

### **Standing Committee on International Outreach/Exchange Committee**

The proposal to establish a College Language Association Standing Committee on International Outreach/Exchange (CIOE) is part of a broader CLA Strategic Planning (2018-2023) on students, academics, writers/artists and scholars outreach, at a local, national, and international levels. The CIOE is also the result of some linguistic challenges of the current international attendees/participants and those interested to the CLA Annual Convention but were/are unable to attend it for the limited access to information in another language than English. Overall, the Standing Committee on International Outreach/Exchange seeks to consolidate and enhance one of the central roles of the College Language Association to represent the (linguistic) diversity of its membership.

In this regard, the Standing Committee on International Outreach/Exchange will:

- Address the challenges of a larger linguistic diversity brought by the rapid increase of the international participants to the CLA Annual Conventions;
- Translate the CLA Annual Call for papers;
- Translate the abstracts of papers accepted for presentations and to be included on the final programs;
- Translate the tabs and contents of the CLA Website;
- Make available a team of translators, including for eventual non English-Speaking guests and/or keynote speakers;
- Foster a greater participation/attendance of international students, academics, writers/artists, and scholars to the CLA Annual Conventions;
- Create a space of multilingual dialogue and exchange between CLA members (individuals and institutions);
- Promote and/or enhance the transnational, multicultural, and interdisciplinary scholarship between local/national and international CLA members;
- Create a space of dialogue through CLA Social Media;
- Accept Officers from U.S.A. and international CLA Membership.

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