

The **CALL SIG** continues in general fiscal health. Expenditures for this year's conference have increased compared to previous years, but income from **JALTCALL2009** has remained steady. As of this writing, I don't have exact numbers, but it looks like the conference this year will leave us with either a very small surplus or a very small deficit.

But since our balance remains over 3 million yen, we are looking at a comfortable cushion going into next year. I'd encourage members to make grant proposals at our Annual General Meeting (November, in Shizuoka) so that we may use some of this cushion in ways that are in line with our Mission Statement, the promotion of **CALL** information and activities in Japan.

Publications continue at a steady pace, causing a slight drain on finances, but offering world-class information to our members and beyond. If there is any area we could financially grow, it would be in the promotion of institutional subscriptions by libraries. Proceedings are another area of publications that increase expenses, but offer an outlet for research to our members.

JALT as a national organization continues to limp along financially, adding 2 million in "Sponsorship and Donations" as a revenue item in hopes that **SIGs** and Chapters will contribute. Specific ways of contributions, although promised, have not appeared. This would indicate a lack of planning for any funds donated. I'd recommend holding off on contributions to **JALT** until specific plans are laid out, and if we do decide to contribute, that those plans conform to our Mission Statement, i.e., something to do with **CALL**.

I'd also like to note that I have one or two possible replacements for Treasurer next year. I feel it better to pass around positions, as it will make the organization healthier. Right now, I am considering other possible positions in the **CALL SIG**, but nothing at the national level next year. I'm really looking forward to **JALTCALL2010** at Kyoto Sangyo University in Kyoto, and thank Tom Robb for his support with the site.

Treasurer

Kevin Ryan

AM Liaison*Andy Boon*

It was an absolute pleasure this year to be able to host the 2009 **JALT CALL** conference at Toyo Gakuen University, Tokyo. The conference was a huge success and things ran very smoothly indeed. I would like to say a special thank you to my colleagues Sarah Birchley and Clair Taylor who worked tirelessly before and during the conference to ensure that everything ran like clockwork. I would also like to thank the associate members of **JALT** who were there in force with display tables, presentations and new **CALL**-related gadgets to show the eager attendees. It would not be a **JALT CALL** conference without you! On a different note, after three years of being involved in the planning and organizing of the **JALT CALL** conference, unfortunately, I have decided to step down from the position of **AM** liaison to concentrate on my studies. I would like to thank the **JALT CALL** committee for the opportunities the position has given me in terms of professional development over the last few years and wish them continued success with the 2010 conference.

**Membership
Chair***Douglas Jarrell*

The number of members had been hovering around 290 all last year, but by May this year we saw a substantial increase. At the moment, we will have over 320 members on our list, the largest number since I took over the membership chair in 2003. While reasons for the increase remain unclear, I believe that it has a lot to do with the ease of Web 2.0 technology, the improved quality of *The JALT CALL Journal* and the success of our recent annual conferences.