

CSCHS Minutes
September 29, 2008
Lawyers' Conference Room

Meeting convened at 2:07 p.m. by Wes Horton.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Groark gave the Treasurer's Report indicating the balance of the Society's funds was \$31,271.00. Tom explained that there had been more membership renewals this year at higher monetary rates than the year before which accounted for some of the difference in the membership receipts category. After all the expenses were met, a slight profit was made at the annual meeting held in May.

A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: John Farley gave a report on the Society membership. He reported that there were some discrepancies between two lists of members regarding renewal of memberships and payments received for renewal. John will be reconciling these two lists and sending a renewal notice to Society members in December 2008. John proposed and the group accepted his suggestion that persons joining the Society at the annual meeting receive the benefit of an additional six months (May through December) of membership in the Society upon receipt of their dues. Thus a person joining in May 2008 would remain a member until December 2009 upon receipt of 2008 dues payment.

BOARD OF EDITORS REPORT: Mike Besso was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report outlining the upcoming articles in the *Connecticut Supreme Court History*. Wes had forwarded a copy to the Board of Directors. The group discussed the impressive nature of their work and again expressed appreciation for their outstanding efforts.

ARCHIVES REPORT: Barbara Heck then outlined a grant proposal that the Connecticut State Archives had made relating to the processing of colonial court records. A portion of the project would involve the identification and preservation of early 'reasons of the court' found within the New Haven court records by Mr. Bruce Stark, the assistant State Archivist, during a preliminary inventory of the collection. Mr. Stark had requested and received a letter supporting the grant from the Society through Mr. Horton.

ABC-CLIO: A new item for discussion was a solicitation by ABC-CLIO to the Society. Kit Collier told the group that ABC-CLIO produced the standard bibliography of American history for many years. Their offer was to provide free indexing and abstracting of the *Connecticut Supreme Court History* in their bibliography in exchange for a copy of the publication. The members agreed to the arrangement since the Society publication would be promoted for free to a larger academic audience.

FALL MEETING: The Program Committee has been proceeding with the final arrangements for the fall meeting. The program will take place on October 23, 2008 in the Old Judiciary Room of the State Capitol. The two speakers, Justice Zarella and Wes Horton, will discuss the contested gubernatorial election of 1890 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m.. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar and will conclude after the program at approximately 8:30 p.m.. A "Save the Date" will be e-mailed to the membership as well as an advertisement in the *Law Tribune*.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Program Committee is also already at work on the selection of possible speakers for the annual meeting. Several names were mentioned and Wes asked that any additional suggestions be forwarded to him.

The next meeting will take place on December 8, 2008 in the Lawyers' Conference Room.