# c@lling japan

## Officer reports

We are pleased to bring out the third issue of *The JALT CALL Journal* in 2019. We hope that you find the articles interesting and informative and that you will consider submitting a paper for publication in the near future. The membership chair, Satchie Haga, has sent me figures showing that the SIG is holding strong.

We are at the end of another busy year. This year, we held a very successful annual conference in Tokyo in June. Then, in November, we held a CALL Forum at JALT2019 in Nagoya with Brian Gallagher, Gary Ross, and Suwako Uehara who discussed various aspects of language learning and teaching technology.

Now we are gearing up for 2020. You can read more details in the Publicity Chair's report or on our website at jaltcall.org, and we hope to see you next year at Hirosaki Gakuin University, Hirosaki City, Aomori Prefecture.

SIG Coordinator

Rvan Barnes

sig-coordinator@ jaltcall.org

Membership numbers as of November 1, 2019: 291 JALTCALL members

Members are considered to be non-expired members as of the date we receive the report from JALT. As such all expired members indicated in the report as of November 1st, 2019 were excluded from this count and therefore some members may not be reflected due to processing times to administer payments and produce the membership reports.

November 2019 we started to collect information from the JALTCALL members in order to better understand their needs. The survey has only been sent out to those whose memberships were either recently renewed or expiring and as such there were few responses. 14 continuing members responded and 3 responded to the exit survey. Most respondents indicated that they are satisfied with JALTCALL and joined JALTCALL for network Opportunities. However, apart from the conferences there did not seem to be other ways to network. This indicates that there may be interest for smaller more local networking events, and/or more (virtual?) outreach for those who are interested but are not able to attend the conference or other meetings. For those who responded to the exit survey the reasons they left were varied (one left JALT, and the other two decided to use their included SIG membership for another SIG). All indicated they would consider joining JALTCALL again. Respondents of both surveys indicated they valued the JALT-CALL conferences but for those who left JALTCALL they seemed not to be aware of the ability to connect via social media. This indicates that perhaps we could do more to increase awareness of our activities on social media and perhaps encourage more engagement in our FB

Membership Chair

Satchie Haga

sig-membership@ jaltcall.org

## Officer reports

group. Current members that were aware of our social media activities valued them.

### **Publicity Chair**

Louise Ohashi

sig-publicity@ jaltcall.org

Thank you to all of the members who shared information about our events this year. We really appreciate your help. As noted in our Program Chair's report, we are looking for people who can represent our SIG at PanSIG and JALT2020 so please help us share this information. We also want to welcome presenters and participants to JALTCALL2020 in Hirosaki City, Aomori Prefecture next June (https://conference2020. jaltcall.org) and would appreciate you helping us spread the word.

Social Media. We currently have 734 Twitter followers (@jaltcall) and 611 members in our Facebook group (search for JALTCALL to join). This is an increase of 31 Twitter followers and 14 Facebook group members since figures were last recorded on August 26, 2019. Join us there for information about the SIG and CALL/MALL more generally, plus opportunities to make connections with others in our field. JALTCALL members and non-members alike are welcome.

### **Publications Chair**

Edo Forsythe

sig-publications@ jaltcall.org

The JALTCALL2019 Post-Conference Publication will be published in December, 2019 with numerous articles from presenters at this year's conference. Robert Chartrand and I are the co-editors of the PCP, and we are happy to bring this publication to our members and provide this opportunity to the conference presenters to share their research. The PCP will be posted to the CALL SIG website and available online in a PDF format at first and we plan to have the individual articles available for download at a later date. Once the PCP is published, an email will be sent to the members to announce the access link.

**Webmaster** The new Journal website was relaunched at https://journal.jaltcall.org/. This was a total rewrite of the code and the site was designed to work **Gary Ross** on all devices including mobile, tablets, and PCs.

siq-communications@ jaltcall.org