

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA
SPRING MEETING
May 4, 2013
University of Richmond
Keller Hall Reception Room

The meeting was a joint endeavor of the Classical Association of Virginia and the North Carolina Classical Association. Following a reception that included a generous display of antique Latin books from the collection of Wayne Wray and a silent auction benefitting the CAV Professional Development Fund, the organizations held concurrent business meetings.

Margaret Hicks called the meeting of the Classical Association of Virginia to **Order** at 10:04 AM.

Secretary Lisa Auanger announced that the **Minutes** of the Spring 2013 meeting had been added to the website.

Liane Houghtalin presented the **Treasurer's Report** in the absence of Max Meador and noted that all questions should be directed to Max. The total of various funds is included in the document provided by Max. The overall total assets were reported as \$7,399.52.

Andrew Becker presented the **Nominations Committee report**.

New members-at-large nominated were Chris Ann Matteo and Rose Mary Sheldon. Margaret Hicks thanked Donald Brewster and Rick Phillips for their service.

Margaret Hicks presented the **Executive Committee Report**, noting that there was no executive committee meeting on site, but there had been an email meeting. She noted that the constitutional committee changes had been posted on website and needed final approval. In a nutshell, these refer to the president and vice president taking office immediately upon election, reference to the newsletter as a "publication" rather than an "organ," the addition of the membership chair to the executive committee, and the increase in dues to \$15 per year, and \$20 after Nov. 1.

These changes were approved by unanimous vote.

It was decided that CAV would contribute to the National Committee for Latin and Greek.

Margaret also announced a planned analysis of finances to examine how CAV spends its funds and asked for volunteers to be on committee.

Fred Franko officiated over the presentation about the **Tournament, Contests and Awards**.

It was announced that Ian Hochberg was stepping down after 5 years of running the Latin tournament due to family and professional obligations. Kevin Jefferson had agreed to take over

Fred Franko presented the results of the **Arthur Stocker Latin Essay Contest** since John Miller could not be there. This year 10 schools participated and 59 students participated. Judges were Jane Crawford (1st year) and John Miller (2nd year and advanced).

Patrick Bradley announced the **CAV Classical Essay Contest** winners.

Michael Laughy, Charlene Lunsford, Rose Mary Sheldon, Patrick Bradley, Janice Siegel, Glenn Bugh, and Carrie Vandervelde served as judges. This year was the third highest number of school entries. Essay numbers were also up.

Ian Hochberg (?) reported that 718 students participated in the Latin Tournament (number which waivers between 600 and 800) and this year there was a **new, changed Caesar exam**. There is an aim for wider variety of school participation and retention of programs where teachers are retiring. New writers and proofreaders were announced as well as a change in leadership for next year. Alpha, beta, and gamma awards for each division as well as Latin legends were pointed out.

Schools with students placing in all three contests and with students participating in all three were recognized, and Ian Hochberg indicated his desire to stay on in an advisory capacity this year. Fred Franko presented a gift to Ian to thank him for his service.

Mark Keith presented the **Lurlene Todd TOY Award**. Snippets of a very exciting application were read to reveal that this year's winner was Dr. Patrick J. Bradley.

Kevin Perry announced the recipient of the **Wayne W. Wray Student Scholarship**, Evan Draim, a young man who is a "poster child for promotion of classics," "a substitute teacher while the teacher is away," and VJCL president 2011-2012. Evan even convinced the mayor of Alexandria to declare a Classics week! Wayne Wray presented the award.

Andrew Becker and Linda Montross announced the first recipient of the new **Jane Harriman Hall Ward**. The executive committee devoted time over the winter settling the criteria. The award committee was composed of the past president, Andrew Becker, and the two members-at-large, Donald Brewster and Rick Phillips. Six full nominations were submitted this year. Linda recounted the story of donor and founder Jane Hall, who sent regrets that she herself could not be there – but noted that she is doing well. Jane is a 1952 graduate of Mount Holyoke, with an MA from UMD. In 1976 she asked ACL to consider sponsoring a national Latin exam, and the rest is history. Jane retired from NLE in 2010.

Andy Becker presented the first award to the unequalled **Sally Davis**, with highlights of her background and contributions. Professor Davis is the face and spirit of CAV for many newcomers, and has influenced a countless number of state and national Latin teachers through her service, which includes teaching, presenting papers, and publishing.

Professor Davis accepted the award, noting that she herself had learned a lot about teaching from Jane Hall. One thing she learned from Jane was to "teach everyone" and "until everyone has a chance to get it." Sally noted that at her own first CAV meeting Arthur Stocker and Ward Jones greeted her. She thanked the CAV and noted that she was using one-half the award to travel to NYC for a weekend with Father Reginald Foster. She donated the other half of the award to the Professional Development fund of the CAV.

Amy Peterson reported on the **Professional Development Fund** and the day's silent auction. Grants will be made of \$300 per year for PD for one or more recipients. The application will be on CAV website under announcements. Bidding was to be continued until 12:30.

After offering thanks to committee members and others for contributions to the process, Howard Chang presented the **Angela Lloyd Book Award**. This year's recipient, Adam Williams, was recognized for multiple contributions to the Classics in Virginia including leveling the playing field by making resources available online for all students for VJCL tests, his work on a syllabus for Certamen and VJCL Decathlon, and more. Mr. Williams thanked Howard Chang, Laurie Covington, and Ann Graham.

The representative of the host institution, Dean Simpson, introduced the members of his department, the **University of Richmond's Classical Studies**.

The North Carolina delegation returned, and new attendees were introduced.

Various **announcements** were made. Kevin Perry, the director of the Governor's Academy, noted that Randolph Macon would be hosting it. The play on July 14 would be Plautus' *Curculio*, and it would be held in Blackwell Auditorium. The co-director of the play also was present, and the theme was already on the website, in both Greek and Latin.

Jon Mikalson, co-chair of Centennial Committee, reported that the last of the bills were in and paid, so \$286 left in the fund could be freed up for the CAV. As director of CAV placement service, Mikalson offers a free email list for job seekers and advertisers. He noted that the private school market is "hot" around the country.

Mark Keith, as CAV website editor, requested that things to be posted be sent to him. As co-chair of NLE, he noted it was a banner year for NLE. VA is still third behind NY and MA.

Fred Franko reported that Forum Romanum's John Donahue is not doing well and is battling pancreatic cancer. A card was available to sign. People can follow John's story or write to him at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/johndonohue>.

Sue Roberston reported that the NJCL Convention would be in Las Vegas, that there was now a waiting list, and that VA would be well represented. Next year it will be at Emory University in Atlanta.

Liane Houghtalin, the VP of CAMWS for Virginia, attended the most recent meeting in Iowa. She reported that the Kraft Award for Excellence in Secondary Teaching was presented to Howard Chang of Flint Hill. Due to the joint nature of the meeting, she announced that the CAMWS Award for Excellence in College Teaching was presented to Mary Pendergraft of Wake Forest University, who was in attendance at this CAV meeting.

Following a ten-minute break, when bidding in the silent auction continued, Ben Alexander (Asheville, NC) began the **joint meeting** by introducing several of the North Carolina attendees including Lora Holland and Robert Ulery. Mr. Alexander announced that the conference of the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina (FLANC) would be Oct. 11-13 in Winston-Salem and would include many presentations.

Wayne Wray graced the audience with a few words about his **book collection**, recounting how he fell in love with books and with his Latin teacher, who is now 97 years old and lives in Northern Virginia. Mr. Wray still visits her. Besides CAV, Wray has also displayed his books at the NJCL bazaar – and has encouraged the Fredricksburg Public Library to do a display of his books, which include such treasures as a first edition of Bennett's Latin Grammar; a Horace Loeb edition signed by Bennett himself; a book purchased with casino winnings from New Orleans, Louisiana; and an interlinear Tacitus, *Agricola* and *Germania*.

Margaret Hicks presented the **CAV's monetary gift to the NCLG** to Mary Pendergraft, chairman of the committee. Professor Pendergraft explained that the NCLG is a standing committee of the American Classical League and an arm of support for the profession. It supports NLTRW (National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week) financially through the APA and is an example of truly positive collaboration through the levels of Classics, e.g., offering book grants for elementary and middle school. Last summer it began a new project to support new teachers as there is a high attrition in first three years, but it takes five years for teachers to get pace. A solution the committee is working on is identifying new teachers who need help and pairing them with mentors. The NCLG is also a founding organization for the organization called Promotelanguage.org, which has an office in DC that works with the government to include languages in skills for 21st century and international matters- defense, state department, and intelligence, etc.

Presentations, lunch, and a reception completed the afternoon. Andy Becker introduced Lora Holland of UNC Asheville who presented "*A liver in the hand . . . : Ancient Divination and Modern Experiential Learning*," about a series of experiential learning activities using real sheep's livers. Several members attempted the hands-on analysis.

The **Buffet Luncheon** followed in the Richmond Room of the Heilman Dining Center, a building adorned with architectural sculpture bearing the legend "Cibus ad putandum."

The afternoon session included two papers. Introduced by Trudy Becker, Rick Phillips of Virginia Tech presented "*Texts from the Sands of Egypt: A Brief Introduction to Papyri*," which included an explanation of growing and making papyrus.

Chris Ann Matteo announced spaces open for the Vergilian Society tour.

Alana Lukes, who is retired from Paul VI in Fairfax, presented a **BLAST** about teaching basic Latin to senior citizens for an Institute sponsored by George Mason University and noted an opening in the program at the Loudoun County campus.

Ryan Smout, 2011 Graduate of the University of Richmond Departments of Classical Studies and Psychology, presented "*Eye Movements and Reading Latin: What happens, and what could?*" Ryan, who is from Lexington, VA, was introduced by his former professor Dean Simpson. Ryan is also a former student of Carter Drake and Patrick Bradley.

Concluding remarks included reminders about the card for John Donohue, FLAVA, and the Sep. 14 Fall Meeting with Beth Fisher of Randolph Macon and Walt Stephenson of University of Richmond as speakers. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M. and was followed by a **Wine and Cheese Reception** in the Modlin Center Courtyard, which was hosted by the University of Richmond Department of Classical Studies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Auanger
Secretary