

Ohio Valley Regional Report

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In addition to the reports from the Vice-Presidents for Ohio and West Virginia quoted below, let me add a few observations on the synergy between CAMWS and the state associations:

For Ohio, I am happy to add to Paul's report of so much good news that there was also a very positive response to the **annual meeting of the Ohio Classical Conference** held in conjunction with the OJCL at the Columbus Academy in Gahanna, in October. The Executive Committee of the OCC put together an excellent program that was engaging, informative, and stimulating for teachers at all levels, as well as for the students attending the OJCL. Highlights included: "DIY Revenge: Ancient Roman and Greek Curses Magic" by THM Gellar-Goad from Wake Forest University at the opening Plenary session; an enlightening presentation by CAMWS VP-Ohio, Dr. Paul Iversen from Case Western Reserve University, on the "Antikythera Mechanism and Hellenistic Greek Astronomy & Engineering," who later in the afternoon also shared some of his collection of squeezes, explaining to the teachers and students who stopped by his display how squeezes are made and the context for the squeezes on display; in the afternoon Dr. E. Del Chrol, CAMWS VP-West Virginia, also presented "Active Latin Games for Classes and Clubs," and Dr. Steven Tuck, Miami University, presented "Tours, Workshops, and Teaching Programs" offered by the Vergilian Society this year. I followed up this meeting with an email to CAMWS members in Ohio which elicited a good amount of enthusiasm from folks who had not been to the OCC for several years or did not realize we had an active state classical association. In turn, CAMWS posted the OCC meeting info for the coming year, the first post in the new calendar for state association meetings, a post which generated even more responses and interest!

For West Virginia, I commiserate with Del Chrol about the mixed news from his state from my own experience in trying to get a handle on an accurate account of the Latin programs there. Having tried to gather information through the Internet, I found that high schools did not always list their curriculum, and that the state Foreign Language Association's website does have a search menu, but only entering French or Spanish provided any results. I'm looking forward with chatting with Del at the meeting in Lincoln.

Ohio (Paul Iverson, VP)

The Ohio members of CAMWS and their institutions had a busy 2018. Carolin Hahnemann (Kenyon College) reports that she has been spending her sabbatical doing research in Berlin, Germany. James Andrews informs us that Ohio University will once again be sponsoring a study abroad course in Greece from May 23 to June 28. Questions may be directed to him (andrewsj@ohio.edu) or William Owens (owensb@ohio.edu). Jennifer Larson sends word that Kent State University now has an online MA program in Latin literature designed for current and aspiring Latin teachers that allows part-time or full-time study. Rebecca Edwards

reports that Wright State University held its fifth-annual Latin Day in November, which hosted about 80 students from four local high schools. She also reports that they have changed their Latin licensure program so that students can complete it entirely at the undergraduate level. Susan Prince informs us that the University of Cincinnati awarded four PhDs in spring and fall 2018. Its Outreach Project was also recognized with an Outreach Award from the SCS at the January 2019 meeting. Meanwhile, Steven Ellis' book *The Roman Retail Revolution* was recently published by Oxford and Jack Davis delivered the 2019 Sather Lectures on discoveries at Pylos and their implications for reconstructions of the Bronze Age. The department also hosted the fourth annual meeting of the Midwest Classical Literature Consortium in late March. Finally, Case Western Reserve University reports that Peter Knox is spending his sabbatical year/Loeb Fellowship working on a Loeb edition of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and that Rachel Sternberg is also on sabbatical this spring working on a book entitled *The Deep Origins of Human Rights: The Invention of Humane Discourse in Ancient Athens*. Paul Iversen has also received an NEH Fellowship to work on a book co-authored with John D. Morgan (Delaware University) concerning the inscriptions and Doric calendar on the Antikythera Mechanism. In addition, in October CWRU hosted a Classics Day that involved about 100 local high schoolers and they also received final approval for a new MA program in Classical Studies with a separate track in Classical and Medieval Studies.

West Virginia (Del Chrol, VP)

It has been a mixed year in West Virginia for the Classics again. As in past reports this report will be mostly Marshall-centric as we are the only university in the state with a Classics program or degrees in Classics, Latin or Greek, and we are involved with much of the Classical activity in the state. That said, I know there has been a rise in "Classical Curriculum" home-schooling, and some of the parochial schools are required to have Latin instruction but I have had some difficulty in breaking into these circles. I also am concerned for the quality of the education at these institutions. For example, I had been approached by the headmaster of Covenant School asking if we could strategize a paid internship as a Latin teacher for one of our seniors – 3 credits a term from Marshall (including mentoring by a Latinist here), a salary for the student. I recently contacted the headmaster to place one of our graduating seniors and he replied that the position had been filled already by a Marshall grad, but one who had one year of Latin and one semester of Greek. This is sufficient for the accreditation. I have sent invitations to Marshall events to teachers and the homeschool network, but as of yet none of the invitees have shown. In sum, I know there is an untapped population in WV but have no way of knowing how big a population it is. Otherwise, as far as I am aware, the total number of WV Latin programs in my records remains at 16. At the West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers' Association there were only two instructors of Latin that showed, me and Nicoletta Villa Sella.

Our CAMWS membership has spiked this year. The primary reason for this is I have moved to a Loeb based curriculum in my upper division Classics courses. Students are encouraged to join CAMWS to get access to the Loeb-Online instead of purchasing the books. This worked well and we increased membership by 20 this year. I am a little uncomfortable with the ethics of this move, and perhaps it might be worth discussing at the VPs dinner in Lincoln.

The WV Junior Classical League is to hold their annual convention in a few weeks. Unlike in past years they have not applied for funding from CPL despite my encouragement.

Marshall is sending a contingent to perform a modernized version of *Pseudolus*, funded my MU Classics. Marshall will be bringing Alex Dressler for our spring speaker mid-March, and we are in process on the Maier Awards, an annual translation contest for high school students endowed by the Maier Foundation.

I am a bit concerned for the coming years in Classics. We had a retirement last year and though Humanities' proposal for a replacement made it up to the President's desk, with our new Provost we have not been approved for the position. At the moment we are two, and with a sabbatical cycle for each of us coming up, I worry that we will not have coverage for our classes. Nonetheless, *dum spiro spero*.