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No way can I recall my presidential year with CEDPA. Nor can I recall the year when CEDPA held its first conference in Monterey but do recall playing a very minor role in its planning. The conferences were always fun events where we could share stories about both successes and flops. In those early years there were plenty of both!

I retired from the Santa Clara County Office of Education in 1992 and started a whole new wonderful life that included lots of travel. A place that kept drawing me back time and again was Bali, Indonesia and finally, in 1999, I decided Bali was where I wanted to stay. The island terrain is gorgeous. Small interruptions like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are insufficient to detract from the joys of living there. But the real draw was the Balinese people. They are the most thoughtful, caring and spiritual beings imaginable. The culture is extraordinarily complex and hardly a day passes that there isn't something new to learn. The picture I am sharing with you was taken at a ceremony -filled day when I converted to the Hindu religion, the prominent religion of Bali.

It is fascinating to watch the growth of technology throughout Indonesia. It's almost like reliving the early years of technology in the USA. The same mistakes we made then are being repeated today in this young democracy. And to compound the difficulties, Indonesia is comprised of MANY islands each having its own dialect!

My congratulations and best wishes to every CETPA member as you build and manage technologies in your education communities. And if you need a break, you have my personal invitation to visit with me in Bali! Reach me at marilyninbali@gmail.com.