

Chinese Language Division: 2008 Candidate Statement

Mr. Garry Guan

Candidate for Administrator

I, Garry Guan, the current Administrator 2006-2008, am a professional interpreter, translator, a certified mediator in the State of Georgia, a professional anthropologist, a professional senior consulting archaeologist and a certified Underwater Archaeologist. I have been an ATA member since 1996 and a CLD member since its establishment. I hold a bachelor's degree in history and archaeology from Beijing University, and a master's degree in anthropology from Beijing's Central University of Nationalities, as well as a five years study in a Ph.D. program of Anthropology at University of Pittsburgh. I acquired Asian American Publication, Inc. in 1995, providing business directories and community resource guides for the burgeoning Asian American population in metropolitan Atlanta and the state of Georgia. In the mean time, I embarked on a new career as freelance translator and interpreter. Later that same year, I founded AALS, now Asian American Media Group, Inc., offering a full range of multilingual and multimedia communication services in all languages to private businesses and government agencies around the world.

I have been very active in the community. I served as President of Rotary Club of North DeKalb, Board Member of National Family in Action, and Board Member for Asian American Resource Center. I also served as Chairman of the Board and President of Atlanta Association of Interpreters and Translators (AAIT), a local chapter of ATA, Vice Presidents for Chinese

Business Association of Atlanta, Vice President of the Association of Chinese Professionals and many other civil organizations. I am a graduate of Regional Leadership Institute of Atlanta, Class 2006.

During my first two-year term as Administrator, I have: completed the revision of CLD bylaws and obtained ATA Board approval for the revision (to be ratified by CLD members in the upcoming ATA Annual Conference in Orlando); established the CLD-pulse at my own cost of \$20.00 a month, an email communication channel to keep CLD members updated with Division affairs; successfully invited distinguished guest speakers for CLD for both ATA Annual Conferences (2007 and up-coming 2008); gotten our CLD logo designed to be used for our website and other activities of the Division; encouraged and solicited active participations of the Division affairs among CLD members.

Running for the Administrator of CLD one more term to carry out some of the objectives that I have envisioned and planned for the Division, including a possible separate CLD conference, complete the website of the CLD, and other constructive tasks to further strengthen the CLD organization and providing a better platform to serve our members and cultivating professional fellowship among fellow Chinese<>English translators.