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Dear CAAS Colleague,

Our upcoming **October 4-6 Annual Meeting** to be held at **The Inn at Penn** and **Penn Museum** marks a return visit to Philadelphia, the lively metropolitan home of the Super Bowl LII Champion Philadelphia Eagles and the “repeat” Villanova Wildcats NCAA Men’s Basketball victors.

On the CAAS side, last year’s dramatically successful Annual Meeting staged at The Marriott East Side in Manhattan proved once again the richness and diversity of talent showcased due to the herculean efforts of longtime Program Coordinator Judy Hallett and the CAAS Program Committee. In light of Professor Hallett’s imminent completion of her term at the Annual Meeting, your CAAS Board of Directors, on April 21, proactively approved Dr. Maria Marsilio of Saint Joseph’s University as her successor to work together on crafting the upcoming fascinating **Annual Meeting Program (available on the CAAS-CW website)**.

The CAAS membership is, again, exceptionally indebted to Dr. Marsilio for initiating and fostering the transfer of the **institutional host status** to **Saint Joseph’s University**, effective May of 2017. This hosting relationship by a premier East Coast university has already proven to be of value, especially in terms of saving CAAS finances a considerable amount of money spent for the 2018 Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors and related committee meetings.

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**. Thus, we make plans for clean and spacious rooms; all sleeping rooms contain two double beds or a king bed and are competitively priced. 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 6**, to vote in person, please review carefully and complete the **Proxy Form**, enclosed herein and available on the 2018 Annual Meeting section on our CAAS-CW website. As directed, **mail the completed and signed form** to me at our institutional address [*supra*] at Saint Joseph’s University by **September 23**, the traditional birthday of Caesar Augustus.

In closing, I hope that you can attend our upcoming 2018 Annual Meeting in order to benefit intellectually and professionally from our shared efforts as well as from individual research directed to innovations and refinements in pedagogy, philology, and digital media, to learn of research updates in allied fields, and to foster our collegial endeavors.

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