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Dear Colleague,

The responses to the Annual Meeting evaluation forms for the past few years have indicated the need for a change in venue to locations more dynamic in nature, offering opportunities to socialize and to explore rather easily museums, exhibits, shows, and restaurants during the after-hours of our excellent panels and paper presentations.

Generally, the assessments of the meals have been very good. The meal selections for the upcoming Manhattan meeting will be remarkably delicious and varied with some organically-raised produce and vegetarian options. All grains, proteins, and produce will be of the highest quality and flavor – CAAS is committed to subsidizing these meals to encourage full attendance at all of the gatherings.

The New York Marriott East Side is a gorgeous, recently-renovated hotel with a storied history, located in an aesthetically-breathtaking area of Manhattan, within walking distance of Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, and a colorful landscape of shops and cafes.

In good weather, and for those inclined to walk, the distance from Penn Station is manageable. If you would like information regarding a “black car” cab service from Penn Station, email me your request and I will give you our driver’s cell number.

As you might know, we will be joined by members of the Classical Association of the Empire State [CAES], as well as by members of The New York Classical Club. We enthusiastically welcome their participation.

Of particular importance to all of us involved in teaching at the secondary school level is the emerging drive toward Latin-based schools in both New York and Philadelphia. Ronnie Ancona has lined up a group of teachers actively involved in this initiative from schools in New York. Of note in Philadelphia are Boys Latin, now preparing for its 6th year, and a Cristo Rey Network co-ed Latin school slated to open in late-August.

The 2012 October Meeting will be very rewarding in numerous ways. President Shelley Haley will elaborate, in her letter, the delightful evening with Dartmouth’s James Tatum, our featured speaker for the annual Jerry Clack Reception & Lecture on Friday. The reception will include scrumptious appetizers and an open bar. To register for a room in the block reserved for “The Classical Association of the Atlantic States,” call the New York Marriott at 1.800.228.9290.

I look forward to your attendance and full participation!

Mary Brown, CAAS Executive Director