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## Summary of First CALA Annual Meeting Philadelphia 2013

The first CALA annual meeting in Philadelphia in 2013 was a success. 24 members attended the meeting. On behalf of the CALA Board of Governors, I would like to thank those members for participating and discussing in the meeting. My appreciation also goes to Dr. Min Wu for nicely organizing this event. I would like to express acknowledgement to Drs. Reen Wu, Chunxue Bai, Yutong Zhao, and Dianhua Jiang for being the speakers.

In the meeting, Dr. Yunchao Su, CALA president, gave welcome remarks and briefed about status of CALA. Dr. Reen Wu, CALA honorary member, gave the keynote speech. Dr. Chunxue Bai introduced recent advances in scientific environment in China. Drs. Yutong Zhao and Dianhua Jiang talked about recent novel discoveries from their labs. The first outstanding service award was presented to Dr. Yunchao Su. The enthusiasm from the members is very high. Several topics were discussed in the meeting: 1) long term missions of CALA; 2) expanding membership; 3) how to make CALA to benefit and be attractive to all members; 4) CALA relationship to other organizations such as ATS.

To keep this active momentum and continue the growth, several plans are proposed.

1. A discussion will be initiated on our forum ([lunginterestgroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:lunginterestgroup@googlegroups.com)) on modification of CALA mission. All members are encouraged to be in the mailing list
2. Strategies of fundraising will also be discussed in the forum.
3. Invite more clinicians and physician scientists to participate in CALA.
4. Enrich the CALA website ([www.MyCALA.org](http://www.MyCALA.org)). Put some biosketchs and web links of CALA members in the web site.
5. Nominate CALA members to positions or awards of other organizations.
6. A news letter will be published. Please forward any news to Dr. Hongwei Chu.
7. In the by-laws and the documents to IRS, CALA is listed as an independent nonprofit organization, not affiliated with ATS. Connection to ATS is encouraged.
8. There will be an election of Treasurer in October. Nomination will begin in September.

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