

The CAAS Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio Grants Committee

The CAAS Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio Grants Committee: Henry Bender & Mary Brown (Co-Chairs, Formation Years 2021-2023; 2024-2026) Committee Members (Formation Years 2021-2023; 2024-2026): Martha Davis, Jeannette Keshishian, Stephen Ogumah, Donald Sprague, Karin Suzadail, William Torchia [adjunct/advisory member].

I.BACKGROUND: CAAS MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of The Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS), founded in 1907, is to strengthen teaching and research, and to foster public support, for the languages, civilizations, and cultures of ancient Greece and Rome in the mid-Atlantic region (Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania). In furtherance of its mission, CAAS publishes a quarterly journal, *Classical World*.

“The Classical Association of the Atlantic States offers an Annual Fall Meeting in the region, usually during Columbus Day weekend. Besides papers and panels on many Classical topics, these meetings are notable for their sessions on new directions in teaching and research and for their discussions and workshops on professional issues such as the state of Classics in other countries, preparation of professional abstracts, etc. All members receive the association’s Journal, *Classical World*, which publishes articles and reviews for “the scholarly teacher and the teaching scholar.” Among the Journal’s unique features are regular surveys of textbooks and audio-visual materials in Classics. [CAAS-CW website as of March 1, 2023]”

II. THE PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION Designated Fund Agreement of Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio

According to Dr. Masciantonio’s wishes in setting up his trust fund, “The purpose is to provide funds to support the teaching of Latin, ancient Greek, and Classical Studies. Classical Studies is defined as the study of the languages, literatures, civilizations, cultures, histories, and heritages of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. Distributions shall be made annually in equal amounts to the Designated Entities.” [DFA signed by Dr. Masciantonio, November 13, 2008, Philadelphia Foundation (TPF)]

III. CHARGE (Formulated Spring & Summer, 2023)

The Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio Grants Committee shall comprise 7 current CAAS Members who worked professionally with Rudy or who share his vision that the languages of Latin and Greek be widely-available for all students, especially from underserved communities, and including their respective cultures and reception.

Given the special professional connection to Dr. Masciantonio and the uniqueness of this Committee, in that it is the only CAAS Committee which is receiving annual distributions from an outside entity, there will be renewable terms of three years based on the special professional connection of the 7 Committee Members, with the provision for replacement of a Member upon retirement from the Committee.

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants who are current CAAS Members and who live and/or work in the CAAS Region will send to the Co-Chairs a letter of application containing an extensively presented case for a Grant answering the questions “Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How” the Grant monies will be used, including a detailed budget. In addition, the Applicant should identify other sources of funding, anticipated or realized. In the instance of sizable requests for funding, full financials, certified IRS Form 990 Forms as applicable, and other information, as requested, will be submitted. Priority will be given to “direct-to-students” programs.

The 7-Member Committee, advised if needed by William Torchia, Dr. Masciantonio’s Attorney, will deliberate accordingly and one, or both, of the Co-Chairs will inform the Applicant of the Committee’s decision. The proposed funding of exceptionally large requests, as a courtesy, will be shared with the CAAS President.

The Co-Chairs will request the appropriate Grant monies to be sent by the CAAS Treasurer to the Applicant in a timely fashion, with confirmation of receipt by the Applicant-Recipient.

Following the issuance of a Grant, the Applicant-Recipient should acknowledge the support of CAAS and the Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio Grants Committee in various film or production credits, in social media, and in media outlets, and should submit a report either annually or quarterly (in the instance of large grants), to the Co-Chairs confirming to the Committee how the Grant monies were used.

In their semi-annual Reports to the CAAS Board of Directors, the Masciantonio Committee Co-Chairs will include a listing of Grants awarded, the amounts, and the name/s of the recipients.

[Submitted by Co-Chair Mary Brown to The Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio Grants Committee and to President Mathias Hanses, September 11, 2023; updated February 12, 2024.]