

CAMWS's Tenth Decade

This presentation deals with the history of CAMWS during the term of Gregory N. Daugherty as Secretary-Treasurer (1996-2004). Daugherty succeeded John Hall and moved the CAMWS office to the campus of Randolph-Macon College where he was assisted by Susan L. Tucker. He oversaw eight annual meetings including the Centennial Meeting in St. Louis (2004). Challenges included declining enrollments at all levels, declining membership numbers, reduced income from our endowment funds, special challenges after 9/11 and the rising costs of publications, postage and the annual meeting. Fortunately, by the end of the term the portfolio had recovered thanks to the sound judgement of the Finance Committee under David Tandy and the association had begun to move toward IT solutions, even if it meant that the ST had to learn to code in HTML when he launched CAMWS.ORG. Thankfully Sam Huskey then took it into the 21st Century. Notable innovations included a Graduate Student Advisory Council, programming free Thursday nights, the CPL Forum Online, the Kraft teaching award and institutionalizing John Hall's concept of the *Consulares*. Of course, the term culminated with the Centennial celebration and its special program, logo, pins and other elegant tchotchkes, executed with the invaluable assistance of the incoming ST, Anne Groton.