

CAMWS Regional Report 2017

Canada

This year in Canada we have been busy preparing to host the annual meeting in Kitchener April 5-8, 2017. This has provided opportunities to promote CAMWS membership and the work that CAMWS does for Classics at both the university and school levels. We were very pleased with the number of panel proposals submitted by Canadian colleagues and subsequently accepted, and we will have members from all three CAMWS provinces attending the meeting to give papers. The presence of the meeting has prompted a number of new CAMWS memberships and I am hopeful that the CAMWS meeting in Canada this year will have a positive impact on Canadian memberships going forward.

In Ontario, I have worked together with the President of the Ontario Classical Association (OCA), the CAMWS VP for Ontario Fanny Dolansky, and Tom Sienkewicz to create stronger ties between CAMWS and the OCA, as outlined in last year's report. The OCA will have a presence at the Kitchener meeting and I am hopeful that this will help the OCA to grow. This relationship is one I would like to foster further over the coming year. In Ontario, Fanny Dolansky reports that she has also noticed the increase in CAMWS memberships due to the meeting. She comments, however, that 'the number of faculty within the province who are members remains low', expressing the same concerns as last year that CAMWS can be perceived in Canada as an American organization. She suggests a tendency for Canadian faculty to join the Classical Association of Canada and the SCS, with less prominence given to CAMWS. These are no doubt challenges, but I remain hopeful that the meeting in Kitchener will have a positive impact on Canadian memberships beyond this year and I would encourage steps to emphasize the international American and Canadian character of CAMWS. I have, for example, been exploring one way in which CAMWS might better support Canadian financial participation in CAMWS: as it currently stands, CAMWS has status as a charitable organization in the United States, but not within Canada, with the result that Canadian residents who make a donation to CAMWS cannot receive a tax receipt.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan have much smaller numbers of classicists than Ontario, so memberships in those provinces understandably remain fewer than in Ontario. In Saskatchewan there are only a very few members and it is not expected that this will grow significantly, but the province is nonetheless active. The Saskatoon Latin School (founded in 2013) continues to promote Latin at the school level:

<http://www.saskatoonlatinschool.com/p/staff.html>

The director of this school, John Porter, is a faculty member at the University of Saskatchewan and CAMWS VP for the province. In Manitoba, Mike Sampson reports that their Latin challenge programme with Sisler High School is continuing successfully. The two Universities in Winnipeg, the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba also continue to have thriving Classics departments.

Respectfully submitted,

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