

**Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Board of Directors
Minutes of April 29, 2014 Meeting
New Haven Lawn Club, New Haven, Connecticut**

Attending:

Board: W. Horton, C. Collier, C. Howard, K. Calibey, B. Schellenberg, H. Cohn, P. Zarella, S. Huddleston, M. Widener, J. Weiner, J. Farley, J. Babbin, J. White

President Horton called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Ms. Calibey moved the approval of the minutes of the Board's January 6, 2014 meeting. Mr. Weiner seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Howard circulated a Treasurer's Report and reported that the Society has approximately \$60,000 on account. Mr. Howard also reported that the Society is having a good membership year. Mr. Babbin moved acceptance of the report. Judge Cohn seconded the motion, and the Treasurer's report was approved.

Mr. Howard also reported on the review of the Society's financial records by an independent accounting firm. All was found to be in good order.

Mr. Howard, as chair of the Nominating Committee, commented on that committee's April 29, 2014 report, which was circulated prior to the meeting. Judge Huddleston moved the approval of the recommendation on page 2 of that report (namely re-electing Howard for a 3 year term (and ratifying his service over the past year) and re-electing Calibey and LeVan for 3 year terms as Class B directors). Mr. Widener seconded the motion, and the recommendation on page 2 of the report was approved. Mr. Howard also moved that the Board re-elect the current officers in their current roles as described in page 3 of the Nominating Committee report. Mr. Babbin seconded the motion, and this action was approved.

Mr. Widener discussed his presentation at the Yale Law Library, which preceded the Board Meeting.

Mr. White and Ms. Calibey discussed the details of the 2014 Annual Meeting. In addition, there was discussion about planning the 2014 Fall Program and 2015 Annual Meeting. Judge Cohn commented on the program concerning Raymond E. Baldwin, which was held on January 30, 2014 at the Connecticut State Library. Finally, the sentiment of the Board was that the Society has resources available to properly commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Society in 2015.

Mr. Weiner reported on the possible production of a documentary describing the *Cologne v. West Farms* case. Mr. Weiner stated that he had been in contact with Central Connecticut State University and West Hartford Community TV. After considering the costs of such a program, the Board decided to defer any action on this issue until after the Fall program.

President Horton reported on the outcome of the History Day in Connecticut contest. The Board previously approved an appropriation of \$500 to go towards sponsoring awards of \$300 and \$200 for high school senior and juniors respectively. President Horton has requested copies of the winning papers.

Mr. Farley reported that membership in the Society is up 10-15%.

President Horton noted that the next meeting of the Board will take place on September 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court Lawyer's lounge.

Upon motion by Mr. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Board voted to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jeffrey J. White

Jeffrey J. White
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
Financial Accounting
As of 04/25/14

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| OPENING BALANCE (as of 1/07/14): | \$ 51,098.09 |
| REVENUE: | |
| Memberships - Deposit 1/14/14 | 2,550.00 |
| Memberships - Deposit 1/24/14 | 1,700.00 |
| Memberships - Deposit 1/30/14 | 425.00 |
| Memberships - Deposit 2/24/14 | 425.00 |
| Memberships - Deposit 3/24/14 | 550.00 |
| Memberships - Deposit 3/28/14 | 1,250.00 |
| Memberships/Annual Meeting - Deposit 4/7/14 | 1,675.00 |
| Memberships/Annual Meeting Registration - Deposit 4/17/14 | 3,790.00 |
| | <u>12,365.00</u> |
| EXPENSES: | |
| CT Law Tribune/Online Ad for Fall Program, 10/28/13 | 152.25 |
| Melissa A. Farley/Reimbursement for Baldwin Reception Refreshments | 140.38 |
| NHLC Catering/Annual Dinner 4/29/14 Deposit | 2,500.00 |
| Levin, Bengston & Smith P.C./Review of Accounting Records 02/27/14 | 825.00 |
| | <u>3,617.63</u> |
| OTHER: | |
| Transfer to PayPal Account to cover banking fees 1/8/14 | <u>100.00</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE: | <u>\$ 59,745.46</u> |

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CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTOICAL SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 29, 2014

The Nominating Committee of Chuck Howard (Chair), Kit Collier, and Judge Cohn communicated by email on several occasions and submits this report for the nomination of directors and officers for the Society. In the course of investigating whose terms were expiring and who might be considered for renomination, we came to the conclusion that we likely erred in the past in electing some board members from the wrong class of directors and last year did not reelect one director (Chuck Howard) whose term expired but who has continued to serve as a director (and Treasurer).

Board of Directors

Before presenting our recommendations for election to the Board of Directors, we believe it would be helpful to provide a brief summary of what we reconstructed about the election of directors from the minutes of the Society from prior years:

5/14/09:

Horton and Collier [**Class A**] were elected for 3 year terms.

5/11/10:

Howard and Shea [**Class B**] were elected for 3 year terms.

5/12/11:

Huddleston and D'Auria [**Class C**] were elected for 3 year terms.

5/10/12:

Horton and Collier [**Class A**] were elected for 3 year terms.

Additional directors were also added in 2012:

Babbin, Farley, and Widner were elected for 3 year terms as **Class A** directors;

Calibey and LeVan were elected for 2 year terms as **Class B** directors;
and

Cohn and White were elected for 1 year terms as **Class C** directors.

5/2/13:

Cohn, D'Auria, Huddleston, and White [all supposedly Class C directors] for 3 year terms.

Additional directors Shellenberger and Frederick were added, but no reference was made as to which class, so presumably they were elected to 3 year terms.

The problem: Howard, whose previous term began in 2010, should have been re-elected in 2013, and Huddleston and D'Auria who were previously re-elected in 2011 still had one year left on their terms. We concluded that the problem arose when we assigned the terms and classes to the directors in 2012, because the directors with 1 year should have been Class B (with Howard); those with 2 years should have been Class C (with Huddleston and D'Auria) and those with 3 year terms should have been Class A (with Horton and Collier). Also, with Shea's resignation and the election of Shellenberger and Frederick without slotting into a class, we have unbalanced classes of terms.

Our recommendation to restore order is that we do the following:

Re-elect Howard for a 3 year term (and ratify his service over the past year); and

Re-elect Calibey and LeVan for 3 year terms as Class B directors.

In addition to considering the renomination of current directors, the Nominating Committee considered adding additional board members to increase the diversity on the Board. At the suggestion of Wes Horton, Proloy Das was approached about becoming a director, but he declined the invitation.

If we take the recommended action, we will have the following:

Class A directors: Horton, Collier, Babbins, Farley and Widner-- whose current terms will end in 2015;

Class C directors: Cohn, D'Auria, Huddleston, White, Shellenberger and Frederick-- whose current terms will end in 2016; and

Class B directors: Howard, Calibey, and LeVan-- whose terms would end in 2017.

If we want to rebalance the classes further, we could give a shorter term to a couple of people in future years so that another couple of directors are added to Class B.

Officers

We recommend that we continue the current officers continue in their positions:

President--Wes Horton

Vice President--Kit Collier

Secretary--Greg D'Auria

Treasurer--Chuck Howard

Assistant Treasurer--Jeff White.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Howard

Kit Collier

Henry Cohn