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Dear CAAS Colleague,

Our upcoming October 5-7 Annual Meeting to be held at The Marriott New York East Side marks a return visit to the historic former Shelton Hotel, prominent for its Arthur Loomis Harmon design “setbacks,” which was once the home of Georgia O’Keeffe, Alfred Stieglitz, and other *cognoscenti* of 1920’s New York. Within walking distance are the Onassis Cultural Center, Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, and Rockefeller Center.

The 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. This year’s Annual Meeting at The Marriott NY East Side, the restart of our 5-year rotation cycle, is no exception to the priority given to our preferred accommodations.

We make plans for clean and spacious rooms; all sleeping rooms contain two double beds and are competitively priced at \$289 plus tax. The Annual Meeting meals, substantially subsidized by CAAS, offer a delicious and nutritious range of foods with locally-sourced and organic features as well as 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 *cursus honorum* and Regional Directors, including in-person voting and a proxy ballot procedure. If you are not able to attend this year’s Annual Business Meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 7, to vote in person, please review carefully and complete the Proxy Form, enclosed herein and available on the 2017 Annual Meeting section on our CAAS-CW website.

Mail the completed and signed form to me at our new institutional address [*supra*] at Saint Joseph’s University by September 21, the traditional birthday of Caesar Augustus.

In closing, I hope that you can attend our upcoming Annual Meeting in order 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