



THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE ATLANTIC STATES, INC. (Founded in 1907)
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Dear CAAS colleague(s):

With the beginning of a new academic year, I send you all greetings, news, and reminders of important dates and duties for all members in this presidential letter, especially in anticipation of our upcoming **2019 Annual Meeting, October 10-12, at the Sheraton Silver Spring, Silver Spring MD**. All the latest information for registration, program content, and membership renewal can be found at our website, <http://caas-cw.org> : rooms at conference rate only till **September 19**, online registration till **September 27**. Please join us!

Tremendous thanks to Professor **Maria Marsilio** of St. Joseph's University, our new Program Coordinator, for her organization of an exceptional program of papers, organized panels (for Prof. Arthur Eckstein; Multiculturalism, Race & Ethnicity in Classics Consortium; Antiquity in Media Studies), roundtables (SCS), readings (Eos), honors, book exhibits, breakfasts (Women's and Lambda Classical Caucuses), receptions, and communal dinners—a richly rewarding two days of networking with colleagues and friends, old and new. I draw your special attention to the Friday, October 11, evening **Clack Lecture**, "*Common Things: The Mysterious Seashore*", by **Bruce Frier**, John and Teresa D'Arms Distinguished Professor of Classics and Roman Law, University of Michigan. I am also gratified to announce our first **Presidential Plenary session**, "*Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/Racism, Marginalization, and Exclusion: A Frank Discussion on the Past and Future of Classics in the Academy*," an open forum with panelists, **Shelley Haley** (Hamilton College), **Arti Mehta** (Howard University), and **Dan-El Padilla Peralta** (Princeton University), Friday, immediately after lunch.

This letter also serves as the **official notice** of essential business for the organization: the annually mandated business session of CAAS will meet **Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 1:45 PM**. All current members who work or reside in the region from New York to Maryland and the District of Columbia should attend or, if you cannot attend, submit a proxy (attached/or enclosed) to register your decisions on actions recommended to the membership: 1) amended language in the Certificate of Incorporation; 2) changes to Bylaws, to bring them into compliance with New York non-profit law; 3) a new slate of officers and directors. I have provided members, attached/enclosed with this letter: **1) a proxy declaration; 2) Highlights of the Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation; 3) current CAAS Bylaws, revised 2008; 4) Comparison of Proposed Bylaws Revisions to Current Bylaws, with track-changes; 5) Proposed Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation; 6) Comparison of Proposed Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation to Current (errant) Certificate, with track-changes**. Please attend the meeting or complete, sign, and submit your proxy, to arrive by **Monday, October 7**, in the CAAS office. Also, remember that the CAAS year ends each August 31, so please check and renew, if necessary, your modest membership dues, which help to support the vital work of the association. Thank you!

Finally, honors and thanks. We honor the memory of two outstanding leaders of CAAS whom we lost during this past year: Professor **Jerry Clack** of Duquesne University, eponymous honoree of the annual Clack Lectureship, our first Executive Director, and a Past President, and Professor **John Traupman** of St. Joseph's University, also a Past President. In the continuing tradition of their exemplary service to classics education in our region, I thank Professor and Past President **Judith Hallett** of University of Maryland College Park for her years of transformative leadership as our Program Coordinator; she continued with substantial assistance through the program for the 2019 Annual Meeting. My thanks to Past President **Karin Suzadail** who has diligently advised and led CAAS for the past three years and before, to Secretary **Barbara Pavlock** for her years of thorough, accurate recordkeeping, to First Vice President

Ralph Rosen for guidance of the Finance Committee, to Executive Director **Mary Brown** for devotion to the details of the Annual Meeting and the ongoing business of the association, and to Past President and outgoing Investment Liaison, **David Murphy**, and to **Ann Kiernan**, attorney and CAAS member, for their dedicated attention to helping us update our governing documents. Also, welcome to our new Website Coordinator **Jennifer Ranck** who joined our CAAS leadership team in April and immediately set to work facilitating the program for the Annual Meeting and the continuing work of CAAS.

My appreciation and thanks to all for the honor of serving CAAS as President and First Vice President these past three years. I ask your generous contribution of service and resources to its future as an organization that continually provides for the better understanding of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. We have benefited so greatly from those who have gone before us here, and we have much yet to do, together.

Most sincerely and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Starks, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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