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Dear CAAS Colleague,

Wilmington's Hotel du Pont as this year's location for the Fall Meeting should prove to be a convenient, comfortable, safe, and dynamic hub for the numerous components planned for attendees. Our CAAS Board has been making an effort to upgrade the quality of the venue experience, beginning with the 2012 meeting at the Manhattan Marriott East Side, followed by 2013's combination of The Inn at Penn with the Clack Reception held at Penn Museum, and last year's meeting centered at The Washington Marriott at Metro Center, which drew record numbers. Next year's meeting, October 13-15, will be hosted by The Heldrich Conference Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

To reserve a room for this year's meeting, go to the CAAS-CW website featuring the 2015 Fall Meeting, and click on the Hotel du Pont directives. All of our guest rooms are King Deluxe and are available at \$179 per night (plus 10% occupancy tax). Phone either of the following numbers to book a room, 302.594.3125 or 800.441.9019, specifying the Classical Association of the Atlantic States Group # CAAS102015. Reservations must be made by August 15 to secure the discount rate.

Offsetting the cost of the hotel rooms are several features of the meals and refreshments built into the registration package. We will have light breakfast foods and beverages available on Friday and Saturday mornings, a mid-morning coffee *et alia* break on both days, an open bar consisting of bottled waters, ancient-recipe beers, and wines with delicious appetizers at the Clack Reception, and substantially-subsidized meals, offering several organically-grown, locally produced items and vegetarian options. All grains, proteins, and produce will be of the highest quality and flavor.

Since the CAAS-CW membership-subscription year runs from September 1 to August 31, this is also the time of year, especially for Program presenters, to plan to renew your membership in CAAS, either online at the CAAS-CW website, or by mailing a check for \$35, with CAAS on the MEMO line, payable to Johns Hopkins University Press, P.O. Box 19966, Baltimore, MD 21211-0966, including your name, address, phone number(s), email address, and institution.

This year's meeting also gives us the opportunity to innovate with a special breakfast-meeting on Saturday, geared to Independent Scholars and hosted by John Jacobs, our CAAS Treasurer. The 2015 October Meeting promises to be very rewarding in myriad ways. President Ronnie Ancona has elaborated, in her letter, additional details, including the significance of two Proxies and their pivotal roles in maintaining our compliance with the state and federal requirements.

Mary Brown, CAAS Executive Director