

# **SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board of Directors Meeting—January 8, 2008**

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Board members and committee chairs present included Kit Collier, Chuck Howard, Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, John Farley, Jeff White, Molly LeVan, Michael Shea, and Mike Besso.

Approval of the minutes for September 11, 2007, was postponed since Ms. Heck took minutes in the absence of Mr. Howard and the minutes have not been distributed.

Mr. Groark presented a year end treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. The board then discussed the report and its implications on non-renewals and the mailing of the second edition of the Journal. The consensus was that once the second volume of the Journal is mailed, Mr. Horton and Mr. Farley will meet to review the renewals and send out renewal letters as appropriate. All members for 2007 will receive a copy of the Journal. The treasurer's report was accepted without objection.

Mr. Collier reported on the joint conference with ASHE in November. The feeling of those who attended was that it was an excellent program, resulting in the second largest attendance at an ASHE program. Mr. D'Auria inquired whether there were any materials produced in connection with the conference that could be posted on the web, and it was agreed that Mr. D'Auria would follow up to see if there were any such materials.

Mr. Besso presented a preliminary copy of the second edition of the Journal, featuring a picture of the new Chief Justice, Chief Justice Peters, and the Governor. The Journal should be mailed shortly to the membership. He anticipates the cost will be in the low three thousand dollar range. His committee's plans for 2008 include a desire to obtain some biographical articles and possibly articles on the bicentennial of the Supreme Court. He also raised the question of the Society undertaking an oral history project, which led to a discussion of other oral history projects, including three at Yale and one involving women in the law. Mr. D'Auria raised the question of whether former justices, who still may be hearing cases, would be willing to participate in such a program. Ms. LeVan agreed to forward information the women in the law project to Mr. Besso, and Mr. Horton will make inquires about the willingness of former justices to participate.

Mr. D'Auria reported that the website is up to date on activities and archives. He is still looking to the board and committees for help with content for the website. He also raised the question of publicity of the great success of the Society and some of

our activities, and he agreed to follow up with Melissa Farley to discuss publicity for the June event and the Society generally. Mr. Collier also suggested that they consider coordinating the materials contained in the display tables in the foyer.

Mr. Farley reported that there were 177 members as of November 15, 2007. As indicated above, he will meet with Mr. Horton to prepare a solicitation to non-renewals once the second edition of the Journal is mailed.

Mr. Horton reported that Linda Greenhouse had confirmed her attendance at the dinner on June 6<sup>th</sup> (a Friday) for the celebration of the bicentennial of the Supreme Court, which will be held at the Hartford Club. He also reported that the Court was not willing to participate in a skit that reprised a famous Supreme Court case. After discussion led by Mr. White and Mr. Shea, it was agreed that the program be on the same day rather than a different day of that week, but that it might begin mid to late afternoon so that it could run into the dinner. Mr. White's suggestion that we might ask for a proclamation from the Governor was seen as a good idea. It was agreed that the Governor would be invited to make some comments at the afternoon session and would be invited to attend the dinner. Mr. Horton indicated that some of the justices may like to make some comments, and he would follow up on that front. A suggestion that there may be a photo opportunity or a recognition possibility for former justices was seen as a good idea. Mr. Besso raised the question of whether some steps could be taken with respect to the Superior Court's schedule to permit trial judges to attend. It was agreed that it was not necessary to send a post card invitation to the event; email will do fine.

Mr. Howard reported that Mr. D'Auria's term on the board expires in 2008 and that the by-laws called for an annual meeting in April for the election of board members and officers. Mr. Horton appointed Mr. Howard and Mr. Groark to be a nominating committee. **Anyone with suggestions for the nominating committee should contact either Mr. Howard or Mr. Groark.**

**The next meeting of the board was set for 2:00 in the Lawyers' Lounge of the Supreme Court for April 8, 2008.**

There being no further business of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Charles L. Howard  
Secretary

**Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society**  
**2007 Financial Accounting**

**January 8, 2008**

**I. Revenue**

Member Renewals:	\$ 4,500.00 <sup>1</sup>		
		29 Nonrenewals	(\$ 1,450.00)
New Memberships:	\$ 2,575.00		
Donations:	\$ 260.00		
Firm Donations:	<u>\$ 750.00</u>		
	<u>\$ 8,082.00</u>		

**II. Events**

May 10 Dinner:

Revenue:	\$ 6,345.00 <sup>2</sup>		
Expenses:	<u>\$ 6,461.93</u>		
	(\$ 114.93)	Caterer	\$ 5,276.93
		Law Tribune Ads	\$ 1,000.00
		Plaque	<u>\$ 185.00</u>
			<u>\$ 6,461.93</u>

October 11 Meeting

Revenue:	\$ 0		
Expenses:	<u>(\$ 1,709.50)</u>		
		Caterer	\$ 1,209.50
		Law Tribune Ads	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
			<u>(\$ 1,709.50)</u>

**III. Other Expenses**

Publishing for Journal:	\$ 2,727.18		
Donation to Assoc. for the Study of Connecticut History:	\$ 500.00		
P.O. Box	<u>\$ 50.00</u>		
	<u>\$ 3,277.18</u>		

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<sup>1</sup> \$5,700 (2006)

<sup>2</sup> \$4,090 (expenses for '06)

**IV. Net Income** \$ 2,978.39

Gross Revenue: \$ 14,427.00  
Expenses: (\$ 11,448.61)

Approximate Account Balance: \$21,583.13