

Taskforce on Establishing CEAL Distinguished Service Award

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Background:

Established in 1958, CEAL has played an outstanding leadership role in supporting the rapidly growing academic fields in the studies about East Asia. There have been many dedicated librarians who have made distinguished contributions to East Asian librarianship and in developing resources and services for East Asian studies. They have asserted significant impact on the profession. To praise and promote CEAL members' excellent dedication and contributions to East Asian librarianship, CEAL president has proposed and CEAL Executive Board (EB) has approved to establish CEAL Distinguished Service Award as the highest and permanent recognition of the organization for an individual CEAL member who meets the criteria of the award. The award will be promulgated by CEAL annually or biennially and presented by CEAL President at CEAL's annual conference.

Charge:

Referencing models of similar awards of other organizations, the taskforce develops documentation and guidelines, including scope and criteria, selection procedures, and logistics to establish the CEAL Distinguished Services Award, the permanent* and highest professional recognition of the organization. It explores the feasibility of attaching a monetary award and makes recommendations. Working with EB, the taskforce prepares a proposal to establish a new standing committee, CEAL Award Committee, and prepares an amendment to CEAL Bylaws to include the award. Once approved by EB, the taskforce works with the Election Committee, Library Technology, and other related committees to create a ballot for the CEAL Bylaws amendment to be voted on during the 2019 election. The goal is for CEAL to issue its inaugural award at the 2020 annual conference. Please consult CEAL Bylaws Articles VI and XI" for guidance.

The taskforce will submit to CEAL president its action plan including a timeline by July 31st, 2018.