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#### LIMITED PRINT DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Again this year, the Board of Directors has approved very limited production and distribution of the traditional printed version of the December issue of the *Newsletter*. This issue was chosen because the Association will realize considerable savings in printing and postage expenses and because its electronic version on the APA's web site is more timely and, for most members, more useful. In addition, unlike every other issue of the *Newsletter*, the December issue carries no important forms or rosters (*e.g.*, the ballot, annual meeting or placement registration forms).

Institutional members of the Association (almost always libraries) will continue to receive printed versions of the December issue to ensure continuity in their collections. In addition, the Board recognizes that some individual members do not have adequate access to the Internet and has therefore authorized the Executive Director to send a copy of the printed version to any member on request.

These changes are part of an ongoing attempt to reduce Association expenses wherever possible so that our resources can be applied to essential programs. We appreciate the members' cooperation with these efforts.

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shortly after I was elected APA president, a former president asked me what my vision was, stressing that I had to have a vision. My immediate thought was that the organization needs a vision at regular intervals, but a new one every year would be excessive, especially because visions incur costs of both money and time. The latter is typically in even shorter supply than the former. I am constantly amazed at how many of us are willing to give so much of it. I recently read a letter in which a member referred to the APA as an "oligarchy." I think

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#### **PRESIDENT** (from front cover)

it once was that. It isn't now. While the Directors include a fair number of usual suspects, they are there because they are willing and the membership respects them and elects them, and the past and present leadership is hardly a closed or a small group.

Anyway, I did have a modest vision. I hoped to push the APA towards providing better service with its limited resources, mostly, though not exclusively, by using the web more effectively. This hasn't happened yet, especially because part of the problem of limited resources is finding the time to develop other ways to operate. It was in some ways precisely the right time to work on this, because the capital campaign provides an impetus to improve the website; but the capital campaign is also an obstacle, because it sucks up so much time that it's hard to do much else. One small success is visible in the January 2008 program: I proposed dropping the oral reports from the business meeting—which most of you never attend. So instead of starting Sunday sessions at 8:15, we will start them at 8:30. That fifteen minutes of sleep is an expression of my vision. (You can see the reports on the website.) Some of the other things I want to see-electronic submission of abstracts, online registration for the Placement Service—should happen in the foreseeable future. Online voting will probably take longer.

I also developed a real, if still modest vision: a co-operative venture by the APA and ACL to create more summer classes on Latin teaching methods that might make it just a little easier to become a Latin teacher or a more capable Latin teacher. That, too, will probably happen. It may take a long time, since a joint venture between two organizations does not just double the time required but multiplies it by a factor of at least four. The mills will grind slowly, and I just hope that they grind fine.

The president isn't the hardest-working officer of the APA—I suspect that's the Program Committee. But there is the peculiar privilege/obligation of producing these columns for the *Newsletter*, which, at least for me, demands trying to be substantive, a little provocative, and funny at the same time. This is not as easy as I hope it looks. I've gotten some lively responses, so I'm reasonably confident that my letters haven't been boring, but whether any of this bread cast on the waters will really return after many days is an open question.

Ruth Scodel

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is a report on activity in the Association Office during 2007. It is intended to supplement information about Board and committee meetings and especially the reports of our very hard-working vice presidents that appear regularly in the Newsletter. A regular theme of my report has been that the APA is ambitious in that it operates programs that are similar to and sometimes even more sophisticated than those of much larger learned societies. If Classics is to continue to be a core discipline of the humanities, we have to do the kinds of things that, for example, MLA and AHA do for their fields. Volunteer labor, substantial amounts of it, is the only way we can provide the kinds of essential services that our bigger sisters do, and I am grateful to the many APA members who take on our work without compensation and sometimes without reimbursement of expenses.

In previous years I and my predecessors have delivered this report during the business meeting at the annual meeting, but it was President Ruth Scodel's useful thought to change the format of that session to make it less of a time when officers talked at members and more of an opportunity for interaction between members and the Board. This is consistent with the theme of our current capital campaign, and that theme is another of Ruth's good thoughts: The APA has spent the last 40 years changing from a gatekeeper of knowledge about classical antiquity to a gateway, and the campaign is our way of making sure that we continue along the same path.

For most of the previous 40 years the gatekeeper to gateway change took place internally. We instituted contested elections decided by mail ballots, developed a Placement Service that has made the job market in Classics much more fair and humane, and made the annual meeting program more open and diverse. Having convinced ourselves that Classics is not just for an elite few, we are beginning, through our growing outreach program, to try to convince the rest of the world of the same thing. And, the promise of the capital campaign is that we will use the essential resources our new endowment will provide to make high-quality information about Classics readily available to the widest possible audience in the format most useful to each segment of that audience. Here, then, is a report in what we hope will be a more useful format. It used to be delivered orally to a few people at a sparsely attended session and published a few months later. Now, I will post it on our web site a few days before the annual meeting in the hope that you will raise questions and make comments about it both in Chicago and afterwards.

**Financial.** Our fiscal year ends on June 30 of each year, and our auditors, Briggs, Bunting and Dougherty of Philadelphia, completed their audit of our financial statements for the 2006 fiscal year last Winter. The April Newsletter contained a summary of that report, and you can obtain the complete report on the APA web site (http:// www.apaclassics.org/Administration/fin/ FY2006%20Final%20Statement.pdf) or from my office. If you look at Page 2 of this report, you'll see that our total assets increased by a little over \$140,000, which is, of course, a good thing. However, you'll also note that those assets fall into three categories: unrestricted (money we can use for any Board-approved purpose), temporarily restricted (money that that a donor has given us to spend over time for a specific purpose), and permanently restricted (money that a donor has given us to keep in perpetuity and invest so that we can use the proceeds of that investment for one or more of our programs). Depending on the terms of each endowment gift, the investment proceeds it generates can be unrestricted or temporarily restricted income.

In the 2006 fiscal year permanently restricted assets increased by over \$130,000, almost all of which consisted of contributions and pledges to the capital campaign. Temporarily restricted assets increased by about \$63,000 during the year. This figure is the result of a calculation (see Page 10 of the auditors' report) that adds new grant awards (*e.g.*, from the NEH) and restricted investment income (*e.g.*, proceeds from the Pearson Fund that can support only the Pearson Fellowship) and subtracts what the auditors call "releases," money spent in accordance with donors' instructions. Unrestricted assets, however, decreased by about \$51,000 during the year, almost all of which is attributable to significant fund-raising costs as we started work on the capital campaign.

We've been working with our current accounting firm for three years, and Page 3 of the report contains one of the helpful innovations that the firm brought to the presentation of our financial picture. Near the bottom of the page there are, in effect, two "bottom lines," showing changes in assets before and after investment income is applied. Even in years like 2005 when unrestricted assets increase, the "before" figure is always a deficit. This is a graphic demonstration of the fact that program revenue (dues, annual meeting income, placement fees) does not cover the costs of our programs. Rather, we rely on the existing endowment built up since the early 1980's to generate the income that makes it possible to do all the things we do without imposing much higher fees on members.

Keep in mind, however, that the previous paragraphs refer to financial activity between July 2005 and June 2006. In December 2007 our accountants were in the APA Office to conduct their audit for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2007, and that report should appear in February or March 2008. Of course, I prepare interim financial reports for the Board and Finance Committee, and based on that work, I anticipate that in 2007 we had another significant increase in permanently restricted assets as a result of campaign gifts, a modest decrease in temporarily restricted assets because we received no major grant funds but were spending funds awarded in previous years, and a modest increase in unrestricted assets both because of a larger than expected annual meeting (producing more revenue) and because fund-raising expenses declined in the 2007 fiscal year versus 2006 when it took longer than I had hoped to hire new development staff.

This temporary decline in fund-raising expenses is, of course, very temporary. Julie Carew, our Development Director, came on staff on July 2, 2007, *i.e.*, at the very beginning of the 2008 fiscal year, and the budget for that year anticipates a decrease in unrestricted assets that could be as high as \$115,000, but is likely to be in the range of \$60,000, because the upcoming annual meeting is, once again, attracting more registrants than expected and because we will likely use some of the challenge grant matching funds to be provided by the NEH during the next month to offset fund-raising expenses. All gifts to the capital campaign endowment will be permanently restricted and invested, but our grant application allows us to use up to \$250,000 of the NEH matching funds for development costs.

We are about to receive our first substantial installment of challenge grant matching funds (\$200,000), and, of course, our first instinct is to absorb fund-raising costs and add all matching funds to the new endowment so that it can grow faster and support more programs sooner. That's exactly what we did with the first small installment of NEH funds (\$10,000) that we claimed in January 2007. And, so far, our existing endowment has been able to generate sufficient funds both to support current programs and to begin the capital campaign. Thanks to some good investment advice and a favorable market, the existing endowment has even grown modestly while we have made extraordinary demands on it. On the other hand, we don't want to deplete an endowment that supports core Association programs like the Placement Service and the annual meeting. The Finance Committee and then the Board will have to look carefully at the matching funds we are about to receive and divide them appropriately between current expenses and the future of our field.

We now have four separate funds for our investments (General, Pearson, Coffin, and the new Research and Teaching Endowment). The company managing these investments is called, as the result of yet another merger, BNY Mellon Wealth Management. The name of the firm on our investment statements has changed a total of four times in the last 8 years, but in that period we have worked with only two groups of individuals, and the Finance Committee and the Board have been very satisfied with the service and results. Our holdings consist of a family of low-fee no-load mutual funds. This family includes one of the best performing bond funds in the country and a variety of stock funds that spread our equity investments over different sized companies in different geographic areas. Some of the funds, especially the bond fund, generate dividend income, and, in years like 2007, capital gain distributions as well.

The General Fund currently has a market value of just over \$3.2 million, and our goal is to limit our draw on that fund to 5% of what is called a "trailing 3-year average," that is, the average of its value on a specific date (we use December 31) in each of the last 3 years. The theory is that a reasonably invested endowment will grow, on average, by at least 5% per year. Therefore, if you limit your withdrawals to the same percentage, you will at least maintain your principal, and, in good years, it will grow. Over the last five years, we have, in fact, drawn down between 6% and 7% of the trailing 3-year average, first to pay final costs of the Barrington Atlas and more recently, to cover development costs for our capital campaign. As noted above, even with this higher than desired rate of withdrawal, the General Fund has still experienced some capital appreciation in recent years, but these numbers will help to explain why we need to consider using some challenge grant matching funds to offset fund-raising expenses, much as we would prefer to put them all in the new endowment.

**Development.** We have made some tremendous progress on the capital campaign during 2007. We started the year with about \$168,000 in pledges from 84 donors. We close the year with just under \$800,000 from 140 donors. The major pledges include \$100,000 each from Senator Peter Fitzgerald who agreed to be a campaign co-chair in late 2006 and from the Arete Foundation thanks to Ed and Betsy Cohen. We also received \$50,000 from Daniel and Joanna Rose in support of our teaching awards, and \$40,000 from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation in

support of our minority scholarship program. We are particularly grateful to the Classical Association of the UK whose Council informed us recently that it will contribute \$200,000 to the campaign.

The Capital Campaign Committee also grew during the year with Senator Paul and Christine Sarbanes also agreeing to serve as co-chair, and with Mrs. Rose, Erich Segal, and Sherwin Little, President of ACL, becoming members. A Steering Committee of about ten Campaign Committee members meets via conference call every four to six weeks to discuss new prospects and follow up on previous efforts. Michael Putnam, who first agreed to be a co-chair of this effort in 2005, presides effectively over all our efforts and has had considerable success himself in identifying and soliciting donors.

We are on schedule in claiming matching funds offered by the NEH. To obtain the first match of \$10,000 we needed to show only that amount in outside gifts by January 2007, and this was easily accomplished. To obtain the second match of \$200,000, we needed to report \$240,000 in pledges by January 2008, and, in fact, we were able to list more than that amount in actual gifts as of the end of November 2007. The next matching funds deadline, for which we must show just under \$1.1million in pledges by January 2009 to obtain \$250,000, is a more formidable task, but the recent offer from the Classical Association (UK) brings us more than 75% of the way to that goal a full year before we must report it.

This progress has been encouraging, but from my standpoint the most encouraging event of the year has been the addition of Julie Carew, an experienced fund-raising professional, to the APA staff to assist in the management of the campaign. Her most recent position was Director of Annual Giving at Rider University, and she is a graduate of Ohio University where she majored in art history but took a number of Latin courses, most of them with an old friend from my graduate student days, William Owen. In just six months Julie has already made our development operation more efficient and effective. She has devoted a large part of her time to identifying and implementing new fund-raising software and to helping us to find a firm to redesign the web site. (Web Editor Robin Mitchell-Boyask has been an enthusiastic participant in the latter activity.) We expect the site to have its new look by March 1 and should be using the fund-raising software even earlier. One of the benefits of the web site redesign will be the ability to accept donations to both the capital campaign and annual giving campaigns online.

The capital campaign consumes a lot of our time, as it must, but the Development Committee led by David Porter is putting considerable effort into our regular annual giving appeals. The capital campaign makes annual giving more rather than less important. I have already talked about the operating deficits caused by fund-raising costs; unrestricted annual giving donations reduce those deficits. Annual giving contributions show donors outside the Association that its own members support its basic activities and so make those donors confident that their gifts to us will be well spent. Finally, if necessary, NEH regulations permit a fairly large amount of unrestricted contributions to be applied to the capital campaign.

The members of the Board and of the Campaign and Development Committees, and I personally know that we're asking a lot of the membership. We're asking them to (a) pay dues, (b) make annual giving contributions, and (c) make a capital campaign pledge. In part, we ask so much because of the critical needs of our field: the need to build an endowment for the American Office of APh, the inadequate number of teachers for K-12 Classics classrooms, the possibilities of outreach to a general population that seems genuinely interested in Classical antiquity, and the scholarly and pedagogical opportunities identified by our joint Task Force (with AIA) on Electronic Publications, brilliantly led by Donald Mastronarde. (Web site: http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~pinax/taskforce/TaskForceFinalReport.pdf)

But, we also ask so much because Classics needs the resources to be part of the very intense conversation going on in this country about the purpose, management, and evaluation of higher education. The APA is housed at an institution founded by Benjamin Franklin, and his remark about hanging together lest we hang separately, allegedly made on July 4, 1776, seems very appropriate today. We may not be in the middle of an outright revolution, but we are in an age in which many sources of information compete for attention. In this environment the voice of Classics could easily be lost if it is not strong and united at least some of the time. The motto on our logo is a good one and appropriate to what we do; letters are the physician of the soul. Right now, however, I think ACL's motto - your cause is ours - is particularly timely.

**Membership.** In the December *Newsletter* (see page 11), you will see the names of APA members whose deaths were reported to us during the past year, and we will observe a moment of silence for them at the Plenary Session in Chicago. I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of the people on that list. In Winter 1999, after I

had been appointed but had not yet become Executive Director, Zeph Stewart went out of his way to welcome me to the Association. He told me that he looked forward to working with me during his then current term as Financial Trustee, and he went on to describe (very accurately as it turned out) some of the aspects of the Association's finances about which he was (quite appropriately) concerned. He also wanted me to know thatalthough we'd never met-he considered himself my grandfather twice over because he had taught and remained close to both my undergraduate mentor, Dan Gillis, and my first dissertation director, Jeff Henderson. I have worked for learned societies for almost 25 years now, and in that time I have been lucky enough to know a number of people among both classicists and cancer researchers who combine intellectual rigor and dedication to a group's wider purpose with great personal generosity and humanity. If there was ever a Platonic ideal of that combination, it was Zeph.

Our total membership declined again in 2007 from 3,221 at this time last year to 3,161. Last year a modest decrease of 24 members was completely attributable to the loss of institutional members (usually libraries). This year, that group represents only 17 of the 60 lost members, making it the first year in some time in which the number of individual members of the Association has decreased.

I say this each year, but it's important that I do. Membership growth is extremely important to the continued financial stability of the Association. Our staff, small and stretched as it is, would not be seriously affected by 500 or possibly even 1,000 additional members. The significant database work to keep track of those members and to collect their dues is performed by the Johns Hopkins University Press, and the Press' fee depends on the number of members it processes. More membership revenue therefore will provide important income without adding significant expenses to the budget.

I would also argue that membership growth is important to the field of Classics as a whole for all the "hang together or hang separately" reasons I listed above. In a recent discussion with our incoming President, Kurt Raaflaub, I found that he shares these concerns. It is a rare classics department (whether it has 3 members or 23) in which all faculty are APA members, and I look forward to working with Kurt to make those departments somewhat less rare.

More encouraging membership news came from the fifty Classics Departments who helped us to launch a departmental membership program so successfully. The complete list of those departments appears on Page 62 of the Annual Meeting *Program*. We're particularly grateful to the two departments (Cornell and Vermont) that subscribed at the optional Sustaining level and to the seven at the Supporting level. This program spreads awareness of the APA among undergraduates who receive outstanding student awards and generates income that the NEH will match for both the American Office of *l'Année* and our TLL Fellowship.

Interactions with Other Organizations. This year Heather Gasda or I attended all of the other Classics meetings that are regularly on our calendar: CAAS in the Fall, CANE and CAMWS in the Spring, and the ACL Institute in early Summer. Once again last year, with the approval of ACL, we diverted the budget line we have had for several years for support of National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week (NLTRW) to funding for a pre-Institute workshop for new Latin teaching assistants. These interactions continue to demonstrate that APA wants to be part of the entire community of Classicists, and lately they have had the further benefit of facilitating campaign work. At CAMWS, Ruth and I had some very useful discussions with Sherwin Little to develop a proposal that a major donor interested in our K-12 initiatives requested. The ACL Institute happened to be in Nashville; so, I was able to meet with Helen Reinhold Barrett, Meyer Reinhold's daughter, and secure a significant pledge from her.

I continue to benefit from my participation in the ACLS' Conference of Administrative Officers (CAO) and in the National Humanities Alliance (NHA). In each of the last four years ACLS has offered a session to be attended by incoming presidents and chief administrators to discuss issues of leadership in learned societies. Scheduling conflicts kept Ellie Leach and Jenny Clay from attending, but I have now gone to these sessions with both Ruth and Kurt, and all three of us have found them useful.

University of Pennsylvania. I continue to make annual presentations about the APA and the situation of the Classics in American academia to the entering graduate students and postbaccalaureate students in the Classical Studies Department. Partially because of these presentations, I am enjoying a greater level of informal communication with these students and with the faculty.

Thanks to some hard work and sacrifices by Penn's Classical Studies faculty, the APA Office will be able to remain in Logan Hall through June 2009. Several factors contributed to this good outcome, but the most important reason was the willingness of Department faculty to con-

tinue to share and move offices for the next two years. We are in their debt. I am convinced, however, that this is our final reprieve, and this growing department will have to take back the space we now occupy at that time. The Association will almost certainly be able to stay at the University of Pennsylvania if it wants to, but the space available and the financial terms are not likely to be as favorable as they are now.

My current term as Executive Director also expires in June 2009, and I have told the Board that, if it wants me to continue, I am willing to do so at least through June 2011, *i.e.*, the end of the capital campaign, and possibly longer. I think it's logical to resolve both of these issues together, and I will be working with the Board on them during the coming year.

Amphora. Anne-Marie Lewis concludes a six-year term as Editor with the issue that went in the mail a few weeks ago. During her tenure Amphora doubled in size (from 12 to 24 pages) and continues to attract high-quality submissions. Much of this success is due to Anne-Marie's vision for the publication and her dedication to maintaining its high quality. I always look forward to working with Davina McClain who succeeds Anne-Marie as Editor, and this Spring I helped Barbara Gold and the Committee on Outreach to conduct a search for Davina's replacement as assistant editor of Amphora, Diane Johnson.

Research Division. For the Research Division I have grant management responsibilities for the TLL Fellowship and for the NEH Preservation & Access and Mellon grants to the American Office of l'Année. In this area the most important thing I did this year was to help Lisa Carson, Director of the American Office, to submit a final proposal to NEH for support from the Preservation and Access Division. Because the NEH had originally told us that it would stop this funding in 2008, we had been unsure of the response we would receive even though we felt that the early success of the capital campaign showed that we had made appropriate progress towards the financial independence of the Office that the NEH was requesting. In fact, our long-time program officer encouraged us to submit the application, and during the next few months we will learn whether it has been approved.

The Research Committee developed a survey of members' fields of interest that we printed on 2008 dues invoices. The Johns Hopkins University Press will collect these responses along with dues renewal information, and during the coming year I will work on ways to add this information to the Directory of Members on the web site.

Placement Service/Professional Matters. At the 2007 annual meeting in San Diego, there were about 15 more institutions conducting interviews than the year before. In Chicago that number increased by 15 once again for a total of about 85. For as long as I have been Executive Director (and I think longer) we have negotiated 25 suites at each annual meeting for rental to interviewing institutions at a reduced rate. In most years institutions would book all those suites but never until December, and there were sometimes a few left over. Last year for San Diego, the suites were all booked by Thanksgiving. This year they were booked before the end of October, and the five additional suites that the Chicago Hyatt kindly provided at a higher rate (but a price still well below published rates) were snapped up immediately. In 2007 there were 40 more candidates registered than in 2006; the increase will be closer to 60 this year.

It's impossible to know how long this improvement in the job market will continue. Even if it goes on for several more years, I ask members to keep in mind that the APA spent decades developing a Placement Service that is fair to both candidates and institutions, and that is an example for other societies to follow. And the job of improving the Service is ongoing. Every year, it seems, there are some unusual circumstances that don't quite fit into existing guidelines, however extensive they are, and that Placement Director Renie Plonski and I have to refer to the Placement Committee, ably led this year by Judith de Luce. A particular concern to Renie and myself is the widespread belief that as long as a job is listed quickly on the APA web site (Few APA members realize that the listings appear on the AIA web site too.) nothing else matters a great deal. Many institutions see registration with the Service as a necessary evil they must undergo to have their position listed in the first place. Many candidates don't see why they should bother to register at all since the jobs appear on the web site for all to see.

Undoubtedly, the Service could take better advantage of Internet technology, but I am concerned that these members have lost sight of the fact that the registration requirements we impose on both candidates and institutions (and the additional reporting requirements we impose on institutions) make it possible for us to gather the information that, in turn, allows us to keep the hiring process as fair as it is. Registration also makes it possible for us to reduce the level of stress and eliminate scheduling conflicts in the annual meeting interviewing process. This year Renie has already scheduled about 1,100 interviews and will probably end up making 100 to 150 more. Fur-

ther, and this is extremely important in the spread-out venues we have had for the last three years, she schedules all those interviews in a way that gives candidates enough time to get from one appointment to another and even to catch a breath along the way. She is conscious of the demands on search committees as well and tries to schedule only 2 or 3 interviews in a row before inserting a short break. Every institution that tries to schedule its own interviews, and every candidate who decides not to register until or if s/he is invited for an interview makes that work much more complicated.

We also think it is a false economy for candidates to wait to see if they have interviews before registering with the Service. Registration costs \$20 before December 1 and \$50 afterwards. Registration means candidates receive job listings via e-mail twice a month instead of having to wait to see them posted on the web sites once a month. We are careful to protect the privacy of candidates. There's absolutely no requirement that a candidate submit his or her *c.v.* for the *Placement Book*, and the only people who will know that a candidate is looking for a position are the people to who receive applications.

Finally on the subject of data collection, in early November your department should have received our triennial census of Classics Departments. Completed forms were due in the office of Professional Matters Vice President David Konstan on December 15, but if it was impossible for you to meet this deadline, please do not throw the form away. We still want your responses. Since Barbara McManus designed this census during her vice presidency, the data you submitted three years ago has answered many questions for many of your colleagues, and these were often questions submitted to satisfy an administration wanting to know how its department compared to its peers. Having this new set of responses to compare to those received before will make this collection of data even more powerful. Again, we respect privacy. Data from this census is always provided in aggregate and is never identified with a particular department.

Annual Meeting. The meeting in Chicago will apparently be the largest one I have worked on for the APA. We already have just over 2,400 paid advance registrants, about the total number registered for Boston in 2005, the largest meeting for me to date. Heather Gasda and I are extremely grateful to Cliff Ando of the University of Chicago who did double-duty on this meeting. He was both a hard-working member of the Program Committee and Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. I hope you

saw and will make good use of the guide to Chicago that Cliff's Committee (special thanks to Michael Alexander and Alex Schiller) prepared.

The Program Committee meetings in April and June are my three favorite days of the year at work. Heather and I go to those meetings and expend some effort keeping track of decisions, but mainly we get to sit and listen to five smart people whom you have elected talk about everything under the sun in Classics. Heather and I get paid, but the Committee members are volunteers. Nevertheless, they handle intelligently and fairly the breadth of classical scholarship today. Bob Kaster, who has served as a Committee member before, makes the work of Program Chair seem effortless (believe me; it's not), and we will miss Kathryn Morgan and David Sider who are completing their terms on the Committee at this meeting.

Heather and her colleagues from Experient, a firm that helps us to negotiate hotel contracts and manage the meeting, have done an outstanding job on meeting arrangements. We had a particular goal this year to mail the printed *Program* much earlier than before, and I want to thank Heather for making that happen.

Conclusion. I want to conclude by thanking all members, especially those on committees and the Board, for their support of my office's efforts. When the Board meets each Fall, it conducts a full-day business meeting, but it spends the previous evening in a discussion of some general topic of the President's choosing. These sessions are not usually intended to reach a decision on a particular question but rather to inform the Board's subsequent discussions. This year Ruth invited Renie, Heather, and Julie, who do not normally attend Board meetings, to come to this session and talk about what they do and the difficulties they occasionally encounter due to overlapping responsibilities and programs. Ruth also wanted to use this evening session to have the Board evaluate a few Association programs based on a rubric used at the ACLS leadership program described above, but that part of the evening got short shrift. The Board discussion of issues faced by staff occupied most of the time, not because the Directors were interested in telling us how to do our work, but because they thought it was worth devoting some effort to considering appropriate changes in policy that would make our jobs easier. This support, and the similar support we almost always receive from the members with whom we work, is very gratifying.

Adam D. Blistein Executive Director December 30, 2007

#### Announcing The Classics Research Network

There is now a (mostly) free, centralized place to keep abreast of work in progress in the different fields of Classics called the Classics Research Network (CRN). CRN is part of the Social Science Research Network (http:// www.ssrn.com/), a massive website started 10 years ago or so by scholars in law, economics, business and so forth. SSRN includes hundreds of thousands of papers and abstracts, and in the last 12 months there have been over 3,700,000 downloads of papers through the site. In short, this service is a big success in the social sciences. Scholars can post working papers on SSRN without charge, and others can download them (also without charge). SSRN thus consolidates and organizes the sort of exchanges that already occur via conferences, e-mail, or through private websites. It allows users to access papers through keyword, abstract, and author searches. It also facilitates communication with colleagues in other disciplines. For example, my paper on the health of Olympic athletes in ancient Greece this week made the top ten of papers downloaded in the "Social Conditions" topic of the "European Economics Journal" in the Economics Research Network, an audience I would otherwise be unlikely to reach, and I read an interesting analysis of the rise and fall of women's rights in ancient Sparta by agricultural economists that I may otherwise never have never seen.

English and Philosophy Research Networks are being launched at the same time as CRN and other humanities networks will be coming soon. These will be subsumed in SSRN under the general title Humanities Research Network (HRN).

#### Posting papers on SSRN

You can post both current working papers and (subject to copyright permission) older published papers. To post a paper you will need a .pdf version of the paper you want to post, and an abstract that you can cut and paste into a text box during the posting process. (If you don't have the ability to create .pdfs, the process will direct you to a site that lets you create a .pdf.) The pdf file must have a name that has no spaces in it. While posting your first paper you will automatically create a profile for yourself which will facilitate all further postings and which will provide you with an Author Page which includes all posted papers and which you can add to your e-mail signature thus:

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During the posting process you will be asked which "Journals" you would like your paper to appear in. This term refers to the subcategories within CRN. These can be viewed by clicking on the Browse button on the SSRN home page or by going to: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/ DisplayJournalBrowse.cfm. You will see a full list of the Networks in SSRN. You can view the entire contents of any category by clicking on the name, but if the category has a + beside it, it means it is further subdivided to aid browsing and you should click on the + to see these subdivisions. If you expand HRN, then CRN, then CRN Subject Matter Journals you will see the 12 main sub-categories under which you can post a paper on CRN. (Social scientists think alphabetically rather than chronologically, so the categories appear in index order rather than as a table of contents.) Most of these categories are further subdivided into "topics," and some are subdivided again. For example, it will be possible to browse just papers on "Etruscan and Early Italian Archaeology" under the "Periods" subdivision of the "Archaeology and Material Culture" Subject Matter Journal. Papers should be posted at the lowest subdivided level, but there is no limit to the number of categories a paper can be posted in. For example, a paper could be posted under the "Numismatics" topic of the "Archaeology and Material Culture" journal, the "Roman Religion" topic of the "Religion" journal and the "Late Antiquity" subtopic of the "Roman History" topic of the "History" journal. SSRN conducts light screening of posted papers to make sure the paper is of a scholarly nature and has been posted in appropriate Subject Matter Journals. A classifier for CRN (an advanced graduate student who is paid for the work) will forward the paper to classifiers in other Networks if they think it is suitable for cross-listing; you can also cross-list yourself. These classifiers decide into which of the subdivisions of their Subject Matter Journals a paper best fits, in consultation with the Director of the Network (who is not paid) in the case of any problematic papers. (Most of the papers in CRN at the moment are papers that have been forwarded to CRN from the more established Networks.) Posting a working paper is not publication and should not have any effect on later publication. It is solely for facilitating communication among classicists themselves and scholars in other disciplines who are working on similar topics, and thus it is in the same line of work as conferences and circulating papers among friends.

#### **Downloading Papers**

You can find papers you are interested in either by browsing the journals or by searching the database by author, title or keyword. (You will list the keywords for your own papers when you post them.) Clicking on the title of a paper will bring up a short abstract which you can read before deciding whether to download or not. You can also store papers in an online "Briefcase." Downloading is free for almost all papers. A few papers have a download fee. These are generally published papers; the fee is required by the publisher. CRN is working with the major classics journals to have their contents posted on CRN too. There is never a charge to download an author-uploaded paper.

#### **Subscribing to Journals**

You can also subscribe to a Subject Matter Journal, then roughly weekly the titles and abstracts of new papers posted in that journal will be e-mailed to you with a link to the full text of the paper to allow downloading. SSRN has to cover its costs somehow and this is a service it charges for. There will be a free trial period, likely at least 6 months, while we are getting CRN established. After that a fee of \$35 will allow you to subscribe to as many Journals within all of the HRN as you would like. But we expect that most users will be covered by site licenses purchased by Departments, Colleges or Universities rather than by individual subscriptions. University site licenses for all of HRN are currently between \$150 to \$600 depending on the number of users, with substantial discounts if the subscriber has site licenses for other SSRN networks.

The CRN Advisory Board is: Andrew L. Ford, Carin M. Green, Judith Evans Grubbs, Dirk Obbink, Josiah Ober, Andrew M. Riggsby and Ruth Scodel

Please don't hesitate to write to me with any questions about CRN. Technical questions about how to use the SSRN system should be sent to help@ssrn.com.

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#### DAVID D. AND ROSEMARY H. COFFIN FELLOWSHIP FOR TRAVEL IN CLASSICAL LANDS

In 2008 the American Philological Association (APA) will award the third David D. and Rosemary H. Coffin Fellowship for study and travel in classical lands. The Fellowship was established in 2004 by the friends and stu-

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dents of David and Rosemary Coffin to honor the skill, devotion, learning, and kindness with which they educated students at Phillips Exeter Academy for more than thirty years.

The Fellowship is intended to recognize secondary-school teachers of Greek or Latin who are as dedicated to their students as the Coffins themselves by giving them the opportunity to enrich their teaching and their lives through direct acquaintance with the classical world. It will support study in classical lands (not limited to Greece and Italy); the recipient may use it to attend an educational program in (e.g. American Academy, American School) or to undertake an individual plan of study or research. It may be used either for summer study or during a sabbatical leave, and it may be used to supplement other awards or prizes.

Candidates for the Fellowship must have been teaching Latin or Ancient Greek at the secondary level (grades 9-12) in North America as a significant part of their academic responsibilities for three years out of the five prior to the award. Membership in the APA is not a requirement for application, although it is expected that applicants will have demonstrated an active interest in the profession and in their own professional development. Selection will be made on the basis of written applications by the Coffin Fellowship Committee. The amount of the award for 2008 will be \$2,500. Recipients of the award will be expected to file a written report on their use of the Fellowship, which the Association may include in one of its publications.

Applications should consist of a) a *curriculum vitae*; b) a statement of how the Fellowship will be used and how it will further the applicant's teaching; c) three letters of recommendation, at least one of them from the applicant's chair or principal, and at least one from a former student. Applicants should send **four** copies of the c.v., the statement, and the letters of recommendation to the APA Office so that they **arrive** in the Office no later than **Friday**, **February 1, 2008**.

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#### NATIONAL HUMANITIES ALLIANCE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

I hope that more APA members will become interested in participating in the National Conference sponsored annually by the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) that will take place next on March 3-4, 2008. The NHA is a consortium dedicated to the advancement of humanities education, research, preservation, and public programs, and the APA is one of more than eighty national, state and local organizations who are NHA members. These members include scholarly and professional associations; higher education associations; organizations of museums, libraries, historical societies and state humanities councils; university-based and independent humanities research centers. The conference web site is http://www.nhalliance.org/conference/2008/index

During this two-day event, individuals representing NHA member organizations travel to Washington, DC and, after a day of briefings and advocacy training (Monday, March 3), visit members of Congress (Tuesday, March 4) to support adequate funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities and to discuss other legislative issues of importance to scholars in the humanities. The capable NHA staff organizes participants into state delegations and, if necessary, will make appointments with Congressional offices representing that state. In most of these delegations, however, there is someone from an office with the administrative resources and existing links with Congressional offices who takes on this task.

Since becoming APA Executive Director in July 1999, I have usually participated in this event and have always found it to be a rewarding experience. The work we do is, for the most part, educational. The federal government's appropriation for the NEH (just under \$141 million in the 2006 fiscal year) forms a minuscule portion of the federal budget. In spite of valiant efforts by the Endowment staff, many Congressional offices are barely aware of its existence. When a group representing a variety of academic settings makes the effort to visit an office, the visibility of the NEH increases, the impact of its programs on constituents becomes apparent, and the individual Member of Congress realizes that some of his or her constituents are very concerned about the continued health of the Endowment.

In almost all cases the meeting is with a Congressional aide rather than the Member, but in my experience, this is not a disadvantage. Aides typically have more time and can provide more undivided attention, and this, in turn, allows visits to be more effective. A delegation of people representing several academic disciplines has a variety of stories to tell about NEH-funded projects. If the delegation has enough time to go through all these stories, it is more likely that the aide will hear something that ties into a Member's particular concerns. Obviously, the Endowment's efforts in the area of United States history are particularly likely to provoke favorable responses, but classical antiquity can turn out to be of interest as well. There is, for example, a Representative from Western Pennsylvania with a serious interest in archaeology, and my own Representative was pleased to hear about the good experience of my children's Latin teacher (also a constituent) at Sr. Therese Dougherty's regular NEH-funded summer seminar for middle and high school teachers.

Unfortunately, the APA cannot provide any financial support for participation in the Conference. However, I will be glad to discuss this event in greater detail with any member and hope that more classicists will be able to find a way to represent our field in this way.

Adam D. Blistein Executive Director blistein@sas.upenn.edu

#### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

During 2007 the Association learned of the deaths of the following members, some of whom, in fact, passed away before this year. We offer condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues. The names of life members are followed by an asterisk [\*].

Helen H. Bacon\*
Coleman Benedict
James L. Butrica
Barbara Georgacas\*
Lawrence Giangrande
Gordon M. Kirkwood\*
Eugene N. Lane\*
Carol Dana Lanham
Alexander G. McKay\*
Gordon M. Messing\*
Bruce M. Metzger\*
Frank G. Pickel\*
W. Kendrick Pritchett\*

Thomas G. Rosenmeyer

Lynne S. Abel

Robert J. Rowland\* Frank M. Snowden\* Zeph Stewart\* Henry A. Strater\* Albert H. Travis\*

#### APA 50YEAR CLUB

The APA salutes the following members who have supported its work for a half century or more. The year in which each joined the Association is given in parentheses. Please advise us if you observe any errors or omissions.

William S. Anderson (1955)

James I. Armstrong (1948)

Harry C. Avery (1955)

Charles L. Babcock (1951)

Anastasius C. Bandy (1957)

Hazel E. Barnes (1940)

Herbert W. Benario (1950)

Janice M. Benario (1953)

Anna Shaw Benjamin (1952)

Charles R. Beye (1955)

J. David Bishop (1946)

Francis R. Bliss (1951)

Edward W. Bodnar (1948)

Alan L. Boegehold (1957)

Lucy Brokaw (1927)

Edwin L. Brown (1956)

William M. Calder III (1953)

Howard Don Cameron (1956)

Mary Eileen Carter (1948)

Lionel Casson (1937)

Mortimer H. Chambers (1954)

John R. Clark (1953)

David D. Coffin (1947)

W. Robert Connor (1958)

Edith Croft (1949)

Stephen G. Daitz (1955)

Norman A. Doenges (1955)

Samuel F. Etris (1946)

Louis H. Feldman (1950)

Gordon Buell Ford (1956)

Ernst A. Fredricksmeyer (1957)

Douglas E. Gerber (1956)

Marie Giuriceo (1953)

Warte Glariceo (1755)

Leon Golden (1957)

Frank J. Groten (1949)

Richmond Hathorn (1948)

James M. Heath (1957)

Charles Henderson (1950)

Kevin Herbert (1955)

Herbert M. Howe (1942)

Louise Price Hoy (1947)

Rolf O. Hubbe (1950)

Henry R. Immerwahr (1941)

William T. Jolly (1957)

Elias Kapetanopoulos (1958)

George A. Kennedy (1952)

Edgar Krentz (1954)

Donald R. Laing (1958)

Mabel Lang (1945)

Gilbert Lawall (1958)

Valdis Leinieks (1955)

John O. Lenaghan (1956)

Robert J. Lenardon (1952)

Flora R. Levin (1956)

Saul Levin (1948)

Philip Levine (1952)

L. R. Lind (1932)

Robert B. Lloyd (1952)

T. James Luce (1956)

Hubert M. Martin (1956)

Philip Mayerson (1949)

P. J. McLaughlin (1944)

Elizabeth M. McLeod (1955)

Wallace McLeod (1957)

Edwin P. Menes (1958)

Robert T. Meyer (1948)

Mary E. Milham (1952)

Anna Lydia Motto (1953)

Grace Freed Muscarella (1953)

Chester F. Natunewicz (1958)

Francis Newton (1951)

Helen F. North (1946)

Michael J. O'Brien (1955)

Martin Ostwald (1949)

Cecil Bennett Pascal (1955)

Sarah B. Pomeroy (1957)

Kenneth J. Reckford (1958)

Margaret Elaine Reesor (1950)

L. Richardson, Jr. (1951)

S. Dominic Ruegg (1958)

Ursula Schoenheim (1956)

William C. Scott (1956)

James E. Seaver (1948)

Wesley D. Smith (1957)

Robert P. Sonkowsky (1957)

Olin J. Storvick (1952)

Thomas A. Suits (1956)

P. Michael Swan (1958)

Roy Arthur Swanson (1955)

Myra L. Uhlfelder (1946)

Martha Heath Wiencke (1956)

Michael Wigodsky (1958)

Elizabeth Lyding Will (1945)

John C. Williams (1951)

Alice S. Wilson (1950)

#### AWARDS TO MEMBERS

**Christopher S. Mackay**, University of Alberta, received an Honorable Mention in the Modern Language Association's competition for a Distinguished Scholarly Edition for his *Malleus Maleficarum*, published by Cambridge University Press.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The American Classical League's Meritus/Merita awards are intended to recognize sustained and distinguished service to the Classics profession generally and to ACL in particular. A candidate must have been an ACL member for at least five years (and, unless retired, be a current member) and a current or retired teacher of classical languages or classical humanities, broadly defined, at any level K-12 or college/university. In the case of extraordinary contributions to ACL and the Classics profession, persons who have not been Classics teachers may be considered. Current members of the ACL Executive Committee are not eligible.

Up to four recipients will be selected each spring by an awards committee consisting of teachers at the elementary, middle-school, high-school, and university levels. Recipients will be recognized and their awards presented by the ACL President at the annual ACL Institute banquet. The required nomination forms are available online at http://www.aclclassics.org/Activities.asp or by mail from Linda Montross, 10203 Kenbrooke Court, Vienna, VA 22181. Five copies each of both the completed nomination forms and full curricula vitae/resumes for the nominees must be mailed (not faxed) to the Awards Committee Chair at the above address and postmarked no later than February 15, 2008. Previous Recipients are:

2000: Tamara Bauer, Estelle Bayer, Richard Beaton,

Harry Rutledge

2001: Jane Hall, Cynthia King, Stephanie Pope,

Sue Robertson

2002: Patricia Bell, Laura Giles, Gilbert Lawall,

Christine Sleeper

2003: Jill Crooker, Kendra Ettenhofer Henry, Bill Mayer

2004: Sally Davis, Stan Farrow, Doris Kays, Edith Kovach

2005: Virginia Barrett, Linda Montross, Susan Shelmerdine

2006: Penny Cipolone, Mary Ann Chaffee, Norma Goldman, Rudolph Masciantonio

2007: Judith de Luce, Shelley Haley, Rick LaFleur,

Susan Schearer



The Vergilian Society is pleased to announce the establishment of the Alexander G. McKay Prize for the best book in Vergilian studies. The prize, which is accompanied by a cash award of \$500 or a life membership in the Vergilian Society (valued at \$750), will be awarded every other year to the book that, in the opinion of the prize evaluation committee, makes the greatest contribution toward our understanding and appreciation of Vergil or topics related to Vergil. Works of literary criticism, biography, bibliography, textual criticism, reference, history, archaeology, and the classical tradition are all eligible, provided that Vergilian studies represent a significant portion of the discussion. The first competition will cover books published during the years 2005 through 2007. The winner, who will be selected by two members of the prize evaluation committee appointed by the President in consultation with the executive committee, will be announced at the Vergilian Society session at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association in January, 2009 and every two years thereafter. The authors of books being considered for the McKay Prize must be members of the Vergilian Society at the time their books are submitted.

A copy of each book to be considered must be sent to both members of the prize evaluation committee by **April 15, 2008**. The two members for this cycle are:

Richard Thomas (chair) Harvard University Department of the Classics 204 Boylston Hall Cambridge, MA 02138

Sarah Spence University of Georgia Department of Classics Park Hall Athens, GA 30602

#### **MEETINGS** / CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS

102nd Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of New England (CANE), Connecticut College, New London, CT, March 14-15, 2008. Visit the CANE web site for program and registration information: http://www.caneweb.org/index.asp.



37th Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest (CAPN), University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, March 28-29, 2008. We invite papers on any aspect of Graeco-Roman antiquity; especially welcome are papers that are likely to be of broad interest and make connections among the different elements of the ancient world. Such connections can be between Greek society and Roman society, between different disciplines such as literature and history, or between different genres of literature. Teachers and students of the Classics at any level of instruction (K-12, college, or university) may submit abstracts; all papers will be judged anonymously by the Program Committee, chaired by CAPN President Eric Orlin. Abstracts of no more than 200 words must be submitted by February 1, 2008. To submit a proposal, visit the following web site: http:// www2.ups.edu/content/contactform.php?recipient=eorlin@ups.edu

Type your name and e-mail address into the appropriate places, and paste your abstract into the text box.



Classical Association of the Southwestern United States (CASUS) Annual Convention, September 12-13, 2008, Cloudcroft, NM. Paper proposals are invited, in the following areas:

Classical Greek and Latin Literature and Culture

Latin Literature, Beginnings to the Twentieth Century

Latin and Classics Teaching: Methodology and Pedagogy

Proposals will be refereed anonymously. Send a 150-200 word abstract by **May 1, 2008** to Dr. Ronald J. Weber, CASUS Program Committee Chair, University of Texas at El Paso, Liberal Arts Bldg. Room 233, 500 University Ave., El Paso, TX 79968-0525, or rweber@utep.edu. Phone (915) 747-6512; Fax (915) 747-5981.



Attitudes towards the Past in Antiquity: Creating Identities?, Stockholm University, May 15-17, 2009.

The subject of historical long-term memory and tradition in all its diversity, and the related topic of identity, have generated a wide-ranging and stimulating debate about the nature of ancient culture and society in recent years. This interdisciplinary conference will explore the use of the past in creating identities in ancient religious, political, social and cultural contexts. We invite papers (archaeological, art historical and historical) on the way in which the past was consciously re-created and used, and the impact this had on shaping identities in ancient society.

Papers should take 20 minutes. The conference language is English. Please submit title and abstract of your proposed paper (not more than 200 words) together with your name, academic title and affiliation, and postal address to the following e-mail address: conferencestockholm@yahoo.com by April 30, 2008. Notification of acceptance will be sent by September 30, 2008 and more detailed information by the end of January 2009. Proceedings of the conference will be published. For further information, please contact the organizers at: conferencestockholm@yahoo.com.

#### SUMMER PROGRAMS

Travel to Italy, Greece and beyond with experienced scholars and teachers. For over 50 years, the **Vergilian Society** has offered study tours to classical lands designed to appeal to secondary teachers, college students and interested laypeople. We are pleased to offer scholarship support specifically for secondary school teachers! For Itineraries, Applications and Scholarship information, see http://vergil.clarku.edu/.

#### FELLOWSHIPS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

#### The American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)

will offer fellowships for participation in the intensive advanced Turkish language program at Bogaziçi University for summer 2008 in Istanbul. This intensive program offers the equivalent of one full academic year of study in Turkish at the college level. The fellowships cover round-trip airfare to Istanbul, application and tuition fees, and a maintenance stipend. Full-time students and scholars affiliated at academic institutions are eligible to apply.

Application materials are available at the ARIT web site ( h t t p : // c c a t . s a s . u p e n n . e d u / A R I T / ARITSummerLanguageProgram.htm)

The application deadline is February 11, 2008.



MLA Field Bibliography Fellowships. Fellowships are for a three-year period, beginning 1 July 2008 and ending 30 June 2011. The MLA seeks scholars of any level of seniority interested in training as field bibliography fellows and able to deliver at least one hundred citations each year. This opportunity is open to potential as well as existing field bibliographers. The MLA will provide materials and training meetings at the annual convention. Fellows attending training sessions will have their conference registration fees waived. On completion of the fellowship, they will receive a stipend of \$500 and a certificate at the awards ceremony during the Presidential Address at the MLA convention. It is hoped that recipients of these fellowships will continue submitting citations throughout their careers. Applications for the 2008 field bibliography fellowships are due 1 April 2008.

The basic criteria for application are: MLA membership; Master's degree or Ph.D. in a relevant field; access to scholarly material for indexing.

Please submit a letter of request, including qualifications and reasons for applying for the fellowship, and a current résumé or CV. Materials may be sent to Helen Slavin, MLA International Bibliography, 26 Broadway, 3rd floor, New York, NY 10004-1789 (hslavin@mla.org).

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR APA MEMBERS

<b>February 1, 2008</b>	Receipt Deadline for abstracts for Organizer-Refereed Panels at 2009 Annual Meeting	
<b>February 1, 2008</b>	Receipt Deadline for Applications for 2008 Coffin Travel Award	
February 2008	Deadlines for receipt of abstracts for Affiliated Groups for 2009 Annual Meeting (various dates)	
March 17, 2008	Proposals for At-Large and Committee Panels, Seminars, and Workshops for 2009 Annual Meeting and for Organizer-Refereed Panel and Affiliated Group Charters for 2010 Annual Meeting due in APA Office	
March 17, 2008	Program information on sessions of Organizer-Refereed Panels, Three-Year Colloquia, and Affiliated Group Charters for 2009 Annual Meeting due in APA Office	
May 14, 2008	Individual Abstracts for 2009 Annual Meeting due in APA Office	
January 8-11, 2009	140th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	
January 6-9, 2010	141st Annual Meeting, Orange County (Anaheim), CA (Note: Meeting will run from Wednesday to Saturday)	
January 6-9, 2011	142nd Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX	
January 5-8, 2012	143rd Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	

# Capital Campaign News

The APA's Gatekeeper to Gateway Campaign will establish an Endowment for Classics Research and Teaching and obtain the gifts necessary to receive funds offered in an NEH Challenge Grant. The Association is undertaking this Campaign to ensure that its members will have the scholarly and pedagogical resources they need to do their work for decades to come. The Campaign also shares with a wider public the excitement and commitment that APA members have for their subjects. To date

- The APA has received nearly \$600,000 in pledges and over \$250,000 in partial and in some cases complete fulfillment of these pledges. Funds received to date are being invested.
- The Association has successfully claimed the second installment of challenge grant matching funds (\$200,000) from the NEH.
- The most up-to-date list of donors appears in a special insert to the 2008 Annual Meeting Program.

So far, almost all contributions received from members have come from a relatively small number of current and former APA leaders. We now ask the entire membership to think about making a campaign pledge. Please visit the campaign web site, http://www.apaclassics.org/campaign/campaign.html, for complete information.

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