

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 7, 2005

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Board members present included Kit Collier, Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, and Chuck Howard. Also present was Justice Peter Zarella.

Mr. Collier moved the approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2005 Board meeting, and Mr. Groark seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved. Mr. D'Auria moved the approval of the minutes of the First Organizational Meeting on October 3, 2005, and Mr. Groark seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Groark reported that he had received checks from 37 people but that he had not yet been able to open a bank account. Mr. Howard presented the members of the Board with forms from the bank necessary to open the account. Mr. Howard moved that the necessary bank resolutions be adopted, and Mr. Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolutions were adopted. Mr. Howard then signed the forms as secretary of the society and the members of the board provided signatures for authority to write checks.

Mr. Howard reported that the Board needed to adopt a preliminary budget in order to complete its application for tax exempt status. Mr. Howard moved, and Mr.

Collier seconded, that the budget for the remainder of 2005 be \$500, and that the budgets for 2006 and 2007 each be \$10,000. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Howard reported that a better system for archival information was needed. It was agreed that archival information would be kept by the Supreme Court.

There was some confusion over the classes of membership. The form used in connection with the First Organizational Meeting listed only one class of membership, and it was agreed to keep just one class of membership through 2006. Membership classes will be reviewed again in October 2006 for the year 2007.

Mr. Horton wanted the minutes to express the appreciation of the Society and Board for the work of the Supreme Court staff for their assistance in organizing the First Organizational Meeting and the reception following it.

Mr. Horton indicated that he would revise and send out the letter drafted following the First Organizational Meeting to members calling for participation in the activities of the Society. The Board also discussed committee members and chairs for the committees of the Society. Standing committees are expected to include Publications, Programs (which will likely need two chairs, one for special events and one for the annual meeting) and Archives. Mr. Howard suggested that the list of members be reviewed so that people who would do well serving as chairs be selected. Mr. Groark suggested that the Board meet with the chairs before they begin substantive work. Mr. Horton will review the list of potential chairs and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. D'Auria was requested to explore options for a website with

Jonathon Weiner and Melissa from the Judicial Branch and report back to the Board at the next meeting. He agreed to do so.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 13, 2005 at 2:00 in the Lawyers Lounge at the Supreme Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard,

Secretary