

Task Force for Review of the ERMB (Electronic Resources Metadata Standards Best Practices= Task Force on Metadata Standards and Best Practices for East Asian Electronic Resources)

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Term: June 2020 – October 2022

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Background:

CEAL Task Force on Metadata Standards and Best Practices for East Asian Electronic Resources (ERMB) was begun in March 2013 as a special task force under the supervision of the CEAL Executive Board. In 2016, the ERMB Task Force was renewed for another term of 3 years. The ERMB Task Force is charged to investigate best practices for the creation, manipulation and management of electronic content and metadata for resources in East Asian languages, and to address issues as those e-resources move through their life cycle from selection through to user access, along with associated metadata across various systems and functions.

Under this general charge, the ERMB Task Force also promotes compliance with well-established e-resource metadata standards and best practices, and communicates the required standards for compliance to vendors/information providers of East Asian digital resources. Over the past 6 years, the ERMB Task Force has fulfilled these goals by organizing training workshops at CEAL annual conferences, initiating various international collaborations, and coordinating Cooperative E-Journal Cataloging Projects to provide either original cataloging of the journals, or enrichment/enhancement of metadata to facilitate improved access and discovery.

In November 2019, the CEAL Executive Board approved a motion to have the ERMB Task Force re-appointed by the CEAL President for the term November 2019 – October 2022, and to have the ERMB collaborate with the CTP and CPS in organizing annual conference programs. It was also suggested that instead of hastily approving or rejecting the ERMB's proposals, the charges of the current Task Force should be re-examined to see if they should be expanded, or if a new standing committee is needed.

In the CEAL EB Meeting II of March 20, 2020, the following motion was approved: "the EB asks the CTP and CPS chairs to lead an effort to work with the ERMB to recommend changes/updates of to its charges for the review and approval of the CEAL President and EB before the end of 2021."

Charge: The Task Force shall examine the current ERMB Task Force's charge to see if the ERMB can be expanded, or if it should be established as a new standing committee. The Task Force shall submit to the President its action plan, including a timeline, by August 2020. The Task Force shall recommend any proposed changes or updates for the CEAL Executive Board's consideration by December 2021. Please consult CEAL Bylaws Articles VI and XI for guidance.