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# Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology

alled and organized by Dr. Steve Yuen and Dr. Ronghua Ouyang, a new Chinese association, Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology (SICET), was born in March, 2003.

The first members of SICET are those international Chinese scholars and students who met at the SITE (Society For Information Technology & Teacher Education) 2003 conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.



A short meeting and a simple meal together, chatting in Chinese with various local accents, we felt so close: Let's join together!

An e-mailing list for SICET was established shortly after the SITE 2003 conference closed. Dr. Yuen sent out the first welcome e-

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mail message saying: "I am delighted to have you aboard. ... The list is established to stimulate discussions and acquire input from anyone interested in instructional technology, particularly among Chinese and Chinese Americans. I hope that your stay with us here is long and rewarding."

On May 20, 2003, Dr. Yuen called for nomination of SICET Board of Directors. All members were welcomed to nominate or self nominate to be a candidate of the board. "Please help us identify outstanding individuals who have strong leadership, professional experience, expertise. commitment, devotion, time, and energy to promote, organize, and manage the SICET," said Dr. Yuen. On June 4, 2003, seven candidates were nominated and meanwhile bylaws for the association was created. By June 30, 2003, a total of 21 votes were received with unanimous approval for all 7 Board of Directors. According to the bylaw, each of the board of directors will serve for 1 year term for the position. However, they may serve consecutively for another term if duly reelected.

The first online board meeting started on July 25, 2003. In the meeting, ten items were discussed and approved. The first online meeting closed on September 22, 2003.



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# The First Online Board Meeting



he first online board meeting started on July 25, 2003. In the meeting, the seven officers discussed the following ten items:

- 1. Membership
- 2. SICET Web site
- 3. Association address
- 4. Annual conference
- 5. Association journal
- 6. Online newsletter
- 7. Consulting and exchange trips to China
- 8. Association logo
- 9. Bank account
- 10. Non-profit association

Upon the conclusion of the meeting on September 22, 2003, the ten items were approved as follows:

#### Membership

- Annual membership fee for regular members is \$30 and \$15 for students.
- Membership fee will be the same for all members regardless where they live.
- October 15 will be the annual membership due date.
- Dr. Tu will take a lead on the task of recruiting members and preparing the PR and recruiting materials.
- Dr. Chen will be responsible for developing membership database system as well as the membership form, which will also be available online.

#### SICET Web site

 Dr. Wang is responsible for designing, developing, and maintaining SICET Web site.

#### Association address

 The official mailing address for SICET is: SICET

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 The mailing address for sending membership applications and fees is:

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#### Annual conference

- Appoint Dr. Ouyang as the 2004 Conference Chair to form a conference committee to plan for our 1st annual conference.
- Co-host the conference with other associations if possible.

#### Association journal

- Appoint Dr. Leping Liu as the editor-in-chief of our association journal to carry out this project. Dr. Liu has extensive editorial and publishing experiences and has good connections with publishers in the States. In addition, she will be in charge of establishing the editorial board for our association journal.
- Association Journal will be offered in online format.

#### Online newsletter

- Dr. Lai will be responsible for publishing the SICET association newsletters.
- Newsletters will be published four times a year: every September, December, March, and June.

#### Consulting and exchange trips to China

- Appoint Dr. Ouyang to be the Chair of the task force and lead the discussion and planning.
- Dr. Ouyang will be responsible for contacting China for academic visiting, including consulting, research, teaching, and exchange opportunities. He is currently planning for an IT delegation for SICET officers and members to China in May 2004.

#### Association logo



 The association logo is designed by Sheri Rawls who is currently a Reports and Publications Coordinator at USM.
 She is also a Dr. Yuen's graduate student in IT program.

#### Bank account

- Dr. Liang, treasurer of the association, has set up a business account for SICET and he is authorized to be the only person who can access and manage the account for SICET.
- Dr. Liang will provide annual financial report to the Board.

#### Non-profit association

 Dr. Yuen and Dr. Ouyang are working to register our association in GA and apply for non-profit status for SICET. The registration for non-profit status will not get started until we have registered members and a bank account.

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## **Mission Statement**

Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology (SICET) is a nonpolitical, non-profit academic organization. The organization's goal is to aggregate international Chinese scholars and experts in the field of educational technology to encourage academic cooperation and support among members. The mission of the SICET is to establish and strengthen academic international connections, exchanges, researches and studies in educational technology for teaching and learning, as well as to promote the application of educational technology in Chinese education. The SICET shall be registered in the united States and observe the laws and regulations applicable to its operation.

# Membership Eligibility and Member's Responsibilities

#### Section 1.

The SICET is open to any applicant or organization, who agree to the mission statement of this society, and who would like to contribute to this society.

#### Section 2.

Members are obliged to observe these bylaws and other regulations which may later be enacted by the SICET and pay membership dues. Respective Board of Directors of the SICET shall determine the amount of membership fee. Section 3.

Members have the right to vote and the right to be voted for.

#### Section 4.

No member of the SICET shall be allowed to express opinions on behalf of the SICET without the authorization of the Board of Directors or a vote of its members.

#### Section 5.

Any motion signed by 10 or more members and approved by the Board of Directors must be submitted to a vote of the members. Section 6.

Such a vote may be supervised by a special committee consisting of two members of the Board of Directors and three Association members who originally made the motion signed by 10 or more members of the SICET. With 2/3 of votes any officers and board directors may be dismissed but no more than 2 board directors within a month. New officers and/or board directors must be elected the following months.

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