

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

Board of Director's Meeting—April 8, 2008

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. Board members and committee chairs present included Kit Collier, Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, Chuck Howard, Molly LeVan, Barbara Heck, and Justice Zarella (ex officio).

Ms. Heck showed various photographs of members of the Supreme Court she had brought from archives, and raised the question of whether we should have copies made to exhibit for some of our activities. The board authorized her to spend up to \$200 for copies of these or other photographs arranged on the walls on the second floor of the Supreme Court Building.

Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Groark reported that the Society had \$24,477.96 in its account. Since the beginning of January, we have received \$6,910 in dues. Mr. Horton stated that he had mailed "save the date" notices to all "members," including those who had renewed their memberships and those who had not, to notify them of the upcoming 200th Anniversary Celebration.

Mr. Howard presented the report of the Nominating Committee on officers and the single vacancy on the Board of Directors. Mr. Howard moved, and Mr. Groark seconded, the nomination of Mr. Horton as President, Mr. Collier as Vice President, Mr. Groark as Treasurer, Mr. D'Auria as Assistant Treasurer, and Mr. Howard as Secretary. All voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Howard moved, and Mr. Groark seconded, the nomination of Mr. D'Auria for a three year term as a director. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. LeVan presented information on the events scheduled for June 6th. There will be an afternoon program at the Supreme Court with speakers on various topics that is still being finalized. Justice Zarella reported that we are still waiting to hear whether Governor Rell will be attending. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 at The Hartford Club, followed by dinner at 6:30. Linda Greenhouse has agreed to be the dinner speaker.

Mr. D'Auria reported that biographies and obituaries of various Justices have now been added to the website. He is hoping to introduce a new feature in the near future: a short essay on a monthly basis on a case of historic significance. Mr. Howard suggested that he investigate whether an email could be sent to those who sign up to inform them of each new matter. Mr. Horton indicated that he was appointing Mike Taylor of his office to take responsibility for this initiative.

Justice Zarella questioned Mr. Howard on the deposit of Minutes with the Supreme Court, and Mr. Howard indicated that he was under the impression that this was already happening but would double check to make sure. Justice Zarella also reported on the topic Ms. Greenhouse on which Ms. Greenhouse is expected to speak, and the board decided that Mr. Horton should give her a call with suggestions on how to make the topic more relevant to Connecticut and the Connecticut Constitution. Mr. Horton will also send her copies of the first two editions of the Society's Journal.

After discussion, Ms. LeVan agreed that she would investigate the possibility of having a table at The Hartford Club at the dinner with books that may be of interest to those attending. There was also a discussion on press coverage for the dinner, and Mr. D'Auria agreed to coordinate publicity with Melissa Farley of the Judicial Branch. The board authorized Ms. LeVan to coordinate with Ms. Farley to permit up to six reporters to attend the dinner gratis.

The **next board meeting** was scheduled for June 3 at 2:00PM in the Lawyers' Lounge at the Supreme Court [Due to conflicts, this time was subsequently rescheduled for **Monday, June 2, 2008 at 2:00 PM** in the same location.]

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard