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Message from the President

Dear ACPSS Members and Friends:

ACPSS successfully held its 19th International Conference in the beautiful city of Louisville on November 1-3, 2013, thanks to the solid support and help from the Asian Studies Program of the University of Louisville. The tenth ACPSS Board of Directors was elected at the conference. On behalf of the new board, I would like to express our sincere thanks for your trust and support. The new board is made up of five veteran board members and two new members, Dr. Ronghua Ouyang and Dr. Bin Liang. All are long standing members of our organization. I am confident that with our growing enthusiasm and accumulated experience, this board will continue to follow our organization's rules and regulations, promote our fine organization culture, implement various academic programs and activities, maintain and develop our organization's image, and enhance its visibility. Among many projects and tasks, the board will endeavor to improve its work in the following two areas.

First, we'll try to intensify our membership development. It was a heart-warming and encouraging sign that the 19th ACPSS International Conference had the honor of participation by veteran members like Drs. Xiaobing Li, Yanmin Yu, Zhiyuan Chen, Peng Deng, Jing Luo, Liqun Cao and many others. We sincerely hope that more veteran members will come to future ACPSS conferences and be actively involved in various ACPSS projects and activities. Only a few days after the 19th



conference, Dr. Xiansheng Tian, a valued ACPSS veteran, introduced three professors to our organization. Our new Membership Director, Dr. Bin Liang, moved swiftly by extending his invitations to them via email. This enlightening anecdote has pointed out a good way for membership development. On the one hand, we honestly invite ACPSS veterans to participate in ACPSS programs and activities on a regular base. On the other hand, we encourage the current ACPSS members to introduce their friends and colleagues to our organization.

Secondly, we'll try to maintain and further develop co-operative relations with mainland China, Taiwan, and other regions and countries. In summer 2013, ACPSS collaborated with Xi'an International Studies University and held a joint international conference with the theme "China and Globalization in the 21st Century: Domestic and International Challenges." There were 15 panels with 52 papers presented. 21 ACPSS members from the United States went to present at the Xi'an conference. In late June 2014, ACPSS will jointly hold a conference with Guangxi University in China with the theme "Globalization and Regional Development in China." We'll also organize a few small lecture tours to some universities in China in summer 2014. Those who are interested in participation, please contact Dr. Lan Jiang, ACPSS Public Relations Director. If you have any suggestions or proposals for projects regarding international co-operation, please feel free to contact us at www.acpssintheus@yahoo.com.

ACPSS has entered its 20th year. Looking back, I am happy to see our community growing stronger and

healthier in terms of membership expansion and international development of co-sponsorship in joint scholarly events. I am particularly proud of our annually held international conferences that have been effectively serving as a platform to carry on intellectual discourse among scholars of China studies across the world. Looking forward, I have unwavering confidence in the future of our organization. Let's work harder in a collective effort to elevate ACPSS to a new level of professional advancement in the years to come.

At this holiday season of the year, on behalf of ACPSS Board, I wish all of you a joyful Christmas and an even more successful and rewarding New Year!

Shaorong Huang

ACPSS Events Highlight Recast

2013 ACPSS Joint International Conference in Xi'an, China (June 7-9)

In the heat of Summer 2013 from June 7-9, the ACPSS held its first Sino-American Scholars Forum on China in 19 years in Xi'an hosted by the Xi'an International Studies University (XISU). Focused on the "Domestic and International Challenges," scholars from both sides of the Pacific explored issues on "China and Globalization in the 21st Century." At the opening ceremony, presidents of the XISU and ACPSS, Shishe Hu and Shaorong Huang welcomed the conference participants; ACPSS senior members, Shiping Hua and Jieli Li delivered the keynote speeches. Twenty-three international scholars including one from Taiwan and one from Singapore participated in the conference and a total of 15 panels with 52 papers were presented. About 200 people in China, mostly students and professors from the host university XISU but also professors from other Chinese universities attended and participated in various sections of the conference. At the closing ceremony, Vice President of the XISU Feng Wang, ACPSS representatives Shiping Hua and Jieli Li delivered their concluding remarks. It was a great success of scholastic discussion and cultural exchange.

2013 ACPSS International Conference in Louisville, Kentucky (November 1-3)

The 19th ACPSS International Conference was held in collaboration with the Asian Studies Program of the University of Louisville and the United Societies of China Studies (USCS) from November 1 to 3, 2013 in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Shaorong

Huang, President of the ACPSS and Dr. Shiping Hua, Director of Asian Studies Program of the University of Louisville delivered the opening remarks and Dr. John Patrick Ferre, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Louisville welcomed the conference participants at the opening ceremony. An exciting keynote speech was presented by Dr. Wei Hu (胡伟), distinguished professor of Shanghai JiaoTong University on "Some Theoretical Aspects of the Political Development in China" (中国政治发展的理论面向). A total of 12 panels with close to 50 papers were presented. Scholars from China were featured prominently at the conference.

Also at the conference, outstanding Publication and Service Awards were presented. New Board and Asset Committee were formed and will be under the continued leadership of President Shaorong Huang.

2013 ACPSS General Election Results Report

(Aiguo Han)

On November 2, 2013, the ACPSS general election was successfully held at the 19th ACPSS Annual International Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Professor Shaorong Huang and ten other ACPSS members were elected the new president and officers of ACPSS for the next two years.

The election took place in the Mezzanine Salon conference room at the conference hotel, the Seelbach Hilton of Louisville. Thirty-four ACPSS members were present at the election session. Election Committee Chair, Dr. Aiguo Han, and Dr. Liyan Liu presided over the election.

Nomination process started months before the scheduled election. Election information was sent via ACPSS group mail and all ACPSS members were asked to nominate and self-nominate candidates for the positions to be filled at the general election. The Election Committee recorded the nominations and prepared the bios and ballots for the coming elections. Two weeks before the scheduled election, information on all the candidates and sample ballots were sent to the membership. Members were encouraged to cast their votes at the conference or to vote via mail.

On the day of election, the Election Committee distributed the official ballots to members at the session and introduced all candidates to the audience. Votes, including absentee votes, were collected and counted on the spot by members of the Election Committee with selected observers from the audience.

In the end, Dr. Aiguo Han, Chairman of the Election Committee, declared the election result as valid and official. Thus, the following people will serve as new ACPSS officers for a two-year term (November 2013—November 2015) till the next general election:

- ❖ **ACPSS President**
 - ✓ Shaorong Huang, University of Cincinnati.
- ❖ **ACPSS Board of Directors**
 - ✓ Jianguo Ji, The City University of New York
 - ✓ Lan Jiang, William Paterson University
 - ✓ Bin Liang, Oklahoma State University, Tulsa
 - ✓ Ronghua Ouyang, The University of North Florida
 - ✓ Linda Wang, The University of South Carolina, Aiken
 - ✓ Yunqiu Zhang, North Carolina A & T State University
- ❖ **ACPSS Asset Management Committee**
 - ✓ Ying Han, Savannah State University
 - ✓ Jieli Li, Ohio University
 - ✓ Liren Zheng, Cornell University

Charges of New Board of Directors

Dr. Shaorong Huang (President)
Dr. Ronghua Ouyang (Executive Vice President)
Dr. Jianguo Ji (Vice President)
Dr. Lan Jiang (Public Relations Director)
Dr. Yunqiu Zhang (Treasurer)
Dr. Bin Liang (Membership Director)
Dr. Linda Wang (Newsletter Editor)

Charges of the Asset Management Committee

Dr. Liren Zheng (Chairman)
Dr. Ying Han
Dr. Jieli Li

American Review of China Studies (official journal of the ACPSS)

Dr. Jieli Li (Chief Editor)

Member News



- Shiping Hua had an interviewed/Dialogue with the China Central Television (CCTV) on "China's One World View," 7:30-8:00 pm. July 16, 2013.
- Shiping Hua has been elected Council Member of the *Association for Asian Studies* (AAS), representing Asian studies scholarly community of the 12 states in the southeast region of the United States.
- Zhang Jie has won the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, and the ceremony was held on Buffalo State campus October 3, 2013. This SUNY wide award is given to the researchers with the greatest achievement in the SUNY system each year. Dr. Zhang received the honor this year for his publications in suicide research and his NIH grants in the past decade.

Publications

By ACPSS Members

Books and Book Chapters:

- + Xinye Qiu; Weinian Luo; Yonggang Huang; Xinde Shen (邱辛曄, 羅慰年, 黃永鋼, 沈新德). *Peter Koo: from young immigrant to city councilman* 《顧雅明傳: 從新移民到市議員》. New York: I-Wing Publisher (易文出版社 2013).
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Call for Submission

The editorial office of *Journal American Review of China Studies* (ARCS) calls for papers and special-issue proposals submission to be peer-reviewed for publication in the issues of 2014.

ARCS also welcomes proposals for guest editorship for special issues on thematic topics in any area of China-related studies but the priority for consideration will be given to topics relating to (1) new development of China's relations with Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America, and (2) China's international reach-out projects such as Confucius Institute and other cultural/educational programs. Please direct your submission to editorarcs@gmail.com or visit the journal's website at www.arcs-journal.org (Jieli Li)

Editor's Message



I wish to express my sincerely appreciation for your continued trust in me for another term as your newsletter editor. Your support is all I need to make this media representative of our association. I am counting on all of you for your future contribution by sharing your glories and accomplishment with the ACPSS family.

With Christmas and the New Year right around the corner, I send you all my heart-felt wishes of prosperity, happiness, and more accomplishments in the coming year. Be safe and be relaxed just to face life with more tenacity and resilience. Happy Holidays to you all!

Linda Wang