

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 2, 2006

President Horton called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Board members present included Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, Kit Collier, and Chuck Howard. Justice Zarella and Committee Chairs Jeff White, Michael Shea, Barbara Heck, and John Farley were also in attendance.

Mr. Horton moved the approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2006 Board meeting, and Mr. Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved. Mr. Groark indicated that he did not have a Treasurer's report but that there would be sufficient funds for the Annual Dinner meeting on May 16.

Mr. Farley reported on the activities of the Membership Committee. Letters were sent to the managing partners of approximately 40 law firms in the state soliciting contributions for the Society. The firms were asked to contribute \$2,500 each, and the goal is to raise at least \$50,000. Mr. Farley reported that the committee is filling out, with two liaisons from the Program Committee recently joining the committee. He hopes that he will get a liaison from the Archives and Program Committees. There was also a suggestion that he make contacts with the business and in-house counsel communities for additional support.

Mr. Shea and Mr. White reported on the status of the May 16 annual meeting at the New Haven Lawn Club. They reported close to 50 affirmative responses to the dinner. Arrangements have been made for a gift for Prof. Amar, and there may be an opportunity for a book signing. Since there will be round tables and room for up to 100, we do not expect seating to be a problem. Robinson & Cole agreed to cover the cost of printing the program.

Ms. Heck reported that she had made arrangements for the Archive Committee to have a tour of the Supreme Court building on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. She had also prepared a list of places where archival materials might be located and would make assignments to her committee for follow up.

Mr. Besso was not present, but Mr. Howard reported on the creation of an organization, "We...The Connecticut Project for the Constitution" by Todd Brewster and others for promoting greater awareness of the United States Constitution. Mr.

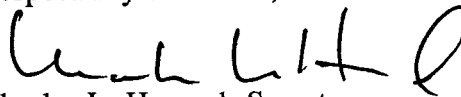
Howard reported that Mr. Brewster had been in contact with Mr. Besso about the possibility of a joint project of some sort and that the Mr. Brewster's organization apparently had received a \$100,000 authorization in the most recent legislative session.

Mr. Collier reported on efforts to find an author for a history on the creation of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He will follow up with Mr. Horton. Mr. D'Auria reported that a question had been raised on whether the Society's journal could be available on the Web site, and Mr. Horton also agreed to follow up on this matter. Justice Zarella indicated that he had a contact who had written a paper on the early witch trials in Connecticut that may be appropriate for publication, and he agreed to follow up and report back. Justice Zarella also indicated that he would see if CTN would be interested in taping Prof. Amar's talk on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board meeting was set for June 20, 2006 for the Lawyers' Lounge at the Supreme Court.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles L. Howard', written in a cursive style.

Charles L. Howard, Secretary