



I.
WHEREAS all of us who have been in attendance at this meeting have arrived in a city which for 15 years was the capital of the only state in the union to begin with two vowels; which is the home of the internationally acclaimed Writer’s Workshop which has seen the likes of Kurt Vonnegut, John Irving, T.C. Boyle and Flannery O’Connor; which also still sees the likes of Moffitt homes, the distinctive structures described as “Mystical dwellings that look as if Germanic elves constructed houses for Irish pixies;” a vital center in a state which boasts the most crooked street in the world, the world’s largest strawberry; the world’s steepest and shortest railway; and the birthplaces of Herbert Hoover, Mamie Eisenhower, Glenn Miller, and John Wayne;

WHEREAS, in this *civitas* Iowa, we broadened, widened, and deepened our intellectual horizons as should be the case in a city ranked in the top ten “Smart Places to Live” by Kiplingers, and which shares with Stamford Connecticut the highest percentage of degree-holding citizens in a US metropolitan area – a whopping 61% or 44% according to that inimitably reliable up to date cutting edge critically honed peer reviewed reference work – Wikipedia;

WHEREAS all the faculty, students, and staff of the University of Iowa, and all the local committee, under the leadership of John Finnamore, exercised Herculean resolve to overcome the wrath of an angry Zeus Ombrios and whatever other epithets must be invoked or invented to cover fog, snow, and mudslides; to make this meeting of CAMWS at the invitation of the Hawkeyes a field of philological dreams and scholarly corn (just deal with the metaphor, folks) as high as an elephant’s eye;

WHEREAS the staff of the Sheraton Iowa City Hotel have offered shelter from the cold and heartwarming complimentary continental breakfasts and have let us go green (when desired) with respect to our linens;

WHEREAS the American School of Classical Studies, Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, the National Latin Exam and the Vergilian Society generously provided us with liquid refreshments and snacks in between the sessions of papers;

BE IT RESOLVED that we tender sincere thanks to all and sundry concerned.

II.

WHEREAS, at this meeting, we were invited to revisit the immortal verses of Homer and Vergil, the enlightening philosophies of Plato and Lucretius, the scabrous lines of Ovid and Catullus, the eloquent histories of Herodotus and Sallust, and much more;

WHEREAS, we were enlightened by means of panels on such topics as Greek death, Klassics for Kids (with a K!), digital teaching, the year 87 B.C., and much more;

WHEREAS we were challenged to be ever more innovative, engaged, and engaging educators through panels discussing curricular options, advocacy, and new resources and methodologies;

BE IT RESOLVED that we extend our admiration, appreciation, and gratitude to all speakers, presenters, and discussion participants.

III.

WHEREAS Jim McKeown MC-ed the banquet with the most charming Scottish accent and digressive delivery this side of Craig Ferguson;

WHEREAS Chaden Djalali, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science at the University of Iowa gave us an inspiring welcome in which he demonstrated how scholars outside our profession value what we do;

WHEREAS James May, with his timeless rendition of “76 Trombones”, continued his forced march through the American Songbook with admirably intelligent and intelligible Latin that afforded due recognition to Bob Cape, Doug Olson, and Mary Pendergraft;

WHEREAS the philologist currently known as CAMWS president, Peter Knox, emphasized the importance of collegiality and friendship shared by members of our organization and defined and defended philology as making sense of texts in the broadest possible sense;

WHEREAS pianist Julia Andrews West enhanced our post-prandial festivities with a very enjoyable musical performance;

WHEREAS President and President-Elect, the Executive Committee, and all members of all committees have labored to make this meeting a success, thereby reminding us of all the benefits of membership in this, our Association; and

WHEREAS Tom Sienkewicz seemingly seamlessly assumed the Sisyphean duties of secretary-treasurer, coercing, cajoling, and coordinating everything and everyone capable of being coerced, cajoled, and coordinated to make this meeting happen;

BE IT RESOLVED that we offer all those mentioned or referred to our profound gratitude and appreciation.

IV.

WHEREAS we have indulged in the delights offered by the University of Iowa in this beautiful if blustery city and the great state of Iowa, where we have long stalked the perfect corn joke in vain;

WHEREAS CAMWS as a distinguished institution of long standing is ever dedicated to furthering the careers of students, scholars, and teachers on all levels by inviting them as members, by maintaining a stimulating environment, and by encouraging them to present their teaching and research;

BE IT THEN FINALLY RESOLVED that, having been intellectually enriched and collegially gratified by this year's meeting, we agree to continue our ancient and ongoing conversation next year at our 110th meeting, where we will all enjoy margaritas and Tex-Mex or barbeque and shiner bock on the banks of the Brazos, where the stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Texas.

The CAMWS Resolutions Committee
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