

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

### Board of Directors Meeting - May 10, 2012

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (prior to the Annual meeting of the Society) at the New Haven Lawn Club in New Haven. Other Board members and committee chairs present were: Kit Collier, Chuck Howard, Michael Shea, Greg D'Auria, Sheila Huddleston, Molly LeVan, Kathy Calibey, John Farley, Mike Widener, Judge Cohn, and Justice Zarella (ex officio).

Mr. Shea moved the approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2012 meeting. Ms. Huddleston seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Shea presented the attached treasurer's report, dated May 10, 2012, reflecting an account balance of \$41,975.79. After discussion, Mr. Howard moved the approval of the treasurer's report. Ms. Huddleston seconded the motion, and the treasurer's report was approved.

Ms. Huddleston presented the report of the nominating committee recommending that Mr. Horton and Mr. Collins be reelected to the board of directors for a three year term. She also presented the recommendation of the nominating committee that the officers of the Society be reelected as follows:

Mr. Horton-President  
Mr. Collier-Vice President  
Mr. Howard-Secretary  
Mr. Shea-Treasurer  
Mr. D'Auria-Assistant Treasurer

And finally, Ms. Huddleston presented the recommendation that the board of directors be expanded and that the current chairs and vice chairs of committees be elected to the board. On motion made by Ms. Huddleston, seconded by Mr. Shea, the recommendations of the nominating committee were adopted. On further inquiry by Mr. Howard as to the terms of the newly elected members of the board, Ms. Huddleston recommended that the initial terms of the new members be as follows, so as to continue to have staggered terms for all board members:

Mr. Babbin--Class A (3 years, corresponding to the terms of Mr. Horton and Mr. Collier);

Ms. Calibey--Class B (2 years, corresponding to the terms of Mr. Howard and Mr. Shea);  
Judge Cohn--Class C (1 year, corresponding to the terms of Mr. D'Auria and Ms. Huddleston);  
Mr. Farley --Class A (3 years);  
Ms. LeVan--Class B (2 years);  
Mr. White--Class C (1 year); and  
Mr. Widener--Class A (3 years).

On motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. D'Auria, the new directors were elected for the terms listed above. Justice Zarella reiterated the need for the board to search for interested members from other geographic areas of the state in order to expand the membership of the Society.

Mr. Farley presented a report of the membership committee indicating that arrangements were being made for electronic payment of membership via PayPal and stated that he was working with the Judicial Branch to put this in place. He reported that the current membership tally is 86 members.

Judge Cohn commended the work of Sheila Huddleston on the articles in the most recent edition of the Journal on the Supreme Court and State Library building. He expressed his belief that reprints of some of the articles should be made generally available. Ms. Huddleston responded that 30 copies of the Journal had been given to Melissa Farley of the Judicial Branch. Justice Zarella volunteered to speak with the appropriate people at the Judicial Branch for suggestions on who might do the reprinting. Judge Cohn moved that the Society arrange for reprints of the first two articles from Volume V of the Journal and that they be made available for free distribution. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Collier reported on further investigation he had done on a possible oral history project. He indicated that other recent oral history projects include: The Yale Public Affairs program at Yale (interviews of former deans); the Connecticut Bar Foundation (interviews with women judges, including both videotaping of interviews and the preparation of transcripts); University of Connecticut Law School, (faculty); and Connecticut legislators. Mr. Collier reported that various issues would have to be considered in any such oral history endeavor, including whether to prepare transcripts or not, whether the interviews would be videotaped, who would conduct the interviews (lawyers or professional historian-interviewers), and who would be interviewed. Ms. Calibey reported that, based on her 12 years of experience with the Connecticut Bar Foundation project, it can be both very expensive and problematic if it were to involve both transcripts and videotaping the interviews. Ms. LeVan inquired whether there might be grants available for such a project. After further discussion, the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Horton gave a brief report on the arrangements for the annual dinner.  
**The next meeting of the board of directors was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on  
September 10, 2012 in the Lawyers' Lounge at the Supreme Court in Hartford.**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35  
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard,  
Secretary

**Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society**  
**2012 Financial Accounting**

**As of May 10, 2012**

**I. Revenue**

|                  |    |                   |
|------------------|----|-------------------|
| Member Renewals: | \$ | 0.00 <sup>1</sup> |
| Interest:        | \$ | 10.02             |
|                  | \$ | <u>10.02</u>      |

**II. Other Expenses**

|                     |    |                       |
|---------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Banking Fees        | \$ | 17.12                 |
| Law Tribune Ad      | \$ | 1,000.00 <sup>2</sup> |
| Deposit for Caterer | \$ | 250.00                |

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|----------------|-----|-------------------|
| Gross Revenue: | \$  | 10.02             |
| Expenses:      | (\$ | <u>1,267.12</u> ) |

Account Balance: \$40,718.67

Previous Account Balance: \$41,975.79

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<sup>1</sup> No new renewals had been received since last report.

<sup>2</sup> This payment of this invoice for the advertisement for the October event was delay and not included with the last report.