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How quickly the academic year has passed us by. I have come to my last missive to the CANE membership as President for 2017-2018 and have some thoughts to share about the past year.

I owe much gratitude to the members of the CANE Executive Board who so diligently and dependably completed scores of agenda items during meetings at Amherst College and the University of Rhode Island. I want to especially thank the following for their help and support throughout my Presidency: Ruth Breindel, Treasurer; Rosemary Zurawel, Executive Secretary; Donna Lyons, Emerita Curator of the Funds; Anne Mahoney, Immediate Past President; Sue Curry, President-Elect; Deb Davies, NECJ Editor; Scott Smith, Classics in Curricula Editor; Ben Revkin, caneweb master; Laurie Canter, Secretary to the Classics Dept., Amherst College; Professor of Classics Daniel Carpenter, and Kristin Haberek, Language Department Secretary, both at the University of Rhode Island.

Without a doubt, the 112th Annual Meeting held on three beautiful days in March between two nor'easters, offered a truly diverse set of twenty-five scholarly papers, and fifteen workshops, most of the latter devoted to pedagogy. On a personal note, it was quite uplifting to see so many young faces among those attending this year's conference. May they grace the profession for the rest of their lives! The special panel, titled "Quo Vadimus" was a kind of health report on classical studies programs in both the colleges and schools throughout New England. There was a decided excitement to the audience response, and that was reflected upon the panel's conclusion when it appeared the give and take could have been extended for at least another hour.

There were two uplifting aspects to the Friday evening banquet. Lily Lustig, a student at Moses Brown School, was honored for her excellent winning Lucretius paper that she read to all those present. Jeri DeBrohun, Chair of Classics at Brown University, received the richly deserved Barlow-Beach Award for her years of fine work in behalf of CANE.

As I prepare to shortly pass the CANE Presidency's responsibilities along to the very able President-Elect Susan Curry of the University of New Hampshire, I take pride in the work we did this past year to support and enhance classical teaching and learning in this beautiful part of the world—New England. I have learned from my mistakes but did my level best to uphold the traditions and the history of an organization that has been nourishing my mind and soul for more than half a century and affording me the chance to know some truly intelligent, caring, and accomplished colleagues, some for decades.

There is much work to be done, and in some ways, the lions are at the gate—those who would shut down classics programs in the name of finances or changing times. Perhaps we need to be reminded of Cicero's *vi victa vis*. Let CANE for another 112 years, then, be the force that is with all who care about classical teaching and learning, more useful and important in many ways than ever. Thank you for giving me the chance to shoulder the office of CANE President, something that has given me considerable pride, and reminded me repeatedly of the importance of organization, collaboration, and keeping a sense of humor through it all.

Ex corde,

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