

Chinese Language Teachers Association-Washington 2016 Elections

Board Director Candidates: (Candidates ordered alphabetically)

Bick, Yaqi (李亚琦) At the turn of the century, Seattle opens her arms welcoming me. As much as I missed my hometown, Shenyang, which located in northeast China, I couldn't help but fall in love with beautiful mountains & lakes, rich history, colorful culture and people here in Seattle. While I was contributing my expertise of international trading & bilingual skills in hospitality, timber & agriculture industry and international banking, Mandarin education has always been my passion. From teaching at Washington International school, leading Chinese reading club for elementary students, and teaching classes at Chinese corners, eventually led me enrolling in the StarTalk 2015 for teaching certification. Since I joined CLTA-WA, there have been so many mentors and pioneers of Mandarin education shared their knowledge and passion in many workshops & reunion. And I was able to find a sub position and helping out another Chinese teacher while she's on maternity leave. Without CTLA-WA members, I wouldn't have gained any of these experience and opportunity. After spoke to multiple current board members in different occasions, I would like to contribute my enthusiasm and ability to learn from and work with other board members, helping more members as needed. Luckily in the past decade, I've been able to take on many different roles that offered me tremendous opportunities to learn and grow in many areas, officials for girls' volleyball games, volunteering for Special Olympics, co-president of PTSA at Jing Mei elementary school and currently serving as room parent. I hope CLTA-WA board would consider offering me the chance to serve our members. Thank you very much for your interest, and looking forward to work with you.

Chen, Yanlin (陈燕玲) I got my master degree in Social Science from Tsinghua University in Beijing. During 2000-2004, I worked as a research and teaching assistant in the University of Hong Kong. I started my Chinese teaching in Chinese schools since 2006 in Seattle area. 2015 is an important year for me. First, I joined CLTA and getting to know lots of excellent Chinese teachers. I benefit a lot from this great organization. Second, I



worked as sub teacher in the Overlake School for a semester. Third, I started the journey of getting my Chinese teaching certificate. In 2016 after passing all the tests and different courses, I am doing the student teaching in SHS and TMS in Bellevue School District. I decided to set my career goal as being a professional teacher on Chinese language and culture, so that I can influence more people positively. Friends and friends' friends come to ask me how to become a teacher or a Chinese teacher. I introduce CLTA to them and tell them how CLTA can help them. As a beneficiary, I also want to serve back. If I can join the new board, I would like to try my best to contribution my efforts.

Hung, Juei-Chuan (洪瑞泉) I teach Chinese to secondary students in University Prep where I also I serve as an 8th grade advisor and Asian Heritage Club advisor. Prior to teaching at University Prep, I was a Mandarin Chinese instructor in Concordia University, Portland. During my time in Concordia University, I helped the school establish their first Chinese program and developed curriculum for Chinese 101 to Chinese 202 level classes. Besides teaching Chinese, I am a Youtube video blogger with which I review sneaker collection, travel, super car review and motorcycle reviews. I received a Bachelor degree in Applied Foreign Language, which I learned theories of second language acquisition and application of language teaching. I continued my second language teaching studies in Concordia University and I received a MA. Degree in TESOL. As an ESL teacher, I worked with pre K to collage level students in Taiwan. I have more than a decade of teaching second language experience and I am capable of working with students in different proficiency and learning ability. I was introduced to CLTA-WA 5 years ago and I have been working closely with teachers and members since then. With my graphic designing expertise, I was honored to be given the opportunity to design the logo and website background for CLTA-WA. Over the years, I have benefited greatly through participation in many wonderful CLTA-WA organized workshops and seminars which enhanced my knowledge of teaching Chinese as a second language. The hard work of CLTA-WA board members really inspired me and I would like to contribute my expertise to assist CLTA-WA in upholding its mission through working on future event organizing, promotion and idea-sharing.



Jiang, Hong (姜红) I am extremely honored to be nominated for the election of CLTA-WA Board member. I am currently teaching Chinese at Interlake High School. This is my 10th year with the Bellevue School District. During the past ten years, I have taught all levels of Chinese courses offered at both middle school and high school. But I started my teaching career at a private school in West Seattle. Prior to teaching, I worked as a broadcast journalist and international relations director at China Central TV in Beijing China for 13 years. After moving to America, I joined University of Washington's International Development team and assisted the Office of the President with international alumni relations affairs and event planning for a few years. I obtained my B.A in English Literature and my M.A. in International Journalism from Shanghai International Studies University (Shanghai Foreign Language Institute) and my Master of Philosophy degree in Communications Policies from City University of London, UK. I would like to confirm my willingness and availability to serve the members of CLTA-WA, and my dedication to the values and mission outlined by the CLTA-WA bylaws.

Lin, Chiu-Hsin (林秋杏) has a MA TESL from Eastern Washington University. She is on track to receive her secondary teaching certificate with World Language endorsement in the summer of 2016. She has been an ESL and Chinese instructor at Eastern Washington University since 2007. In addition, she also helps facilitate the Chinese Conversation Group for faculty and staff members along with EWU students who are interested in learning the Chinese language. Chiu-Hsin also participates in university recruiting trips to Taiwan and China. Chiu-Hsin currently resides in Spokane, Washington, with her husband who is also a faculty member at EWU. She hopes to bring more opportunities for professional development for teachers in the Spokane area and to continue to promote the Chinese language among colleges and high schools. In her free time, she enjoys yoga, hiking, cycling, snowboarding, traveling, and reading.

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Vice President Candidate:

Flores, Alice (邓丽冰) graduated from a teach college in Hainan, China in 1982 with major in chemistry. She taught English in two Middle& High Schools in Guangdong province (持中学一级英语教师证书) for eight years and worked as an English teaching researcher for the department of a county for two years. She was an office manager for Guangdong Dongguan Global Investment International Cooperation for three years. She moved to the USA in 1995. First, she stayed in Guam and then moved to Seattle in 1997. She has been staying in the Great Seattle area since then. She worked more than ten years as an Early Head Star educator for Children's Home Society, which is the largest and oldest child and family service agency of Washington state. Currently, she is the middle school Chinese language teacher for Annie Wright Schools. She believes that learning should be a life-long process. Therefore, since she came to the USA she has been putting herself in all kinds of leanings, like attending schools, going to workshops, and learning from others. She got her teaching certificate from Washington State as a K-12 Chinese language teacher in 2011. In her spare time, she has been doing much voluntary work for Chinese community. She used to be the principal of South Puget Sound Chinese Language School, the president of Northwestern Association of Chinese Language School, and the board member of National Council of Chinese Language Schools. Becoming a vice president of CLTA-WA, she will assist the president to promote quality of Chinese language at all educational levels in the State of Washington, to inform the public about issues related to teaching Chinese, to develop a resource network for Chinese language educators, and to serve to our members professional development.