

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting – September 8, 2014

President Wesley Horton called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Supreme Court Lawyers Lounge. Others present were: Kathy Calibey, Greg D'Auria, John Farley, Chuck Howard, Molly LeVan, Barbara Schellenberg, Jon Weiner, Mike Widener and Justice Zarella.

Mr. D'Auria moved the approval of the minutes of the Board's April 29, 2014 meeting. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Howard circulated a report about the Society's finances, along with information about the Society's new PayPal Checking account (attached). Mr. D'Auria moved acceptance of the report. Mr. Weiner seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Ms. LeVan reported for the Programs Committee that the Society's fall program will be an event at UConn Law School devoted to examining *Cologne v. Westfarms Mall* 30 years after that decision. Mr. D'Auria will moderate a panel that will include Attorney Martin Margulies, Commissioner Joette Katz, Professor Donald Rogers and Attorney Keegan Drenosky.

The program will be an extension of the Journal's next issue, which will be devoted to *Cologne*. Mr. Besso has had a great deal to do with organizing the program, as well as the issue of course, and he discussed briefly what the speakers would address at the Fall program.

By motion of Mr. Horton, seconded by Ms. Calibey, the Board approved authorizing Mr. Howard to obtain event insurance for this program.

Ms. Calibey further reported for the Programs Committee that they are in the incipient stages of planning for the Society's 10th Anniversary in the Spring. The co-chairs invited ideas about whom to invite to speak at this event.

Mr. Farley reported on membership efforts. Renewal notices will go out in December, which will provide an option this year for individuals to pay on-line. Other efforts were discussed to enhance membership and/or to encourage former members to re-join.

Mr. Besso then returned to the topic of the Journal's next issue, devoted to *Cologne v. Westfarms Mall*. Upon a motion made by Mr. Besso and seconded by Mr. Horton, the Board resolved to

thank the ACLU in the upcoming program or issue for the assistance that that organization has rendered by making its *Cologne* files available.

After discussion of the EBSCO issue referred to in Mr. Besso's report for the Board of Editors (see attached), that issue was tabled.

Mr. Weiner moved that the Society once again fund prizes for the "History Day in Connecticut," contest for high school students as the Society did last year. Mr. Widener seconded that motion and the Board voted to approve two prizes of \$250.

The Board then discussed providing opportunities for new lawyers to become involved in the Society. This discussion resulted in the Board proposing to offer a free one year Society membership to newly admitted lawyers on the day (and only on the day) of the swearing-in ceremony to the bar. In addition, the Board proposed offering free attendance to our annual meeting to the first 25 people to sign up as Society members on that day. Upon motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Calibey, the Board approved this proposal.

Mr. Horton announced that the next Board meeting would take place on January 12, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. D'Auria seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D'Auria".

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
Financial Accounting
As of 9/3/14

OPENING BALANCE (as of 4/26 /14):	\$ 59,745.46
REVENUE:	
Membership/Annual Meeting - Deposit 5/6/14	820.00
Membership - Deposit 5/29/14	50.00
	<u>870.00</u>
EXPENSES:	
Emma Lederer/Contest Winner	250.00
Caroline Suppan/Contest Winner	250.00
Marinelli Photography/Annual Dinner-Color Print Speaker Gift	63.81
Jonathan Weiner/Annual Dinner Reimb.-Frame for Speaker Gift	260.58
Postmaster/1 Year Rental Box 230639	128.00
NHLC Catering, Inc./Annual Dinner 4/29/14 Balance	2,262.60
Molly LeVan/Reimb.-Flowers 4/29/14 for Ginny Apple for Assisting Speakers	30.00
	<u>3,244.99</u>
OTHER:	
Transfer to PayPal Account to cover banking fees 6/12/14	<u>100.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	<u><u>\$ 57,270.47</u></u>

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CT Supreme Court Historical Society
PayPal Checking Account 1790

Aug. 2013	Open Account	\$ -
8/15/2013	checks	\$ (74.00)
		<u>\$ (74.00)</u>
9/9/2013	refund checks charge	\$ 74.00
		<u>\$ -</u>
10/1/2013	transfer from 9543 to set up PayPal	\$ 10.00
10/21/2013	Paypal Verifybank deposit	\$ 0.20
10/21/2013	Paypal Verifybank deposit	\$ 0.18
10/21/2013	Paypal Verifybank withdrawal	\$ (0.38)
		<u>\$ 10.00</u>
11/30/2013	Ending Balance	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
12/2/2013	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ (5.00)</u>
1/2/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
1/8/2014	transfer from 9543	\$ 100.00
		<u>\$ 80.00</u>
2/3/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ 65.00</u>
3/3/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ 50.00</u>
4/1/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ 35.00</u>
5/1/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ 20.00</u>
6/2/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
6/12/2014	transfer from 9543	\$ 100.00
		<u>\$ 105.00</u>
7/1/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ 90.00</u>
8/1/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (15.00)
		<u>\$ 75.00</u>
9/2/2014	Monthly Fee	\$ (\$15.00)
		<u>\$ 60.00</u>

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

To: CSCHS Board of Directors
From: Michael Besso
Subject: Report from Board of Editors
Date: September 8, 2014

On behalf of the Board of Editors, I provide the following report. The Board of Editors' principal activities for this past year have involved the *Cologne v. Westfarms* project. We have a plan to publish four essays directly related to the case, plus one "old" history essay on free speech in Connecticut in 1804, and a report about the forthcoming October meeting, which itself will focus on the *Cologne* case. Our essayists include former Justice Joette Katz, Professor Martin Margulies, Professor Don Rogers, and Attorney Keegan Drenosky. For the October meeting, all four of these essayists will appear as part of a panel discussion of the case.

In support of the *Cologne* project, we had hoped to undertake interviews of the principal oral advocates. Unfortunately, we were not able to coordinate final arrangements, so we were not able to proceed with this. Nevertheless, Professor Margulies's essay will present some nice recollections of the litigation and, importantly, the Supreme Court argument.

I must note the important assistance provided by the ACLU-CT. It permitted Professor Rogers full access to its archival materials to permit Professor Rogers to write an excellent essay about the background to the case and the trial court litigation. I recommend that we recognize the ACLU-CT's support at the October meeting and in the published journal volume.

On a separate matter, my work with the electronic publisher EBSCO is sufficiently advanced that I can recommend action to the Board of Directors. EBSCO is a content aggregator that then sells the content for subscription fees to other entities, such as libraries. Inclusion of our journal in the EBSCO libraries would permit researchers or other interested readers to access our scholarly publications. Here are some additional points:

- There is no cost to the Society to be included in the databases.
- EBSCO works with more than 14,000 publishers worldwide; more than 99% renew with EBSCO each year.
- EBSCO's databases receive more than 100 million hits per day, so being included on one of the databases appears to be a great way to reach students, faculty, libraries, etc.

I am attaching to this report a proposed contract for our relationship with EBSCO, if the Board were to agree to enter into this arrangement. In my work with EBSCO, and on the contract, I

have been assisted with outstanding pro bono legal guidance from Day Pitney – primarily Attorney Cathy O'Connor, with overall direction from Attorney Richard Harris. As noted, the arrangement involves no cost to the Society, but it does involve licensing our journal content to EBSCO for its use. The license is non-exclusive, and no copyright/property transfers to EBSCO – the Society retains all rights in our published material. There is a provision for royalties, but expect that these would be minimal. The point is not to generate income, but to disseminate our content to interested audiences. Day Pitney has reviewed and, from its perspective, approves of the contracts terms. I recommend that the Board approve entry into the EBSCO arrangement.