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From the Chairperson

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By an overwhelming margin (92 "yes" vs. 6 "no") the CEAL membership has voted to change its name. The name chosen by the majority of those voting is "Council on East Asian Libraries" and, beginning on July 1, 1995, this will be our formal name. The other attendant changes agreed upon in the recently completed balloting are: 1) the "Chairperson" is now to be called "President," 2) the "Executive Group" is now to be called the "Executive Committee," 3) all "subcommittees" are now to be called "committees," and 4) the CEAL Bulletin is now (beginning with the October 1995 issue) to be called the Journal of East Asian Libraries. These changes reflect, I believe, the growth of our organization and the increase in professionalism which East Asian librarianship has experienced over the past several years. They signal a change in the way we view ourselves and in how we wish to be viewed by others.

Our appellation aside, we have some excellent opportunities in the coming year to influence how CEAL is regarded by others. The 1996 meetings of AAS (Honolulu) and IFLA (Beijing) both present high-profile venues for us as a group and/or as individuals to make important contributions. The rapid development of Web Homepages makes it possible for East Asian librarians to present their collections, services, and organizations alongside those of the mainstream. As technology in general develops, the East Asian library should increasingly be drawn in from the margins to which it was once relegated.

Congratulations to all who participated in rethinking CEAL's self identity. The process was as worthwhile as the outcome. Now it is my hope that we will be able to harness that thoughtfulness in meeting the challenges of this next year.

On this first day of summer, I wish each of you a season of rejuvenation: as CEAL is reborn in new form, so should each of us find the resources to restore our energies and directions.

Ken Klein