the past few years, CEAL has gained solid grounds in fulfilling and augmenting the objectives of CEAL as stated in by-laws: (a) to serve as a faculty-librarians’ forum for the discussion of East Asian library issues of common concern; (b) to formulate programs for the development of East Asian library resources, bibliographic controls, and access; and (c) to improve and enhance interlibrary and international cooperation in East Asian library development and services.

However, with changing technological, economic, and political developments ahead, we are facing noticeable challenges. How do we keep up the momentum we have established so far? How do we promote and maintain scholarly networking and e-scholarship nationally and internationally? How do we support faculty librarian partnership locally? How do we promote East Asian studies through cooperating with other area studies programs and our colleagues at the other side of the Pacific?

The concerns for budget issues are reflected in the committee formation and Executive meeting agendas. In recent years, CEAL has been fortunate to receive generous grants from the Luce Foundation and the Mellon Foundation. But, we are unsure if we will continue to receive similar funds in order to sustain our program needs in the future. I hope that the current and future officers will assess and review membership issues as well as budgetary plans in perspectives with the organization’s future growth in mind.

Respectfully submitted by Wen-ling Liu
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