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This issue's cover presents Albrecht Dürer's engraving of the map of Asia, dating from about the year 1514. The name of China (Serica) is barely visible beneath the loop of the Yellow River, where Aquilo ("north wind") is blowing. And Japan and Korea seem to be completely beyond the curve of Dürer's sight.

The world turns, though, and change comes with it. The results of this year's CEAL elections are reflected in the masthead on the inside cover, showing the newly elected chairpersons of our six committees, as well as our President-Elect. It also shows a change in the position of CEAL Treasurer. Sachie Noguchi, who has done such a fine job as Treasurer for the past two years, requested that someone be found to take over her duties for this next year so that she may concentrate on heading her committee. I am happy to announce that Fred Brady has agreed to take this on and will be our Treasurer until next year's elections.

A final change yet to appear on the masthead is that of JEAL Editor, and Chairperson of the Committee on Publications. This issue is Ed Martinique's 27th as well as his last as editor, after which he turns the job over to Gail King. Our Journal is, apart from our annual meeting, the most visible evidence of CEAL activity; for close to nine years, Ed Martinique has allowed our organization to present its best face. It is a fine record of achievement, and CEAL is very fortunate to have had the services of this quiet, capable, and diligent man for such a long time. Thank you, Ed.

The Council on East Asian Libraries is, after all, in the business of communication. Our meetings and our journal and our homepage are all about easing the access to, and freeing the flow of information about East Asia. We help to guarantee that the countries and peoples of that part of the world are never marginalized or beyond the curve of the informed person's sight.

