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Dear CAAS Colleague,

Our upcoming **October 10-12 Annual Meeting** to be held at **The Sheraton Silver Spring, MD** marks a return visit to the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, as part of our 5-year rotation cycle.

Last year's wonderfully successful Annual Meeting staged at The Inn at Penn and Penn Museum proved once again the richness and diversity of talent showcased due to the professional efforts of longtime Program Coordinator Dr. Judith Hallett and the CAAS Program Committee, and assisted by Dr. Hallett's successor, Dr. Maria Marsilio of Saint Joseph's University. Dr. Marsilio and the Program Committee have worked together for the past several months to fine tune the fascinating upcoming **Annual Meeting Program (available on the caas-cw website)**.

The CAAS membership is also exceptionally indebted to Dr. Marsilio for maintaining the CAAS **institutional host status at Saint Joseph's University** [since 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 both the 2018 and the 2019 Spring Meetings of the Board of Directors and related committee meetings, as well as for office operations.

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 at the Sheraton contain two double beds or a king bed and are competitively priced at \$139 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 12**, to vote in person, please review carefully and complete the **Proxy Form** [mailed to you or available on the 2019 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 2019 Annual Meeting especially in order **to honor in *memoriam* Jerry Clack and John Traupman** who would enjoy knowing of the continuing benefits, intellectual and professional, from our shared efforts as well as of individual research directed to innovations and refinements in pedagogy, philology, and digital media, and of research updates in allied fields and other collegial endeavors.

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