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from the chairperson

Greetings to all! This is the largest issue of the Bulletin ever published, with many articles and reports of interest to CEAL subscribers and friends. Looking it over I am overwhelmed by the accomplishments and contributions of CEAL colleagues reflected in these pages. It confirms my sense that we are working in the most exciting and dynamic field of academic librarianship! I am especially grateful, as I get this ready to take to the printer, to Ed Martinique, who has been a wonderfully devoted editor for the past three years and has now agreed to continue in that post for at least another year. This time Ed has truly put in a Herculean effort and on behalf of all CEAL subscribers I want to extend our sincere appreciation!

Invoices are being sent out with this issue to all subscribers except those who have paid ahead. Subscriptions are being brought into conformity for summer billing, so there may be an adjustment in the amount that you owe. Subscription rates, however, remain unchanged.

Work is underway for the revision of the CEAL Directory. You will receive requests for updated information very soon.

As is mentioned in the Plenary Session minutes carried in this issue, a decision was made in March in Los Angeles to send out a ballot regarding the proposed addition of a secretary and a treasurer to the roster of CEAL officers. This ballot is being sent out in time so that, if the vote is positive, these officers can be elected next winter to take office at the Annual Meeting to be held in Boston, March 23 - 27, 1994, along with the next chairperson. The ballot is being sent with this issue of the Bulletin to all CEAL members. According to CEAL Procedures a member is anyone who is a member of the Association for Asian Studies and a subscriber to the CEAL Bulletin. The most recent AAS membership list has been used to verify membership. If anyone who should have received a ballot according to these criteria has not been sent one, please let me know as soon as possible and I will send you one.

Also mentioned in the Plenary Session minutes was another topic to which I draw your attention. This is a proposal from Tsuen-hsueh Tsien (University of Chicago, Retired) and Edward Martinique (University of North Carolina) to change the name of our organization from Committee on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) to Society of East Asian Libraries (SEAL) and the title of the Bulletin from Committee on East Asian Libraries Bulletin to Bulletin on East Asian Libraries. This change would also require a ballot, but some members wanted time to consider this proposal and possibly to suggest alternative names and titles. Please give this matter careful consideration. Time will be allotted at the upcoming Annual Meeting and a ballot will be sent out after that.

Once again I want to extend an invitation to everyone to join eastlib, CEAL's electronic bulletin board/listserv. A number of interesting discussions have taken place recently and much useful information is reported there. In order to subscribe,

send the message: **subscribe eastlib**

to: **listserv@listserv.acs.unc.edu**

To send mail to other members address your note to: **eastlib@archive.acs.unc.edu**

With best wishes to everyone for a wonderful summer,

