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Dear CEAL Members,

As my term as President will end at the CEAL meeting in March 2012, I wish to take this opportunity to reflect upon the past two years. The best part of serving as President, by far, was the opportunity to deepen my understanding of and appreciation for my CEAL colleagues’ talents and dedication.

The Executive Board (CEAL’s governing body) in particular is made up of remarkably hard-working professionals. The quality of their service is well reflected in JEAL, CEAL Statistics, annual meeting programs, Eastlib, and the Website that provides just about everything we need from CEAL, etc. If these are the visible results of the Board’s service and hard work, there are other tasks that are not so apparent. The work of the CEAL Treasurer is such an example. Many of CEAL’s operations (such as annual CEAL elections and the mailings of JEAL) are based on CEAL membership records, and as such, accurate and timely management and maintenance of financial transactions is very important. In this light, I would like to thank the outgoing CEAL Treasurer, Ai-Lin Yang of Stanford, for her conscientious work in keeping the CEAL’s treasury current and healthy.

Over the past two years working together, the Executive Board accomplished the following tasks. (For the record, some of them began under previous leaderships.)

- We adopted a new set of Bylaws, incorporating significant changes.
- JEAL became a peer-reviewed journal.
- We signed a license agreement to make JEAL’s content available via EBSCO.
- We formalized the CEAL-LC Cataloging Internship Program by signing an agreement between CEAL and LC.
- We conducted a survey on CEAL Fellowship Dinner, and based on the findings will try a different format this year.
- We improved the CEAL directory, adding many new functions such as a feature to verify membership status.
- We began the process of creating a new CEAL Logo.

Please join me in thanking the Executive Board members for their service and collective accomplishments!

As I write this, the CEAL Committee Chairs are working hard, creating stimulating and interesting programs for the annual conference, which will take place from March 13-14 in Toronto, Canada. We will also have a pre-conference workshop on RDA and a post-conference workshop on Korean rare-books. I look forward to meeting many of you there!
Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you as CEAL President which I regard a highlight of my career. I wish you and CEAL all the best under the leadership of next President, Peter Zhou!

Joy Kim