

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### MINUTES

#### **Board of Directors' Meeting--September 16, 2009**

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Other Board members and committee chairs present were: Kit Collier, Barbara Heck, Chuck Howard, Sheila Huddleston, Molly LeVan, Judge Cohn, John Farley, Jeff White, Kathryn Calibey, and Justice Zarella (ex officio).

Mr. Howard presented the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting. Mr. Collier moved that they be approved and Ms. Huddleston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Shea was not present, but the treasurer's report that he had prepared (a copy of which is attached) was presented and discussed. Mr. Howard moved that it be approved, and Mr. Collier seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved.

Ms. LeVan presented the report of the program committee, noting that Ms. Calibey had become a co-chair of the committee with her and Mr. White, replacing Mr. Shea, who has joined the Board. The committee recommended that the fall program consist of a program focusing on the Supreme Court building and that it be held on October 15, 2009 from 5- 7 PM. A copy of the committee's recommendation, listing the proposed speakers, is attached. After discussion, this recommendation was approved. Mr. Horton noted that he would not be present to preside, and Mr. Collier indicated that he also may also have a conflict with that evening. (Following the meeting, Mr. Howard agreed to represent the Society at the program.) Mr. Collier indicated that he would follow up with an invitation to the Hartford Architectural Conservancy, and the committee indicated that judges, justices, and law clerks would also be invited. Mr. Howard reminded the committee to forward any relevant materials from the program both to the archive committee and to the website committee.

Mr. White led a discussion of the possibilities for the Annual Meeting. All agreed with the observations by Mr. Horton and Mr. Collier that we would pay for a speaker who we thought was worth it but that if we did so, we should have rights to publish the remarks. No final decisions were made, but suggestions included Judge Calabresi, Wally Lamb, a program on Justice Swift, and Frank Williams, the recently retired Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Ms. Heck reported that a new chair of the archives committee will need to be found, as she has taken a position at the Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C., starting in January. Mr. Horton spoke for the rest of the Board and the committee chairs in thanking her for her good work for the Society and wishing her well. Various names

were mentioned for her replacement, and she and Judge Cohn agree to follow up with them to see if they would be willing to chair or co-chair the archives committee. Ms. Heck reminded all that any files that are no longer in active use can be forwarded to the archives committee.

Mr. Farley reported for the membership committee. We will begin sending notices for renewals in December. He inquired whether the renewals can be coordinated with the next edition of the Journal, but Ms. Huddleston indicated that the Journal would not be available in that timeframe. He said that the membership renewals may include the brochure. Suggestions were also made that the membership committee consider a short cover letter with bullet points on activities over the past year or possibly including an invoice for the renewal.

Mr. Horton reported that the restoration work on the Hamersley bas relief had been excellent. The program committee was urged to try to schedule a separate unveiling of it once a place has been found for it at the Supreme Court. Justice Zarella agreed to make comments at the occasion.

Ms. Huddleston reported on the Journal. She indicated that the Editorial Board had an article from Larry Goodheart and that they expected an article from Judge Cohn. The third article for the next edition of the Journal would be from Michelle Querijero, who just finished a clerkship for Justice Katz and who agreed to write an article on the continuing influence of Justice Swift in the modern day. Bruce Stark has agreed to write an article on the structure of the court system at the time of Justice Swift, including the type of records kept by the court. Mr. Horton agreed to write an article on the history of en banc panels of the court in light of the recent decision to hear cases en banc.

Mr. Collier reported that a new book by George Billias, *American Constitutionalism Heard Round the World, 1776-1789: A Global Perspective*, has just been published. He also raised the issue of the Society doing oral histories of living former justices. This idea was tabled for the agenda at our next meeting.

**The next meeting was scheduled for December 8, 2009 at 2:00 in the lawyer's lounge at the Supreme Court.**

There being no further business, Mr. Horton adjourned the meeting at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard,

Secretary

TO: CSCHS Board  
FROM: Program Committee  
DATE: September 16, 2009  
RE: Fall program suggestion

The committee has planned a program to be held in the Supreme Court building on Thursday, October 15, 2009, from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the lawyers' conference room first, followed by the program in the courtroom.

WHERE HISTORY IS MADE: A LOOK AT THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING

*Palace of Justice and Learning, Second to None Extant*  
A talk and visual presentation concerning the construction of the building by  
Virginia Apple, IT Communications and Web Content Editor,  
Connecticut Judicial Branch

And

David J. Corrigan, Museum Curator, Museum of Connecticut History,  
Connecticut State Library

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*This Truly Is a 'Supreme Courtroom'*  
A discussion concerning the interior decorations by  
James Senich, Manager of Communications, External Affairs,  
Connecticut Judicial Branch

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**Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society**  
**2009 Financial Accounting**

**September 15, 2009**

**I. Revenue**

Member Renewals(252):	\$ 6,585.00 (approx.)	52 Nonrenewals	(\$ 2,600.00)
New Memberships(7)	\$ 350.00		
Donations:	\$ 130.00		
	<u>\$ 7,065.00</u>		

**II. Events**

May 14 Annual Dinner Meeting:

Revenue:	\$ 7,129.42 (approx.)		
Expenses:	<u>(\$ 10,680.10)</u>		
		Caterer	\$ 4,897.00
		Law Tribune Ads	\$ 500.00
		Speaker's gift	\$ 283.10
		Speaker Honorarium	\$ 5,000.00
			<u>\$ 10,680.10</u>

**III. Other Expenses**

Volume III Publication	\$ 4,532.78
P.O. Box	\$ 96.00

Gross Revenue:	\$ 14,194.42
Expenses:	<u>(\$ 15,308.88)</u>

**IV. Net Income** \$ (1,114.46)

Account Balance: \$27,998.82