

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORIAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 27, 2006

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Board members present included Tom Groark and Chuck Howard. Also present were Jeff White, Michael Shea, Barbara Heck, and Mike Besso.

Mr. Groark moved the approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2006 Board meeting, and Mr. Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved. Mr. Groark moved the approval of the minutes of the Second Open Meeting of February 16, 2006, and Mr. Howard seconded the motion with the observation that the date on the minutes needed to be corrected. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Mr. Horton congratulated Mr. White and Mr. Shea for their work in organizing the February 16 Open Meeting. All who attended thought it was a success.

Mr. Shea reported on the May 16 annual meeting at the New Haven Lawn Club: cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and the Program Committee has been in touch with Professor Amar on the topic of his presentation. The committee is considering a cost of \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members, but it was agreed that the Board will leave the pricing of the dinner to the committee. The committee will be meeting this week and will follow up on details relating to invitations and publicity. Mr. Horton indicated that he would ask his assistant to make available the email list they have compiled and Mr. Groark suggested the Connecticut Bar Association should also be able to provide an email list.

Mr. Groark presented the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. The account balance as of 2/27/06 is 4,212.17.

Mr. Besso presented a report from the Publications Committee, a copy of which is attached. The committee recommended that it be reorganized as a Board of Editors, and Mr. Groark put this recommendation in the form of a motion. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion was approved so that the former Publications Committee will become a Board of Editors and Members. The sense of the Board was that the Member category would provide an opportunity for newer people to participate and demonstrate interest for the Board of Editors. The

Board asked Mr. Besso to serve as Editor. The Board deferred action on the name of the journal and urged Mr. Besso to explore ways of publishing it electronically to save money.

Ms. Heck gave a report for the Archives Committee. Her committee now has approximately 15 people, 8 of whom attending the last committee meeting. She has taken a tour with the State Archivist, and several members of the committee would like a similar tour. Her committee has discussed the finding aids on the State website and is contemplating dividing the state into geographical areas for further work by committee members to research other finding aids and to explore what other archival resources may exist.

Mr. Howard reported on the tax advice he received following the January meeting. He indicated that the tax lawyers at his firm said that the Society could recognize and thank donors in a publication but that it should not sell advertisements as it may result in unrelated business income. Mr. Howard indicated that he would convey this information to Mr. Farley.

The next Board meeting was set for May 2, 2006 for the Lawyers' Lounge at the Supreme Court.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard, Secretary

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
Treasurer's Report - February 27, 2006

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| Members' fees/donations: | 5,110.00 |
| Banking Interest: | <u>0.64</u> |
| | 5,110.64 |
| Banking fees: | 75.32 |
| Checks Written: | |
| #0991 (Law Tribune ads) | 500.00 |
| #0992 (Alex Catering for mtg.) | <u>323.15</u> |
| Balance as of 2/27/06 | <u><u>4,212.17</u></u> |

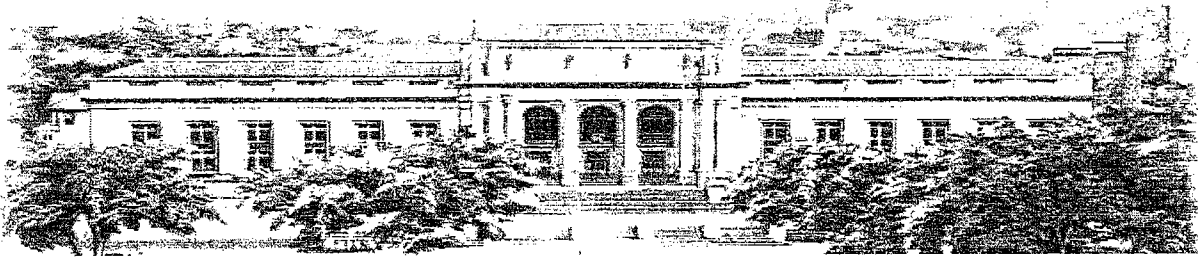
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As of February 27, 2006**

| Donations | Members | |
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| | Wystan M. Ackerman | Robinson & Cole LLP |
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| | Sheila A. Huddleston | Shipman & Goodwin |
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Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society



To: CSCHS Board of Directors
From: Michael Besso
Subject: Report from Publications Committee
Date: February 27, 2006

The Publications Committee held its second meeting on February 22, 2006. In this meeting, those present agreed on a number of important matters, which I present to the Board of Directors for its consideration and, if necessary, approval.

Organization: Board of Editors

The Publications Committee agreed that it ought to reorganize itself as a Board of Editors, and with this reorganization, there are two directions to take regarding the Publications Committee. In either case, the Committee recommends that the Board of Directors appoint an Editor and approve the reorganization of the existing Publications Committee as a Board of Editors. The Editor would then approve the selection of persons to the Board of Editors. The Editor would remain directly responsible to the Board of Directors.

From this point, the Publications Committee can cease to exist. All persons who are involved with the Society's publications would perform their duties as members of the Board of Editors. In the alternative, the Publications Committee can co-exist alongside the Board of Editors. The co-existence would not reflect a functional difference between the two entities, but rather a hierarchical difference, for the purpose of managing personnel. That is, given the regular addition of persons who are Society members and who also express an interest in publications, it might be appropriate to allow them to begin their involvement through the Committee and then, following actual commitment and work on behalf of the enterprise, the Editor can add that person to the Board of Editors.

Note that, under the Board of Editors organization, the Committee does not recommend any formal sub-appointments to specific editorial positions -- that is, no formalized "associate editor," "article editor," and so on. Rather, all those on the Board of Editors would merely be identified as such -- specific tasking for work carried out by the Board of Editors would take place among the Board. For example, as I describe below, the Board will have two committees, with committee chairs, but there is no need to formalize the titles of these positions.

Organization: Specialized Committees

Assuming the reorganization of the Publications Committee into an Editor and Board of Editors, the Board of Editors has developed two committees, or working groups, to focus on each of the two important aspects of producing a journal: a committee on content (substance, including long-range planning for solicitation of articles); a committee on publication (mechanics, including printing matters, indexing, legal issues regarding publication, and so on). Sheila Huddleston has agreed to lead the content committee, and Donald Rogers has agreed to lead the publication committee.

Journal Name

This is an open issue. Our group thought that something as simple as Journal of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society would be appropriate. We agreed, however, that the ultimate decision ought to come from the Board of Directors.

First Issue

The following reflects our current position about the content for the first issue:

- Inaugural Matter. This will essentially memorialize the creation of the Society. This might include written remarks by Wes Horton (as the Society's President), written transcription of remarks by Justice Peters (made at the first meeting), a reprint of the act of incorporation, and so on. We also discussed and approved the idea of soliciting brief, written remarks by prominent historians on the importance of court historical societies. For example, I intend to contact Melvin Urofsky, a historian and editor of the Journal of Supreme Court History. There is no assurance of the response, but we do like this idea.

- Main Article. We continue to work on identifying an author to prepare and submit an article on the 1806 statutory independence of the state's high court. I am in regular communication with Christopher Collier on this.

- Additional Matter. The content committee will work on material for this portion of our journal. This might include a work on Zephaniah Swift that Colin Tait would like to submit -- a brief biographical sketch -- reprints of the 1806 statute and 1818 constitutional provision regarding the state's high court, and summaries of the programming events from the previous year (e.g., summaries of presentations by Wes Horton, Jon Blue, and Akil Amar). The content committee will likely develop additional material.

Costs

Preliminary investigation reveals a cost, for one similar journal, of about 4 cents per page per issue copy. For example, the Association for the Study of Connecticut History prints 600 issue copies of its journal, of 200 pages each, for \$3000 (plus extra for layout and mailing). These costs likely reflect some "economy of scale," so a smaller print run might entail slightly larger cost per page. We assume that our first issue will consist of anywhere from fifty to one hundred pages. We will continue to investigate this.

Judge Thomas Bishop has been exploring the possibility of using the Connecticut Office of Legal Publications for printing. Even if this were a viable resource, there would still be costs associated with publishing through COLP.

Regarding the actual contract(s) for layout, printing, and mailing, the Board, in time, will either have to approve these contracts or to delegate the approval authority to the journal's editors.

Note: One of our committee members (Joseph Scully) has done some excellent research into publication issues by investigating the status of the Massachusetts high court society. The news from Massachusetts is not good -- this year it will publish the tenth and last of its journal issues, because of a lack of funding. Consider this quote from Joe's message to me:

[The Massachusetts society] strongly recommends that we attempt to secure as much funding as possible now while there is momentum for the Society. She said that they never expected to have problems publishing the SJC Journal when they first started because they believed that the enthusiasm of the initial group of members would build over time. However, over time, they came to realize that law firms were less interested in supporting a historical organization than they were in marketing interests.

Next Meeting

The committee will meet next on April 26, 2006.