Letter From the President

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Dear Colleagues,

Spring has finally appeared in Western Massachusetts, and the 109th annual meeting of CANE seems a long time ago. In the beautiful setting of Noble and Greenough School we enjoyed two days of a jam-packed and varied program, a delightful banquet and lots of sociability.

I want to thank once again all who made this year’s meeting possible. First, I thank all who delivered papers or presented workshops. A nod too to this year’s exhibitors, Hackett, Pearson, the Society of Classical Studies, formerly known as the APA, Bolchazy Carducci, CANE Emporium, CANEPress, Pericles Group, the CANE Used Book Sale, the Ascanius Institute, Legion III, and the Campanian Society. I especially thank Bolchazy Carducci for their generous contribution to the banquet. I am deeply grateful to those at Noble and Greenough who made running such a complex program look easy: Bob Henderson, Head of School, and the endlessly patient and helpful George Blake, Chairman of the Classics Department, and his colleagues Megan Glenn and Mark Harrington who smoothed out any bumps in the road, especially with registration; Dawud Brown and his students for super help with technology; and the maintenance staff who made it all work; the CANE Executive Committee, especially Rosemary Zurawel, Donna Lyons and Ruth Breindel, who have been a fount of wisdom, experience, patience and understanding during this past year, and helped so much with this conference. The whole Executive Committee serves this organization with distinction. I am grateful to all of them.

I give special thanks to our immediate past president, Mike Deschenes, the most organized man in the world, who guided me with patience and kindness through all sorts of choppy seas while never losing his sense of humor.
If there has been any greater pleasure and honor than to serve as your President this year, it is to hand the gavel to Sean Smith whom I have known more than thirty years and whom I taught way back when the earth was cooling. A brilliant teacher and winner of both CANE’s Wiencke award and the APA’s award for Outstanding Teaching at the pre-Collegiate Level, Sean has also been a helpful, generous, and kind mentor to almost two generations of MAT students at UMass Amherst. Sean was an outstanding student who could have been successful in any number of professions. We are very lucky that he wanted to be as good a teacher as his own teacher, Betty Jane Donnelly. And, just between you and me, Sean is a brilliant sight-reader of Cicero. With that highest of compliments, I pass on the gavel to Sean.

As I make my exit, let me remind you of a few things. First, we will meet next year on March 18-19 at Smith College, Northampton, MA. Secondly, please peruse the list of CANE scholarships and awards listed in NECJ and on our website. Some of these were not awarded this year. Please do not let these opportunities pass you by. Finally, the Executive Committee voted at its April meeting to have CANE subscribe to the Loeb Classical Library online. Thanks to all who took the time to check this out at the annual meeting and give us your feedback.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing summer,

Elizabeth Keitel
President, Classical Association of New England