

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 12, 2006

President Horton called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 2:05 p.m. Other board members present included Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, and Chuck Howard. Justice Zarella and Committee Chairs Michael Shea, Jeff White, and Barbara Heck were also in attendance. Mike Taylor attended for the Membership Committee, filling in for John Farley.

Mr. Horton reported that he had had conversations with Judge Rush, who had decided to donate to the Society an historical document that he has: the charge book of former Chief Justice Maltbie. This is appreciated and will be placed in our archives.

The minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting were approved. Mr. Groark presented a Treasurer's Report, which was also approved. The Society presently has \$16,765.22 in its bank account. A copy of the August 31, 2006 bank statement is attached.

Mr. Howard presented the report of the Nominating Committee. (Attached is a copy of the report.) Mr. Groark moved, and Mr. D'Auria seconded the motion, to nominate Mr. Horton and Mr. Collier to a three year term as Directors. The motion carried. Mr. Howard will prepare an appropriate consent form. Mr. Howard also reported that the committee recommended that an additional director position or two be created to add more representation from the corporate community, for diversity purposes or to obtain more representation from downstate. The committee was charged with soliciting appropriate names.

Mr. Besso was not present, but the board considered the issues on which he sought board comment, listed on pages 2 and 3 of his report, a copy of which is attached. The board decided that the law firm affiliation of the members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Editors should not be included in the journal. Mr. Besso should follow up with Mr. Farley to get a list of those firms who should be acknowledged. A membership application may be placed in the journal, but if it is, it should accurately reflect the various committees of the Society. The initial membership application may now be out of date. The board reaffirmed that membership is based on a calendar year membership. On the question of advertising for the Connecticut Project for the Constitution, the board agreed that we should not advertise but asked Mr. D'Auria to coordinate with Mr. Brewster to see if some cross linking is possible. The

board decided that 10 or 15 copies of the first edition of the journal should be preserved for archival purposes. Ms. Heck was asked to develop a list of educational and archival places to which a copy should be sent, and the balance of the first edition run (after sending a copy to all members) should be held for the time being. They may come in handy for membership or donation solicitation. And finally, the board authorized the Board of Editors to purchase a copy of the Chicago manual of Style.

Mr. Farley's written report on Membership is attached. Mr. Taylor reported in his stead that the committee is looking for a way to recognize firms that had donated at least \$2500 at the fall meeting. The question of how to recognize those firms was delegated to the Program Committee.

The Program Committee report is attached. Mr. Shea and Mr. White indicated that Mr. Collier had agreed to be the presenter for the fall meeting and that they needed to confirm his availability on October 3 but had been unable to reach him. (Mr. Collier has since confirmed his availability.) Mr. Collier will speak on Van Horn's Lessee v. Dorrance and the land dispute between Connecticut and Pennsylvania. The program committee also confirmed that Seth Waxman would be the speaker for the Spring Meeting on May 10, 2007.

Barbara Heck has developed a list of Supreme Court History Resources, a copy of which is attached. It was decided that this should be made available at the October program and included in the website.

In other business, Mr. D'Auria asked for suggestions for someone else to work with him on the website, as it would be useful in developing ideas. Justice Zarella indicated that he is considering writing an article on Governor Bulkeley, the "crowbar Governor."

**The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 5, 2005 at 2:00 at the Lawyers' Lounge of the Supreme Court.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard,  
Secretary



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**Deposit Accounts**

**Analyzed Business Interest Checking**

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**Your Account at a Glance**

Account Number	0038 5151 9543	Statement Beginning Balance	\$14,285.02
Statement Period	08/01/06 through 08/31/06	Amount of Deposits/Credits	\$2,501.32
Number of Deposits/Credits	2	Amount of Withdrawals/Debits	\$21.12
Number of Withdrawals/Debits	1	Statement Ending Balance	\$16,765.22
Number of Days in Cycle	31	Average Ledger Balance	\$15,644.44
		Service Charge	\$21.12

**Interest Information**

Amount of Interest Paid	\$1.32	Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$6.22
Annual Percentage Yield Earned This Statement Period	0.10%	Withholding Year-to-Date	\$0.00

**Deposits and Credits**

Date Posted	Customer Reference	Amount (\$)	Description	Bank Reference
08/15		2,500.00	Counter Credit	813004170424321
08/31		1.32	Interest Earned	

**Withdrawals and Debits**

**Other Debits**

Date Posted	Customer Reference	Amount (\$)	Description	Bank Reference
08/15		21.12	07/06 Acct Analysis Fee	940308150000001

**Daily Ledger Balances**

Date	Balance (\$)	Date	Balance (\$)	Date	Balance (\$)
08/01	14,285.02	08/15	16,763.90	08/31	16,765.22

## Howard, Charles

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**From:** Howard, Charles  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2006 11:02 AM  
**To:** 'Wesley W. Horton'  
**Cc:** Gregory T. D'Auria (gregory.dauria@po.state.ct.us); Thomas J. Groark (tjgroark@dbh.com)  
**Subject:** Nominating Committee report

Greg, Tom and I met by telephone this morning and present the following report to the board. Two Class A directorships expire in 2006, and we recommend that Kit Collier and Wes Horton be renominated, with the understanding that they would serve a full three year term. (By way of background, the other current remaining director terms expire in 2007 (Class B--Tom and Chuck) and 2008 (Class C-Greg). We also recommend that the board consider adding one or possibly two new director positions with the expectation that we seek representation from the corporate legal community and add some diversity to the board.

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**Subject:** FW: Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Besso, Michael [mailto:michael.besso@uconn.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2006 9:29 PM  
**To:** Jane Dube  
**Subject:** RE: Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

Wes,

Attached is a report from the Board of Editors, in advance of the meeting next week. Note that, in addition to providing an update on the status of publication, it asks for input and other responses from the Board of Directors on a couple of issues.

I regret that I will not be able to attend. I begin a trial on September 12. The ideal "first alternate" from the Board of Editors – Colin Tait – is also unavailable, due to a Connecticut Siting Council hearing that afternoon. I will try to select yet another substitute, but you may have my memo only for the meeting.

Can you please forward the report to the other members? Thanks.

Mike

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Krisch

**Subject:** Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

Dear Board Members, Committee Chairs and Justice Zarella:

This is just a reminder that the next meeting of the board of directors and committee chairs is on September 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court lawyer's lounge. I would appreciate it if each of the committee chairs could circulate a status report by email before the meeting. I trust the nominating committee will also circulate a report before the meeting.

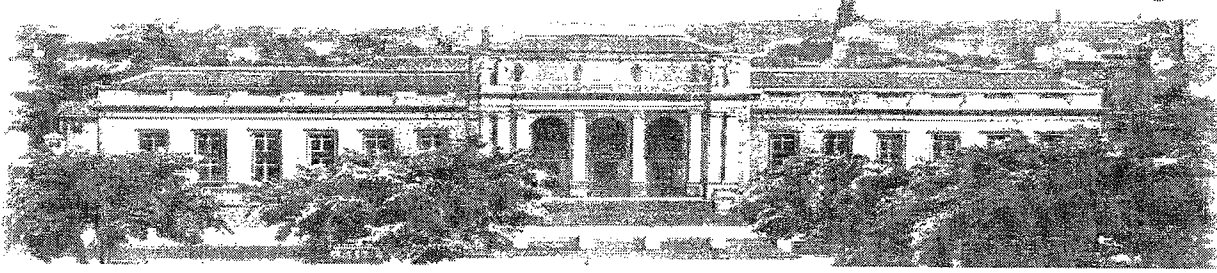
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To: CSCHS Board of Directors  
From: Michael Besso  
Subject: Report from Board of Editors  
Date: September 5, 2006

The process toward publication of a first issue of our Society's journal nears finalization. Most important to note, we hope to submit our product to the printer by October 1, to ensure publication in mid-November. Below I provide information on the status, separately, of the publication process and the content. I conclude with a list of issues for the Board to consider.

## Publication Status

The Society entered into a printing contract with Western Newspaper (Indianapolis, IN), in August, upon the recommendation of the Board of Editors and the approval by the Board of Directors. I signed the contract on behalf of the Society; I will supply a copy of the contract to the Board of Directors. The estimate for printing 300 copies remains approximately \$1500. Payment will become due thirty days after invoice (the invoice will be dated upon actual delivery of the journal).

Previously, I had indicated that it might be necessary to purchase software to convert our word processing files into .pdf files, which the printer requires. After discussing this with the Board of Editors, I feel confident that one of the Hartford law firms (likely Day, Berry & Howard) will allow us to use its computer system and software (Adobe Acrobat) for this purpose. There will be no cost to the Society, then.

The Board of Editors is also developing the cover design, but the design is not yet finalized. It will likely be a simple design, with the Society's "logo" (the Supreme Court (and State Library) building, above), in full color. The back cover will list the table of contents.

## Content Status

The anticipated content remains essentially the same as noted in my June report to the Board of Directors. I can add, now, that almost all of the content is complete, and in a final editing stage. Below, I note the content (and completion status):

- "Welcome" note by Wes Horton, in his capacity as the Society's President.  
-- COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.

- Editor's introduction, "In This Issue."
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.
- Essay on court historical societies, by Melvin Urofsky, editor of the *Journal of Supreme Court History* (United States Supreme Court)
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.
- Remarks by Justice Ellen Peters, made at the first meeting in October 2005.
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.
- The General Assembly's act of incorporation for the Society.
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.
- Essay on Tapping Reeve and Litchfield Law School, by Kit Collier
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.
- Essay on *Symsbury Case* (1785)
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.
- Essay on 1806 legislation regarding the Supreme Court
  - INCOMPLETE.
- Reports of each of the Society's meetings over the past year.
  - COMPLETE, SUBJECT TO FINAL EDITING.

### Issues

Below is a list of issues, for which I would appreciate guidance from the Board of Directors. To the extent that it notes requests to the Board of Directors (such as for a mailing list), I understand that the Board itself will not necessarily produce the item, but delegate the matter to another part of the Society (such as, in the case of the mailing list, to the person handling membership). The important point is that, to ensure the timely publication of the journal, the Board of Editors now needs some input and support on specific matters from other committees and persons.

- Identification of Board of Directors and Board of Editors.
  - On one of the front pages in the journal, we will list the Boards of Directors and Editors. For the Directors, we will identify the position (president, etc.). It is an open issue about additional identification -- such as law firm association, etc. In other words, we can list just names, or names and firm. We would follow the same approach for both Boards. I recommend names only (no firm identification), in the interest of simplicity, but would appreciate learning the Directors' view on this.
- "Thank You."
  - The Board of Directors has indicated that it would like to place a "thank you" on a page near the front of the journal. This would recognize firms that donated money to the Society. The journal can accommodate this, but the wording (and so on) of the "thank you" needs to be decided and prepared. I recommend that the Board of Directors have this developed and supplied to the Editors for publication.
- Membership Application.
  - I recommend that we include a membership application near the end of the journal. If this is appropriate, I ask that the Board of Directors supply the electronic version of the application, as it wishes it to appear in the journal.



- "We ... The Connecticut Project for the Constitution."

-- This organization is coordinated, in Connecticut, by Todd Brewster. He has communicated with some of us, already, about this; and, he has offered to work with our organization on the issue of "constitutional awareness," generally. Ought we to include a page in our journal (near the end) to advertise this? This suggestion is about advertising not in the money-generating sense, but in the cooperative-sharing-of-news sense.

- Distribution of Journals.

-- The initial contract calls for 300 copies of the journal. These will go, first, to Society members. The Board of Directors should determine how to distribute the balance that remains. To state justices and judges (who are not members)? To libraries (the state library; the state's law school libraries; university libraries)? To other persons (some of the historians at University of Connecticut or other schools; law school faculty)?

- Mailing List.

-- Mailing of the journal will take place through the printer. We must supply the printer with a mailing list. We will need that from the Board of Directors.

- Chicago Manual of Style.

-- The Board of Editors should have a copy of the Chicago Manual of Style, which costs approximately \$50. (I have a copy in my home library, but the Board of Editors should have a copy that the editors can share, for the technical aspect of our work.) I recommend that the Board of Directors authorize this purchase.

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Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict on a case. Please accept this as my report on membership and finance.

We are focusing on former Connecticut Supreme Court clerks to expand our membership and sources of funding. A letter is going out to them in connection with the Fall meeting encouraging them to join the Historical Society and attend that meeting. The letter is also filling them in on the purpose of the organization, last year's activities and our plans for the journal and the annual meeting. I will coordinate with Jeff and Mike to include the announcement on the Fall meeting with the letter to the former clerks. Several of them are working at local insurance companies and we are trying to recruit them directly to help with finance.

Another letter is going out to current society members who are with firms that did not respond to our request for contributions last year. Hopefully this will lead to some additional firm contributions.

Of course the most reliable source of funding so far has been membership dues. Most memberships should be expiring soon and we should be sending dues invoices to current members. I would like to know who to coordinate with on that. I have the membership list from Jane Dube and I can coordinate with her unless another system is preferred or already in place.

Concerning the message to be placed in the journal, I would suggest something like the following: "The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the significant financial support of the following firms and individuals."

I apologize for the scheduling conflict that is preventing me from attending the meeting.

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In addition to this publicity, we will send an email notice to all members informing them of the meeting. Further marketing of the meeting will be finalized at our next committee meeting, which is planned for 3:15 p.m. tomorrow (following the EC meeting).

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## CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORY RESOURCES

### Bibliography

Collier, Christopher and Bonnie Collier. *The Literature of Connecticut History*. (The Connecticut Scholar, Occasional Papers of the Connecticut Humanities Council, Number 6). Middletown, CT: Connecticut Humanities Council, 1983. [[online](#)]. An extensive annotated bibliography arranged chronologically and topically. This is an excellent resource tool for beginning Connecticut historical research.

Connecticut State Library [<http://www.cslib.org/agencies/judpubhist.htm>]. This page of the Connecticut State Library web site provides a list of published materials about the courts of Connecticut.

### Internet Database Search

**ArchiveGrid** [<http://archivegrid.org/web/jsp/index.jsp>] This internet search engine allows the researcher to search the database of 150 RLG institutions by topic, name, or word.

**Online Computer Library Center (OCLC-WorldCat)** [<http://www.oclc.org/>] This site allows the researcher to find books, periodicals, videos, and other materials available in a library.

### Sources

#### **Connecticut State Library**

Guide to the Records of the Judicial Department (772 kb—large file) This Guide provides an overview of history of the Connecticut courts and the division of responsibility for retention of the records of the Judicial Department. The detailed box list provides the researcher with a good idea of whether or not material of interest would be in the State Archives. After reviewing the Guide, a researcher could contact a research archivist and be able to discuss their project and the particular items of interest in the collection.

#### **Biographical information about Connecticut judges**

[<http://www.cslib.org/memorials/MemIndex.htm>] Memorials of Connecticut Judges and Attorneys <http://www.cslib.org/memorials/memindex.htm> is an alphabetized index of entries in the Connecticut Reporter of appointments, resignations, retirements, and obituaries (memorials) for attorneys.

**State of Connecticut Judicial Branch** [<http://www.jud.state.ct.us/ystday/Default.htm>] includes a short organizational history of the Connecticut courts; [<http://www.jud.state.ct.us/external/news/SupCtTour.html>] has an online tour of the Supreme Court building and a link to the video “Enduring Grandeur.”

### **Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries**

[<http://www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/History/default.htm>] includes twenty short articles about Connecticut legal history, including one about Tapping Reeve and the Litchfield Law School

### **Center for Connecticut Studies at Eastern Connecticut State University-**

Willimantic [<http://www.easternct.edu/depts/ctstudies/>] The Center's website indicates that access to the collections is provided through Consul (Connecticut State Universities Libraries and Connecticut State Library). The static page shows that some Amistad materials as well as a collection of historical newspapers are available for research.

**Connecticut Historical Society-** [<http://www.chs.org/>] access through reQuest of the Connecticut statewide library catalog to 100,000 books, including many rare books and children's books, and 3,000,000 manuscripts, including account books, diaries, and letters. It appears that there are at least three collections pertaining to the Connecticut Supreme Court.

### **University of Connecticut Colonial Connecticut Records**

[<http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/>] The University of Connecticut has prepared a digitized and indexed copy of the volumes of the Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776.

### **Connecticut's Heritage Gateway-**

[[http://www.ctheritage.org/biography/toc\\_subject.htm](http://www.ctheritage.org/biography/toc_subject.htm)] The Connecticut Humanities Council created a searchable directory of the state's history resources for teachers, students, researchers and others. The directory can be searched by topic, subject, name, or time period. If the search result is positive, the display indicates the name of the collection and the institution where it is held.

**Connecticut College Special Collections** [<http://www.conncoll.edu/is/info-resources/special-collections/index.html>] Special Collections has an alphabetical list of its holdings, but it is not searchable. Contact the institution for assistance.

**Fairfield Historical Society** [<http://www.fairfieldhistoricalsociety.org/index.html>] The Library contains over 10,000 volumes on the history of Fairfield, Fairfield County, and the State of Connecticut. In addition to these volumes, there are 700 linear feet of archives and manuscripts, over 2,000 photographs, microforms, and maps. Of primary interest would be the Tapping Reeve Papers. There is an alphabetical listing of the collections, but it is not text searchable.

**Litchfield Historical Society** [[www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org)] The Litchfield Historical Society preserves and interprets the history of Litchfield County through a small museum, the Tapping Reeve House and Law School, and the Ingraham Library. The Library does not have an online search mechanism for finding aids to the collection, but states that printed finding aids are available at the institution.

In addition to descriptions of its own activities, it also has "A Guide to Local Historical and Genealogical Resources in Northwestern Connecticut" which provides a description and links to other organizations, churches, libraries, and towns with archival materials in northwestern Connecticut

[<http://www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org/researchlibrary/guide.html>.]

**New Haven Museum and Historical Society** f/k/a New Haven Colony Historical Society [<http://www.newhavenmuseum.org>] The Library holds over 30,000 volumes and more than 250 manuscript collections which can be used by researchers on a fee basis. This is a private institution, but is open to the public for research on a daily fee basis or society membership.

The Guide to the Records of the Judicial Department referenced above states that "the New Haven County Superior Court transferred some of its historical records to the New Haven Colony Historical Society when it moved from its former location on the Green to Church Street. A list of the records located at the Society is available from the Archives Staff."

**Old State House** [<http://www.ctosh.org/index.asp>] The Court Room in the Old State House is where the Court of Connecticut met from 1796 to 1878. Guided tours of the Court Room and remainder of the rooms in the Old State House are available.

**Simsbury Historical Society** <http://www.simsburyhistory.org/collections-archives.html> has an archival collection, but states that search is by appointment only. Finding aids can only be searched by the staff. Box lists may be available to researchers at the archival staff's discretion.

**Trinity College. Watkinson Library**

[<http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/library/watkinson/holdings.htm>] has an alphabetized listing of its holdings, some of which have digitized finding aids.

**University of Connecticut. Thomas J. Dodd Research Center**

[<http://webapps.lib.uconn.edu/Dodd/AToZ.cfm>] has an alphabetical listing of its holdings, but the list is not text-searchable.

**Yale University Library-** The consolidated catalog, Orbis,

[<http://orbis.library.yale.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>] allows the researcher to search by keywords, author, title etc., but may not reflect all the Library's holdings. The Yale Law School has an entirely separate catalog, MORRIS

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