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Dear CAAS Colleague,

Our upcoming **October 14-16 Annual Meeting** will take place virtually (**VAM**), altering our 5-year rotation cycle away from The Heldrich Conference Center and Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ, as was originally planned. Here, it is worthwhile to relay to you that I was able to save us the \$42,730 owed under contract to The Heldrich both by benefitting from our return-client status and by scheduling our Board and Committee Meetings there on April 1-2, 2022.

Program Committee Coordinator Maria Marsilio and the Program Committee have worked together for the past several months to fine tune the engaging upcoming **Virtual Annual Meeting II Program (available on the caas-cw website) along with Registration information [at a no-increase \$25 fee]**.

This year's **Annual Business Session of the Membership/Corporation** will occur on **Saturday afternoon, October 16**, for Gareth Williams' President's Report, announcements, and Henry Bender's Treasurer's Report.

Currently, all members are in a "grace period" regarding their *CW* Subscription-CAAS Membership. I have worked with JHUP over the past year to adjust our subscription-membership year to the calendar year. This move addresses the inequity of the past timetable which, in effect, required those submitting abstracts to enroll as members for two consecutive years. **Please be sure to renew your CAAS Membership by December 31, 2021 (through JHUP prompts).**

Critical to the democratic functioning of CAAS is the **required-by-law proper guidance regarding the election of our *cursus honorum* and Regional Directors BY CURRENT ELIGIBLE MEMBERS**, normally done via in-person voting and a proxy ballot procedure.

For this year, as was done last year, we will be using **mail-in voting**. To accomplish this, please complete the **Election Form** which I will send to you via first-class mail as soon as it is feasible. As you will be directed, **mail the completed and signed form** to me at my Saint Joseph's University address (*supra*), postmarked asap.

In closing, I hope that you can attend our upcoming 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting to enjoy the continuing benefits, intellectual and professional, from our shared efforts as well as the rewards 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.

Pacem et Bonum,

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