President’s Corner
Belle L. Tseng ’91
belle@alum.mit.edu * 914-784-7441

Thank you for your continuing support and participation. Because of you, CAMIT has been able to sponsor programs including professional seminars, cultural events, and social activities throughout the years. At the start of this new millennium, I will take this moment to retrace CAMIT’s origin and review CAMIT’s achievements last year.

CAMIT, the Chinese Alumni Club of MIT, started as an informal forum for meeting old and new friends to share business networks and pursuits and to promote the interests of Chinese culture. Over the years, CAMIT has grown to become an association of MIT alumni and friends, united by our educational background, cultural interests, and networking activities.

Last year, we defined four goals for CAMIT: to promote CAMIT awareness, to increase membership, to improve event participation, and to recruit volunteers. We made significant progresses in these goals through a diversity of approaches, two of which, I wish to point out. First, we hosted joint activities with other organizations, including the Asian Columbia Alumni Association, the Cornell Asian Alumni Association, and the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association. Second, we pursued the establishment of regional chapters in Northern California, Southern California, and Texas.

Because of you, CAMIT exists. Because of you, CAMIT flourishes. With your support and input, my fellow officers and I will work hard to understand and satisfy your needs. Together, we will bring CAMIT to you. I look forward to hearing from you.

CAMIT Officers

President
Belle L. Tseng ’91
914-784-7441

VP-Membership
Greer T. Swiston ’87
617-965-6008

VP-Program
Gregory Lee ’92
212-633-5352

Treasurer
Andrew Chiang ’80
201-947-8403

General Counsel
Peter Tu ’86
212-310-8314

Directors
Andrew Chiang ’80 (Treasurer)
Alex Shang ’83
212-582-3506
Paul Teng ’87
718-321-0189
Amy Wong ’90
212-761-6152
May Yip ’90
212-922-2190
Berni Ai-Kuo ’88
408-723-4665
Augustine Fou ’95
212-758-0246
Joe Hsu ’85
626-405-2345

*Yuan Feng ’99
914-784-7441
*Jennifer Ho ’95
908-559-7198
*Gregory Lee ’92 (VP)
*T. Shane Shih ’98
908-423-5059

*Craig Lin ’92
212-310-8314
*Newly elected members of the Board of Directors
New York Lunar New Year Banquet

CAMIT-NY cordially invites you to our Lunar New Year Banquet Celebration to welcome the Year of the Dragon, 4698

Date:
Sat, Feb 12th, 2000
RSVP/Payment by Fri, Feb 4th, 2000

Time:
6:00pm Reception + Cash Bar, 7:00pm Dinner

Location:
Jimmy Sung’s Restaurant * 212-682-5678
219 East 44th Street (between 2nd and 3rd Aves), NYC

Charges:
$45/person – members and guests
$55/person – non-members
$420/table of 10 – RSVPed and paid by member only

Please make all checks payable to:
CAMIT * P.O. Box 8554 * New York, NY 10116

Boston Chapter

Greer Tan Swiston ’87
gswiston@alum.mit.edu * 617-965-6008

Boston CAMIT continues to have fun! We finished the 98-99 Fiscal Year with a variety of activities concluding with a Dinner at Mary Chungs.

We kicked off the 99-00 year with a planning meeting. Members of Boston NAAAP attended as well. Together, we brainstormed about some joint activities, which included a camping trip, JiaoZe party and an early winter Hot Pot Party.

The JiaoZe Party is a favorite and is our annual event with the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association Youth Club. All excess food that was prepared at this event was donated to the Pine Street Inn, a Boston homeless shelter.

Other things we’ve done so far include our Annual Kick Off BBQ at Danhua Zheng’s house in Billerica. There, we recruited some new members and organized our one day Gambling trip to Mohegan Sun! That was fun!! We also had the annual Pumpkin Carve party at the end of October.

In the next 6 months, we look forward to some Ski Trips, a Chinese New Year, Dim Sum, and a joint dinner with NAAAP to hear Admiral Lee speak on his experience as an Asian American serving as a public servant to the US Government. We will also be participating in the May festivities celebrating Asian Appreciation month. We hope to turn in at least one winning boat at the Boston Dragon Boat races this year.

We are always looking for new ideas, new opportunities, new experiences and fresh blood! Come and join us!

Southern California Chapter

Joseph Hsu, MD ’85
jkwhsu@hotmail.com * 626-405-2345

We, at the Southern California Chapter, look forward to serving you with new and exciting events in the upcoming year. I am planning social events such as Happy Hours at McCormick & Schmick’s, Dim Sum at Harbor Village or Ocean Star, or Sushi at Todai. For those of you art lovers, outings to the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena, Getty Museum, or the LA County Museum of Art offer an informal, but cultural atmosphere to meet new and old friends. We also plan to organize sports outings and activities, entrepreneurial, personal development, and health seminars. For example, I plan to organize a seminar on laser eye surgery and LASIK in the future. To achieve these goals, we need motivated individuals to help with our planning. We would like to hear from you and would be open to your ideas and suggestions. For new grads, remember, membership is free for the class of ’98 & ’99 up to June 30, 2000.

Come and join us! I look forward to hearing from you.

Texas Chapter

Simon Mak ’85
smak@alum.mit.edu * 972-491-2896

Happy Holidays from CAMIT Texas! I am currently actively seeking corporate sponsors for the official launching of the Texas Chapter. If you have any leads, please forward them to me. I would like to hold launching events in Dallas and/or Houston/Austin, depending on interest from MIT alums and corporate sponsors. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you in the New Year!
Northern California Chapter
Sherman Luk ‘87
sluk@alum.mit.edu

Sherman is one of our new recruits in Y2K. He will be coordinating our Northern California Chapter efforts for years to come. Welcome aboard, Sherman! – Editor’s Note

New York Chapter

Feb -- Lunar New Year Banquet
Mar -- Cultural Event
Apr -- Dumpling Making Party
May -- Dim Sum/Museum outing
June -- Hiking Trip
     Tech Week at MIT
July -- Jones Beach Party
     Tennis Party
Aug -- Annual Summer Picnic
     Dragon Boat Festival
Sep -- Wine Tasting Outing
Oct -- Apple & Pumpkin Picking
Dec -- Contribution to the Chinese Community

Membership Drive
Greer Tan Swiston ‘87
VP-Membership
gswiston@alum.mit.edu * 617-965-6008

Dear Alumni/ae and friends,

Another year has passed for CAMIT!! As we look to the future of this organization, it is clear that our members and the needs of our members will be key to shaping what we do. We welcome your input!

During 1998-1999, we have updated our Charter and endeavored to focus more on developing regional chapters. We have newly established a Dallas Chapter headed up by Simon Mak (see section on “Regional Contacts” for more details!). We continue to hold events that:

• Explore Chinese Culture (e.g. Chinese New Year’s Banquet, Dragon Boat Festival/Race)
• Help us to develop professionally (e.g. Joint NAAAP “Internet Leader’s Panel”, Seminar on “Legal Issues”, “Financial Planning”, “Entrepreneur’s Panel”, resume workshop)
• Give back to our community (e.g. Youth Group Network Night (aka Jiao Ze Party), Chinese Language school involvement, donations to the homeless)
• Strengthen our club as a group of people through social events (e.g. Ski Trips, Camping Trips, White water rafting, etc.)

Going forward, we hope to continue with more regional chapters and to mature fully into a national organization.

If you are a current member of CAMIT, please send in your dues (and updated information) now to continue your support. If you aren’t a current CAMIT member, please consider joining (or rejoining) now. Because the CAMIT fiscal year starts in July, we feel it only fair that new members joining now pay a one time discounted rate of $10 for the rest of the 1999-2000 membership year (ending June 30, 2000). As always, to welcome new graduates, members of the class of 1999 are offered free membership for the coming year—but don’t forget to send in the form!

Key Points of Proposed By-Law Changes
Peter Tu ’86
By-Law Task Force Chair * General Counsel
Peter.tu@weil.com * 212-310-8314

• Amends CAMIT’s objectives to conform to the requirements of 501(c)(3) status.
• Explicitly states that CAMIT shall not discriminate based on sexual orientation for membership purposes.
• Allows the Board to create a Corporate Member class, with rights and privileges to be specified by the Board.
• Consolidates three secretary positions into one (which is the actual practice of CAMIT for the last several years).
• Creates three permanent VP positions: Programs; Public Relations; and Membership (conforms with CAMIT’s actual practice).
• Converts Executive VP position into President-Elect position. President-Elect will succeed automatically to position of President the year after being elected as President-Elect.
• Adds/amends description of Officer positions (e.g., duties of each VP position outlined).
• Clarifies that the term of office for Officers and Directors shall commence on July 1 of each fiscal year.
• Provides rules for disbursement of CAMIT assets upon dissolution (in conformance with requirements of 501(c)(3) status).
• Clarifies that Officers, Directors and Members of CAMIT shall incur no personal liability for actions taken on behalf of CAMIT.

The Board of Directors will vote on the proposed changes at the next Board meeting. Anyone who would like a copy of the proposed by-laws (or current by-laws) should contact Peter.