CAMWS SOUTHERN SECTION
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM
88th Anniversary Meeting

Proposal: “The 2008 National Latin Exam: Results and Revelations”

Abstract: This presentation seeks to make the National Latin and its results more meaningful and useful for Latin teachers and their students. The presenters will give general, background information about the NLE and then give specific information how these activities can be used in the classroom to assess, direct, and enrich student learning.

The National Latin Exam was given to over 135,000 Latin students in all fifty states and eleven foreign countries in 2008. What do the overall results tell us about the teaching and learning of Latin in the United States? Each teacher receives a printout detailing the percentage of his or her students who answered each question correctly. How can the teacher use this information to assess his or her own students? How can he or she use this information to improve his or her own teaching? We will present these topics as well as the National Latin Exam syllabus and its correlation to the national standards for Latin. Information will also be presented about the new Latin III exam being offered in 2009.

There will be plenty of handouts and opportunity for questions and discussion. There will also be door-prizes, including a copy of the Forum Romanum on DVD. This panel will be appropriate for all levels of instructors: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college/university.

Time Requested: 40 minutes

A/V Needs: digital projector