

2009 - 2010 CACC Board of Directors Election and Amendment of CACC Bylaw

On Sunday May 3rd, 2009, CACC conducted its annual Board election, in which Executive Members (those who paid Annual Membership Fees) unanimously elected Mr. Gary Li and Ms. Lily Zhang as Directors for 2009 -2011. Congratulations to Gary and Lily! During the meeting, Executive Members also passed amendments to the CACC Bylaw which changed the Executive Member Fees and Board members meeting attendance requirements.

Both Gary and Lily have been long-time volunteers for CACC. Their election speeches were very touching, sharing with all of us below:

Gary: "I have been a fan of CACC Board members since becoming a member of the community. I admire your tireless dedication and generous contribution of your time and energy to the Association and the community at large. You founded and built a magnet for Chinese Americans in Tri-valley to come together to celebrate our culture, to nurture our next generation, and to communicate our tradition and values to the community at large. I will be extremely honored to be part of this team. If elected, I'd devote my time and energy to the Association to make it a sustainable platform for continuous cultural and economic activities in the area."

Lily: 我的竞选感言

我们一家自从 2004 年搬到 Pleasanton 以来，通过 CACC 的各种活动，结识了许多朋友，其中不少是 CACC 的理事或积极分子。他们的热心能干，和不计得失为社区服务的奉献精神，深深地感染了我们。在他们的感召和带动之下，我们也开始更多地参与到社区的活动中来。我在文艺活动上的一些兴趣和经验得以发挥，为过去几年的 CACC 春节晚会做了一些工作，并受到大家的鼓励和认可。为此，我感到非常的荣幸和欣慰。

今年在几位理事会的元老即将离退，CACC 需要更多新人加盟的情形之下，我几经考虑，又和家人反复商量，决定为社区的服务迈出更大的一步，那就是参选下一届的理事会。

我决定参选的主要原因有以下几个：

首先，我认为 CACC 这样的组织对于我们自己和我们的孩子都有着十分重要的意义。通过大家的共同努力，CACC 可以为孩子们提供一个汲取中美文化精髓的良好环境。在这里，他们既可以感受到尊老爱幼，敬重师长的中华美德，也可以学到西方社会尊重民主，热心公益的优秀传统。所以，我们有责任为我们的孩子做出表率，以能为社区服务为荣！

第二，我觉得自己确实有一些能为社区所用的特长。我常常为本地文艺人才之多，和他们的艺术功底之深厚而惊叹不已。如果能有效地把这些人才调动起来，组织一些培训，演出或比赛，既能丰富大家的生活，又可以提高社区整体的艺术素养。我希望今后能利用自己在这方面的经验，为 CACC 的文化活动再增添一些色彩。

第三，我希望通过我的参选和日后的工作，来感召和带动更多的人加入到为 CACC 服务的队伍中来。CACC 已经成功地将我们三谷地区的华人凝聚在了一起。如果每个人，或者每个家庭都能发挥所长，多贡献一点时间和才能，我们这个社区一定会释放出更大的能量！