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## **From the President**

Dear Colleagues,

The Executive Board has been busy planning for the annual CEAL meeting which will take place from March 29-31 in Honolulu, Hawaii. This year's gathering will be a special joint AAS-International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) conference in celebration of "70 Years of Asian Studies," which has an unexpected impact on CEAL meetings. Rather than our usual Wednesday-Friday schedules, it has become necessary for us to start on Tuesday. While the changed schedule may have a negative impact on our travel budgets, it gives us more time during the week to attend AAS sessions or explore the host city. (Speaking of which, can you think of a better place to spend the additional day than in "paradise"?) Another divergence from past traditions is the joint program of the three Committees on Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Materials. Rather than the usual separate programs by each area committee, this year the C, J, and K Committees are holding a joint program, an extension of last year's successful experiment by Committees on Technical Processing and Public Services. The fellowship dinner will also be different. Reflecting the comments received on the survey, we are going to try a Korean buffet and will do away with excessive introductions of international guests. I thank our colleagues at the University of Hawaii for their hard work on local arrangements. Detailed information about the CEAL program will be published on Eastlib <[eastlib@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:eastlib@listserv.unc.edu)> and on the Website (<http://www.eastasianlib.org>) as it becomes available.

One of the significant achievements of the CEAL Executive Board since the last JEAL issue was the revision of the Bylaws, which was passed by the CEAL membership in December 2010. This JEAL issue includes the new Bylaws and the background information on the revision.

Please read the Editor's note on the preceding page about important changes in the journal format and schedule starting this year. The new peer-review process being implemented this year represents significant additional responsibilities and challenges for the Editor as well as the reviewers. On behalf of all readers, I express my deepest gratitude to our most wonderful Editor, Gail King, and the Editorial Board. I entreat prospective contributors to be prepared to submit articles according to the new schedule to help their work.

I regret to note that a respected leader and beloved colleague, Dr. Warren Tsuneishi, passed away on January 29. We are devoting a special commemorative section in this issue to his life and career. While some of us did not have the opportunity to get to know him personally, we are grateful that many colleagues and friends shared their appreciation for and reminiscences about how Dr. Tsuneishi inspired and touched their lives. I, for one, am honored by the privilege of calling him a fellow librarian, and gratefully acknowledge that the quality of my career is better today because of his pioneering contributions to East Asian Librarianship. As one colleague lamented, rather than express our appreciation when our colleagues pass away, let's do it while they are with us. I challenge you to reach out *today* to those who helped you in your career and acknowledge and express your appreciation for their contributions.

I put this philosophy into practice when I highlighted Gail King's contributions to CEAL in the last issue of JEAL. In this issue I wish to honor another very special colleague, Vickie Doll. Since this is our annual statistics issue, it is fitting to honor the person who designed, engineered, and orchestrated the CEAL Statistics database. While the annual print version (as featured in this issue) is useful in its own way, I am sure you have marveled, as I have, at the amazing functionality of the online database. Without Vickie Doll's technical skills, dedication, and labor of love for over a decade, we would not have these wonderful resources.

Vickie's passion for service led her to be named the Chair of the CEAL Statistics Task Force in 1999. Her charge was to collect and compile CEAL statistics from 2000 to 2002, building on her predecessors' work to make CEAL statistics compatible with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) format to include data on collections, staffing, expenditures, library services, and library characteristics, and taking into account the special needs of CEAL institutions. In order to implement her innovative ideas, she secured funds for a student programmer, initially from the Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Kansas and later from the Title VI grant through the CEAS. The 2000-2001 survey was conducted online for the first time. Ever since, she has added new forms and new categories such as DVDs, e-resources, e-books, and e-journals reflecting the evolving collection formats.

In 2006, after obtaining copyright clearance from Dr. Tsuen-Hsuei Tsien 錢存訓 for all past reports, Vickie began building the retrospective database, working with her student programmer to make it work with the main database. Vickie and Statistics Committee members (Fung-ying Fang Simpson, Calvin Hsu) manually input all the retrospective data by 2008. The result is, as we all know, the powerful, interactive, customizable CEAL online database at <http://lib.ku.edu/ceal/>. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, I encourage you to explore all the wonderful functionality it offers, e.g. rankings (by regions, by table, by funding, etc.) and growth rates for selected range of years. Vickie's next goal is to develop collection content (see <http://lib.ku.edu/CEAL/naecco/>).

I also had an opportunity to work directly with Vickie on the Bylaws Committee this past year, and benefitted from her professional wisdom and insight, not to mention her industry and efficiency. I am comforted knowing I can turn to her for advice when faced with difficult questions, which I often do.

On behalf of all CEAL members and CEAL Statistics users, I salute Vickie and her Committee members (Wen-ling Liu, Calvin Hsu, and Fung-ying Kuo Simpson) with my highest appreciation and admiration for their exemplary service. I also thank those at the University of Kansas who have supported Vickie with funds, server space, technology, and undoubtedly in many other ways. Without Vickie and KU's support, the CEAL Statistics database --one of CEAL's most significant gifts to East Asian scholarship and librarianship-- might not exist today, and our profession and our lives as librarians would not be the same.

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