

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting--March 31, 2009

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Other Board members and committee chair present were; Judge Cohn, Sheila Huddleston, Molly LaVan, John Farley, Kit Collier, Greg D'Auria, Chuck Howard, and Justice Zarella (ex officio).

Mr. Horton announced that Mike Besso had resigned as editor of the Journal and that Sheila Huddleston had agreed to be Editor-in-Chief and Judge Cohn had agreed to be Deputy Editor-in-Chief. Mr. Horton also distributed an email from Mr. Besso (copy attached) indicating that he would complete the work for the 2008 edition (volume 3) and suggesting a theme for volume 4 relating to Chief Justice Swift. Mr. Horton suggested, and everyone concurred, that Ms. Huddleston and Judge Cohn consult with Prof. Colin Tait on the Swift theme and then proceed as they determine best with volume 4. If they would like law clerks to undertake some research, they should coordinate that with Justice Zarella.

Justice Zarella reported that the Hamersley bronze restoration was approved, and when completed, would be located in the lobby of the Supreme Court building.

Mr. Collier reported on his communications with EBSCO concerning adding the Journal to the EBSCO database. He indicated that this database is used by academic researchers, highly regarded, and includes virtually all academic journals, so it would be advantageous for the Society to participate in order to increase the likelihood that researchers will refer to the material in our Journals. There is no charge, and in fact royalties may be paid to the CSCHS. A motion to approve participation in the EBSCO database was seconded and approved. Mr. Collier also reported on the production of the CD's on the Bibliography of Early American Law.

The Minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors was approved on a motion made by Mr. D'Auria and seconded by Mr. Howard.

Mr. Horton reported that Mr. Lemega had agreed to serve as a committee chair to work with high school students but could not be present due to a family emergency. He had no report, but Mr. Horton will follow up with him.

Ms. LaVan reported on the arrangements for the annual dinner meeting at the New Haven Lawn Club on the evening of May 14, 2009. Professor Gordon Wood of Brown University has agreed to speak on the Origins of American Constitutionalism. She indicated that Jeff White had made arrangements for notices to be placed in the Connecticut Law Tribune. She also reported on arrangements with the New Haven Bar Association to exhibit panels that had been prepared by that bar association for their tercentenary. There will also be available for purchase a book on the history of the New Have Bar by Robert Cavanaugh. Mr. Horton will introduce the president and executive director of the New Haven bar, and they will be presented with CSCHS paperweights. Robinson & Cole had agreed to prepare the program as it did last year.

John Farley reported on membership that renewal letters had been sent out in December and, as of last week, 112 members had renewed. There are 82 non-renewing members who will receive follow up letters. It was agreed that invitations to the annual dinner should be sent out to both present and former members.

Mr. Howard reported the status of officers and directors. Mr. Horton and Prof. Collier's terms as Directors expire this year. Mr. Howard and Mr. Groark (subsequently changed to Mr. D'Auria by Mr. Horton) were selected as a nominating committee for both board members and officers.

Mr. Howard also reported that he would follow up on the filing of appropriate tax return documents.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board would be at 5:00 PM, prior to the annual meeting dinner, on May 14, 2009

On a motion by Mr. Collier and seconded by Mr. Howard, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles L. Howard