

At-Large Region, Stacie Raucci (rauccis@union.edu), March 2017

The At-Large Region covers the states of CA, CT, DC, DE, HI, ID, MA, MD, ME, MT, NH, NJ, NY, OR, PA, RI, VT, WA, and international locations. There are no state VPs in this region.

CAMWS membership (efforts at promotion and results)

Prior to the annual meeting (in February of 2017), the at-large vice president emailed all current members in the region, thanking them for their membership and reminding them of its benefits. The at-large vice president also sent emails to those with lapsed membership of one year and some going back to 2013-4. In total, over 500 emails were sent this year. The vice president sometimes receives replies to these emails, thanking her for the reminder. This year, she received more replies than usual. Some noted that they had forgotten to renew and were doing so now (confirming the importance of reaching out in this manner). A few others replied with an affirmation of how much they appreciate CAMWS. Two emails had suggestions for improvements to the membership form and the vice president passed those messages on to the CAMWS secretary.

As mentioned in last year's report, while sending these emails can be useful, it remains difficult to encourage membership in the at-large region. As can be seen from current members, many of them hold membership in multiple Classics organizations, including the organizations associated with their own geographic region (such as Classical Association of the Atlantic States, Classical Association of New England, Classical Association of the Pacific North West), as well as state organizations (such as Classical Association of the Empire State) and local organizations (Eastern Zone Latin Teachers Association). Despite this difficulty, it seems that membership in the region remains strong. The vice president would like, in the coming year, to find ways to encourage more applications to CPL in the region.