

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

### Board of Directors Meeting – January 6, 2014

President Wesley Horton called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the Supreme Court Lawyers Lounge. Others present were: Kathy Calibey, Judge Cohn, Prof. Collier, Greg D’Auria, John Farley, Chuck Howard, Judge Huddleston, Molly LeVan, Barbara Schellenberg, Jon Weiner, Mike Widener and Justice Zarella.

Mr. Howard moved the approval of the minutes of the Board’s September 11, 2013 meeting. Judge Cohn seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

President Horton welcomed Rebecca Taber-Conover from the Connecticut Old State House who provided information about “History Day in Connecticut,” a contest for high school students to be held in March and April, 2014 (judging sign-up form attached, which includes a listing of judging categories). President Horton indicated that prior to the meeting the Board had approved the appropriation of \$500 to go toward sponsoring a special prize recognizing a student who investigates a legal topic in this year’s contest. After discussion, and upon the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Widener, the Board modified its approval of the appropriation to include awards of \$300 and \$200 for high school seniors and juniors, respectively (for a total of \$500), without any limitation as to which judging category the award could be made to.

Mr. Howard circulated a Treasurer’s Report (attached). Prof. Collier moved acceptance of the report. Ms. Calibey seconded the motion and the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Judge Huddleston reported that the new issue of the Journal was in the process of being mailed and President Horton happily distributed copies to the Board.

Upon the motion of Ms. Calibey, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Board thanked Judge Huddleston for her efforts in publishing an excellent volume. Justice Zarella noted that when he began considering the idea of members of the bar and the community establishing this Society nearly a decade ago, he could not have imagined that it would at this stage be generating scholarship of the quality that the Board of Editors has consistently published. Mr. Howard particularly noted Atty. Zeldes’ posthumously published article in the Journal.

President Horton then noted Mr. Besso’s report (attached) for the Board of Editors concerning plans for a volume regarding Cologne v. Westfarms Mall.

Mr. Widener reported that he had looked through some of the archives in the state museum, and will work with Mr. Besso on an exhibit regarding Cologne.

Ms. LeVan for the Programs Committee recapped the Fall Program held in October, 2013, commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the Connecticut Appellate Court. Everyone agreed that this was a very successful program. Justice Zarella's narration of a film depicting the remodeling of the building and Justice Borden's discussion of the Appellate Court in its infancy were cited as highlights.

Ms. LeVan also noted that on January 30, 2014, the Society would co-host a reception in honor of the publication of Judge Cohn's and Attorney Tarr's article in the Quinnipiac Law Review entitled: "Raymond E. Baldwin: Senator to Judge, 1949-1950." The Quinnipiac Law Review, the Connecticut Judicial Branch and the Connecticut State Library will also serve as hosts. (flyer attached)

Ms. Calibey reported that the Programs Committee had had discussions with Profs. Resnick and Curtis about speaking at the Society's annual meeting, and also discussed the possibility of coordinating the Fall, 2014 program with the publication of the Journal. President Horton commented upon the high quality programs the Programs Committee has consistently delivered to the membership

Mr. Farley reported for the Finance Committee that the renewal of membership process was moving along smoothly thanks to Mr. Howard's efforts, and that the Society is close to making on-line registration and renewal possible through PayPal.

Mr. Horton asked Mr. Horton, Judge Cohn and Prof. Collier to serve as the Nominating Committee to make recommendations to the Board at the next meeting to fill any upcoming vacancies on the Board.

**Mr. Horton noted that the next meeting of the Board would take place on April 29, 2014 at 5:00, just before the Society's Annual Dinner. Preceding the meeting and the dinner, Mr. Widener will lead a tour of artifacts in the Yale Law Library's Rare Book Room, at 3:30.**

Upon motion of Ms. LeVan, seconded by Mr. D'Auria, the Board voted to adjourn at 2:53.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory T. D'Auria  
Secretary

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Occupation/ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. At which Contest would you like to judge? (please check)**

*District Contests: Saturdays in March*

- Hartford: March 8, Capitol Community College
- Fairfield March 15, Fairfield University
- Manchester: March 15, Manchester High School
- New Haven: March 22, Wilbur Cross High School
- Mansfield: March 22, Mansfield Middle School
- Torrington: March 29, Torrington High School

*State Contest: Saturday April 26*

- Central Connecticut State University, New Britain

**2. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of judging category.**

- Historical Papers       Group Performance       Group Exhibits       Individual Exhibits
- Group Websites       Individual Documentary       Individual Performance
- Group Documentary       Special Awards       Individual Website

**3. Please indicate your division preference:**

- Junior       Senior

**4. Have you participated as a History Day judge before? If so, when and for how many years?**

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*Please send your completed form to the State Coordinator:*

*Email*

Rebecca.Taber-Conover@cga.ct.gov

*Mail*

Connecticut's Old State House  
800 Main Street, Hartford, CT, 06103

*Fax*

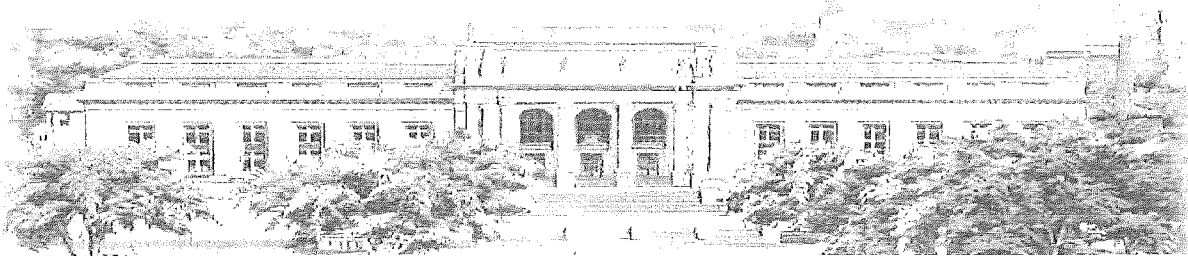
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Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society  
Financial Accounting  
As of January 6, 2014

OPENING BALANCE (as of 9/06/13):	49,337.65
REVENUE:	
Memberships - Deposits 12/10-12/27/13	5,425.00
Memberships - Deposit 1/6/14	<u>1,125.00</u>
	<u>6,550.00</u>
EXPENSES:	
ACLU/Retrieval of File: Cologne v. Westfarms	50.00
Fall Dinner/Café Louise Catering, 10/28/13	740.00
The CT Law Tribune/Ads for 10/14 & 10/21 Fall Program, 10/28/13	500.00
Western Newspaper Publishing/Journal Vol. 6, 1/3/14	<u>3,465.56</u>
	<u>4,755.56</u>
OTHER:	
Banking Fee 08/08/13	24.00
Transfer to PayPal Account for testing, 10/01/13	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>34.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	<u><u>51,098.09</u></u>

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# Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society



To: CSCHS Board of Directors  
From: Michael Besso  
Subject: Report from Board of Editors  
Date: January 6, 2014

On behalf of the Board of Editors, I provide the following report. The Board of Editors' principal activities over the last several months have centered on the planned journal issue topic of *Cologne v. Westfarms*. First, board members are developing material for the journal: essays on the trial level activity, on the Supreme Court decision, on the context and significance of the decision over time; one additional essay will describe a Connecticut episode of contested political speech two centuries ago.

Second, board member Don Rogers has been working closely with the ACLU-CT to review its trial level material. Not only will this provide information to assist the writing of the essay on trial level activity, but Dr. Rogers will be able to assist our archivist with the development of a static display at the Supreme Court. Please see the attached e-mail from Dr Rogers – I am sure you will agree, as I have emphasized in the past, that the Society is extremely fortunate to have such a highly qualified and hard-working contributor.

Third, I have been working on the related interview project. We have agreements from both Professor Martin Margulies (for the plaintiffs) and Attorney Dombroff (for the mall) to participate in interviews. Regarding the administration of the interviews, Dan Klau has agreed to meet with me to discuss how to conduct these – he worked with the CBA appellate committee to execute the interviews of state justices and judges on the topic of appellate advocacy. I am awaiting a response from Attorney Klau on when we can meet.

On a separate matter, we have been working with EBSCO – with the *pro bono* assistance of Day Pitney – to discuss terms for including the journal in one or more online databases. We are not bound to any agreement with EBSCO at this point; once we have a final proposal for the terms, I will present this to the Board of Directors for its consideration.

from: donald rogers <donrogershistorian@yahoo.com>  
to: Michael Besso <michael.besso@gmail.com>  
date: Sun, Jan 5, 2014 at 11:02 AM  
subject: CvWF Update

Happy New Year Mike,

Touching base on my side of the Cologne v. Westfarms project for CSCH, I just want to let you know that I finished my work with the ACLU files (over a month ago), and have catalogued them on four DVD discs for yours and the Board of Editors' use.

This was a great deal of work, particularly the cataloging, which I have done by placing various groups of filings in labeled folders arranged chronologically by date on the DVDs. Martin Margulies also sent me a few hardcopy items that were not in the ACLU files, so I went ahead and photographed them and synthesized them into the larger ACLU collection on the DVDs. I have also placed the half dozen key law journal articles in a folder on the last disc, including those from the symposium on interpreting the Connecticut state constitution featured in the Connecticut Law Review in 1984. That is, except for Margulies's cheerful (but ultimately rejected) 1982 Bridgeport Law Review analysis that came shortly after Bieluch's ruling, which I placed on the first DVD with the rest of the Cologne I files. This departs somewhat from the organization of the ACLU records (many of whose labels had fallen off), and it may not entirely be "lawyerly," but I tried to organize the material in the most intelligible way for users to navigate their way through it. This is not everything in the case, but is most of it, I think. The key briefs are all there, as far as I can tell.

As for me, I have printed out all Hartford Courant articles on the case for my own use (several dozens), and am finally studying the substance of the story by working my way slowly through the news articles side-by-side my examination of the court filings now compiled on the DVDs. I hope soon also to peruse the Connecticut Law Tribune for articles, as well.

Having done all of this, I request the privilege of contributing an article to the CSCH volume. As the historian, I would propose a "political" narrative of case, looking at it as a kind of strategic public interest litigation in the context of shifting legal treatment of speech in public forums. Such an overview, I suggest, might be useful to set up and provide the historical context for other articles that may focus more on the constitutional principles and legal parameters of the case. I have many ideas as to how those other articles might be organized, and about how a public display might be created and what we can put in it. If you and the editors agree that I can contribute a piece, I would request permission to reach out to some of surviving players in the story (mainly on the NOW/CCLU side) for informational interviews.

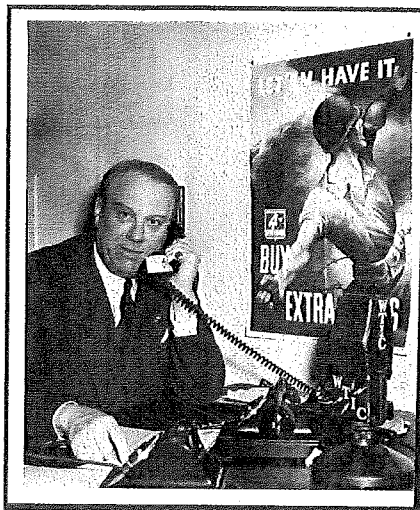
It has been my pleasure to work on this case, and I look forward to helping make the next issue of CSCH on CvWF a big success.

Cheers for the new year,

Don Rogers  
Member, CSCH BOE  
Adjunct Lecturer in History  
Central Connecticut State U  
Housatonic Community College

## Reception in Honor of the Publication of *Raymond E. Baldwin: Senator to Judge, 1949-1950*

Written by the Honorable Henry S. Cohn and Adam Tarr, Esq.  
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Photograph of Governor Baldwin, PG 046, Connecticut During World War II,  
1941-1949, Box 1, Folder 7, Connecticut State Archives  
(urging listeners over WTIC Radio to buy war bonds).  
Courtesy of Connecticut State Library, State Archives.

Hosted by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society, the Quinnipiac Law Review, the Connecticut Judicial Branch, and the Connecticut State Library.

Thursday, January 30, 2014  
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Memorial Hall, Connecticut State Library  
235 Capital Avenue, Hartford CT

Light refreshments. Brief remarks at 4:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to [lawreview@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:lawreview@quinnipiac.edu) by Friday, January 24, 2014.