

Library Professional Development Committee Report to NCC: August 2007

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I. The Second Meeting on March 21:

The Committee held the second meeting on March 21 during the AAS/CEAL 2007 Annual Meeting in Boston. In addition to the Committee members, it was also attended by Tokiko Bazzell (NCC chair), Vickey Bestor (NCC executive director), Yoko Okunishi (NCC staff) from NCC. The following agenda was discussed:

1. Committee membership

Rotation: Because of the new committee i.e., (all committee members are new) and to avoid having all the original committee members rotate off at the same time, the committee decided the following membership rotation schedule for 2007-2009:

2007: One member (Kio T. Kanda who submitted his resignation) will rotate off. Maureen will be the co-chair when Eiko Sakaguchi's term as an NCC board member concludes in June 2007; Eiko Sakaguchi and Yasuko Makino will serve as advisers.

2008: Two of the remaining original five members will rotate off.

2009: The remaining three original members will rotate off.

New member nomination: The committee decided to ask the NCC to make a call for nominations/volunteers to eastlib to replace Kio Kanda.

Post script: Keiko Suzuki was nominated and accepted. She has now joined the Committee.

2. Time/Venue of future librarian trainings

Possible future training in conjunction with AAS would be (1) one day (whole day) training on Tuesday before CEAL meeting, (2) two days, Sunday and Monday prior to CEAL meeting, and/or (3) in combination with the NCC Open Meeting. If training programs are held during either 1 or 2 above special coordinating with organizations such as the CEAL will be required. Also, the nature of training offered must be a factor to determine the time/venue.

3. Results of survey

According to the survey results, a number of training program topics could cross the spectrum of CJK areas, such as, grant writing and electronic resources databases. If NCC were to sponsor such cross-regional programs it may need to approach related committees of CEAL to implement those training efforts collaboratively with the appropriate groups.

The committee discussed possible means to determine if training programs should cover all CJK areas or be specific to Japanese only. Possible strategies include (1) examining Chinese/Korean training interests (2) conduct follow-up questions and close interviews, and (3) forward the survey results in eastlib. Also, there were some ambiguous terms used by respondents in their survey answers, such as interest in learning more about acquisition tools,

search tools, and cataloging metadata. This may be because people interpreted the terms differently. We need to clarify questions and further analyze the results.

The need for a repeat of the Junior Japanese Studies Librarian Training Seminar (last offered in 2002) or a similar program was also expressed.

The Committee decided that each committee member would review the survey results and plan a training module and distribute it among the committee members.

4. Other strategies and other concerns

- How can NDL trainees more broadly share what they learn during the training, the contents are deeper than can be contained in the general reports presented in the NCC Open Meeting and put up on the web. How could the full context of this training better be shared with colleagues?
- Maureen Donovan attended a workshop, International Conference on Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL), in Kyoto in December 2006. (The papers have been published by Springer in the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series. The program is available at <http://www.icadl2006.org/program-jp.html#11>.) Her report should be carefully reviewed to examine what good workshops may be available outside.
- Online trainings: GIF Project will offer Japanese online trainings and NDL will offer online trainings as well.
- It is essential that instructors are well-prepared for the trainings, how can the committee help ensure that?

II. Compilation of the Training Recommendation to NCC:

As assigned during the second meeting in March, each committee member reviewed the survey results and formed a training plan that was distributed among the committee members as mail attachments. These plans were reviewed and the Committee is in the process of integrating the recommendation into those from the LPDC to NCC. Once those recommendations are finalized by the Committee, its report will be submitted to NCC.

III. JSIST US Candidate Review:

The Japan Studies Information Specialist Training Program will take place in Japan from November 25th through December 12, 2007. At the request of the Japan Foundation New York Office (JFNY) through NCC, LPDC was assigned to screen US applicant for the JSIST. LPDC formed the JSIT Screening Subcommittee and designated Yasuko Makiko as Subcommittee Chair. Other members of the Subcommittee include Toshie Marra (UCLA) and Dawn Lawson (NYU). All are JSIST or JF-NDL Training Program graduates. The Subcommittee carefully screened and recommended four candidates to NCC. Thanks to their work, a list of four US candidates was forwarded by NCC to the Japan Foundation for final consideration.

IV. Tenri Workshop: (please also refer to: Tenri Workshop: A Report to NCC Board in August 2007)

The Tenri Antiquarian Materials Workshop for Overseas Japanese Studies Librarians (Tenri Workshop) took place from June 18th through June 22nd, 2007. Toward this workshop, NCC and/or LPDC (Co-chair, S. Noguchi has been serving as a member of the Tenri Workshop Committee) assisted the Workshop by reviewing the documents (announcement and the application from for North America), posting call for applications on Eastlib (Feb 5, reminder Feb 21, 2007), and selecting the participants from North America. The Selection Subcommittee was established with a membership of: Hideyuki Morimoto (CEAL CJM Subcommittee on Japanese Rare Books); Eiko Sakaguchi (Subcommittee chair, LPDC); Yasuko Makino (LPDC); Izumi Tytler (Observer/Advisor, Tenri Workshop Preparatory Committee). NCC is acting as the bursar for funds from the Japan Foundation earmarked for US participants.