As we draw closer to the end of the year, there are two important things to keep in mind.

As always, you are reminded that the CAML membership year runs from January to December, and CAML renewals for 2005 are due by December 31st. Forms are available on the CAML Web site. An increase in dues was approved at the last AGM in Lethbridge, and this change is now reflected on the forms. While the increase may seem substantial, please remember that we have not had a fee increase in several years while costs have been rising. In comparison to most other professional associations, membership in CAML is still inexpensive and well worth the price!

The other thing to bear in mind this year-end is that December 31st is the early registration deadline for the 2005 conference. As you are probably aware, CAML members will be joining their MLA colleagues at their annual conference, to be held in Vancouver from February 16th to 20th. Check the CAML Web site under “Conference” for a link to the MLA Web site, which will provide additional information. Kirsten Walsh and Terry Homer from CAML have been working hard for a number of months on local arrangements for the Vancouver conference. We thank them for their efforts and look forward to this midwinter break.

The CAML Board met in Toronto on October 30th. We welcomed two new members: Lucinda Walls, of the University Queen’s, our new president...
members. Lucinda Walls from Queen's is our new President-Elect and Brian McMillan from McGill has taken over as Treasurer. The Board held discussions on various issues. Foremost among them were what we hope are the final revisions to the constitution and procedures manual, board restructuring, and updates to the CAML Web site, which is now being maintained by Erin Patterson from Acadia. We will be asking for your input and suggestions regarding these issues, and hope that you will take the time to think about them and to respond. In order for the Board to best serve the interests of our members, we need your input.

Best wishes for the holiday season and I hope to see many of you in Vancouver in February.

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