

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORIAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 16, 2006

President Horton called a special meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:45 pm. Other board members present included Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, Kit Collier, and Chuck Howard. Committee Chair, Barbara Heck, and Mike Besso were also in attendance.

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider the matters needing action contained in the May 1, 2006 memorandum to the Board from Mr. Besso on behalf of the Board of Editors for the CSCHS.

The first issue was authorization to proceed with a print edition of the journal in light of the costs estimates that were substantially below what was earlier reported. Mr. Besso reported that the \$1100-\$1250 cost for 300 copies of a 50-75 page journal would be of good quality, like that of law reviews or other supreme court journals. In response to a question posed by Mr. Groark, Mr. Besso reported that the Board of Editors had assumed that the journal would be distributed to members as part of their membership and that the publication of the journal would not be a revenue source for the Society. At Mr. Groark's suggestion, the Mr. Besso agreed that the Board of Editors will consider imposing a charge for non-members. Mr. Collier noted, however, that this issue should be researched as a charge may adversely affect Humanities Council grants. On a motion by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Groark, the Board voted to authorize the Board of Editors to proceed forward with the planning for a print edition of the journal with the expectation that a final contract would be brought back to the Board of Directors for approval and that the Board would review and approve the final decision on both the form of copyright language in agreements with authors and on the recommended charge for non-members.

The second issue raised by Mr. Besso was the publication of the journal on line. Mr. D'Auria reported that there was space on the website for the publication for all or part of the journal. A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. D'Auria, to authorize the Board of Editors to plan to make the journal available on line. The motion carried.

The third issue addressed by Mr. Besso was the name of the journal. The recommendation from the Board of Editors is that it be called: "Connecticut Supreme

Court History,” with possibly a subtitle of: “The Journal of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society.” Mr. Howard inquired whether a search of the rights to that name had been done, and Mr. Besso reported that it had not been. No action was taken on this recommendation and Mr. Besso will report back with the results of a tradename search so that we would be able to establish clear rights to the name of the journal.

The Board also took no action on the form of the contract with authors. Once a form contract is developed, it will be presented to the Board for approval.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2006 in the Lawyers’ Lounge at the Supreme Court.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard, Secretary