

## **Three Proposals for NATPA Board Concurrency From the Think-Tank Committee**

Presented to NATPA Board on November 7, 2015 by J.C. Han

(Note: NATPA Board verbally agreed after the Board Meeting on November 7, 2015;  
See the Board meeting minutes released on November 21, 2015)

- I. Explicitly support research on East Asia and the World in relation to Taiwan from NATPA's historical focus on subjects mostly related to Taiwan.

Rationale: One of NATPA's four purposes, stated in our Constitution, Article 2, is that "...to sponsor scholarly research and education on subjects related to Taiwan." Explicitly expanding our concern to issues related to East Asia and the World is not only a necessity in reality but also can be a way for our organizational development.

- II. NATPA should encourage members to add a "Taiwan element" onto their specialties.

Rationale: If NATPA, whose members have diversified specialties, wants to be acting as an independent think-tank on Taiwan issues, a link between a member's expertise and Taiwan or Taiwan issues needs to be made.

- III. Grouping our members into four or five specialty groups, such as Life Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities, etc.

Rationale: NATPA should provide a mechanism for members with similar interests to communicate with each other and facilitate a link between specialties in these groups to subjects related to Taiwan.

Requested by the Think-Tank Committee:

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