

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE ATLANTIC STATES

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Dear CAAS Colleague,

As a complement to Lee Percy's President's Letter, I will add that our 2016 Meeting includes several dynamic panels: one honoring the visionary research on Ancient Greek Women by Sarah Pomeroy; another connecting Classics and Social Justice; and another focusing on Gender Equity and Diversity in the fields of Classics and Ancient History. Also, we will be celebrating *ovationes* in honor of Shelley Haley and Edward Sacks, both sterling former CAAS Presidents.

If you were fortunate to attend last year's highly successful Annual Fall Meeting held at the gorgeous and historic Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, you enjoyed a robust, rewarding, and talented academic and cultural assemblage, highlighted by the 2015 Clack Speaker Eric Gruen, special guest Dr. Ruth Westheimer, actor Olympia Dukakis, director Ted Pappas, actor Leila Robbins, Artistic Director Jesse Berger of Manhattan's Red Bull Theatre, and a novel tour "Classicizing Delaware," coordinated by Charles Umiker and W. Barksdale Maynard.

Last year's Annual Meeting marked another milestone – a members-driven "town hall" Annual Business Session which elicited a remarkable level of participation. In addition, the Hotel du Pont Annual Meeting was number four in a perspicacious and judicious five-year rotation cycle in our CAAS region.

Our CAAS Board of Directors continues to make a concerted effort to hold our events at hotels which meet the highest standards for safety, security, and service. Each year, as we begin the three-year hotel vetting process, from first inquiry to the actual meeting, I assess the hotel's surveillance program, security systems, and crisis management plan.

This year, October 20-22, at The Heldrich Conference Center, number five in our rotation cycle, is no exception to the priority given to our preferred accommodations. In addition, we make plans for clean and spacious rooms, as well as delicious and nutritious meals offering locally-sourced and organic features with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free choices.

Critical to the democratic functioning of CAAS is the required-by-law proper guidance in the election of our leadership. If you are not able to attend this year's Annual Business Meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 22, please review carefully and complete the Proxy Form, enclosed herein and available on the 2016 Annual Meeting section on our CAAS-CW website, and mail the form to me at our institutional address at Valley Forge Military Academy and College, 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087.

Again, I hope that you can attend our upcoming Annual Meeting to benefit intellectually and professionally from our shared talents and resources directed to innovations in pedagogy, philology, and digital media, and to fostering our collegial academic and research endeavors.

Mary Brown, CAAS Executive Director