A Decade of CAMWSCorps Interviews

Beginning in 2013, the CAMWS History Committee, under the leadership of Tom Sienkewicz and the energetic guidance of Anne Groton, began interviewing senior members of the Association with a view to gaining an overview of the development of the Association in the last quarter-century. So far, we have conducted and machine-transcribed 102 audio interviews. With the assistance of CAMWS volunteers, 55 of these have been edited and 47 others await editing.

From the beginning the Committee agreed that each interview should have at least four questions in common: What has CAMWS meant to you in your career? What changes have you seen in CAMWS over the course of your career? What memorable moments do you recall from previous CAMWS meetings? What do you see for the future of CAMWS? The answers to these questions comprise an oral history of the last 25 years of the Association.

My presentation will offer selections from the answers interviewees have given to these four questions (and a bit more!) to provide perspective on the history of the Association, memorable anecdotes and amusing incidents from past meetings, and valuable insights into possible future directions of CAMWS.