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Dear CALA Board:

I am writing to report on my participation in the CALA sponsored CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series program for the team of three CALA members to present for the seminar at Northeast Normal University in Changchun China in from July 2-4, 2007. I very much appreciated this opportunity and enjoyed this project. I also believe that this think this enriching experience benefits both Chinese participants and myself as well.

My role for this project is two fold: to be the team-leader and also to be a presenter myself. As a team leader, I started about a year ago in my negotiations with the NENU library directors and at the same time reported back to the CALA board on this particular project. The following briefly describes what I have done for this particular project:

1. Signing the agreement with NENU, August 2006
2. Recommending topics to NENU, December 2006
3. Finalizing topics with NENU, April 2007
4. Assigning topics to presenters, April 2007
5. Drafting tentative schedule, April 2007
6. Asking presenters to submit PPT for review June 2007
7. Finalizing schedule, June 2007
8. Arranging for copies of textbooks to be sent, June 2007
9. Conducting seminars July 2-4, 2007

I enjoyed working with other CALA team members on this project and respect their hard work and dedication to make the project successful.

As a presenter, I presented on the following topics:

1. Library consortia: OhioLINK
2. Reference Services; Reference Interview
3. Virtual Library Services
4. Professional Development
5. Information Literacy
6. Information Commons

Through this experience, I not only learned from the Chinese participants, their views and their practice in libraries in China, I also learned a great deal from my co-presenters, about their topics, and their hard work in putting all presentations together.

This is no doubt one of the most meaningful and important projects that CALA has taken on in CALA's history. It not only helps promote the collaboration and exchange between CALA and libraries in China, but also has created great opportunities for many CALA members who have been, are and going to be involved, which serves CALA's purpose and its members in multiple ways.

I would like to thank the CALA Board for the vision to embark on such a great project to lead CALA into a great future!

Sincerely,

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