

# **CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**December 13, 2005**

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Board members present included Kit Collier, Greg D'Auria, and Chuck Howard. Also present were Justice Peter Zarella, Barbara Heck, Jeff White, Michael Shea, and Daniel Krisch.

Mr. D'Auria moved the approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2005 Board meeting, and Mr. Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Horton reported that committee chairs had been chosen, contacted and were invited to attend the board meeting to meet the members of the board and to discuss the work of their committees. Michael Besso, chair of the Publications Committee, was unable to attend due to a trial, but he forwarded an initial report by email to Mr. Horton, a copy of which is attached. Michael Shea and Jeff White were appointed co-chairs of the Program committee, which will be responsible for the annual meeting and special events. Barbara Heck was appointed chair of the Archive Committee. (In a communication following the meeting, Mr. Horton reported that he had also appointed John Farley as chair of the Fundraising Committee.)

Mr. Shea and Mr. White reported on their thoughts for the next general meeting of the Society and for the Annual Meeting. There was agreement that we should have

another general meeting of all interested members to report on the committees and for the committees to begin work. Mr. Shea and Mr. White suggested that Judge Blue be invited to speak at this event. There was agreement that the annual meeting should be a paid dinner event and should also have a speaker. Professor Amar of Yale was suggested as a speaker. (He has since confirmed his willingness to do so.) It was agreed that the next general meeting of the Society would be in Hartford at the Supreme Court Building on February 16 in the late afternoon and that the Annual Meeting would be on May 16 or 18 in New Haven for dinner.

Mr. Collier introduced Ms. Heck, who agreed to chair the Archive Committee. After discussing the potential scope of the Archive Committee, it was agreed that she should establish contact with the State Archivist. Another suggestion was that the committee should notify courts and other places where historical materials may be located of the existence of the Society and begin to see what archival material exists and what they might do with it. Justice Zarella indicated that he would help facilitate access to the state courts.

Mr. D'Auria, who is responsible for helping the Society create a website, reported that he had met with Melissa Farley and that they had come up with an initial format, a copy of which is attached. The Board approved going ahead with the web site, with content to be approved by Mr. Horton and Justice Zarella. Mr. Horton reported that Jonathon Weiner was also willing to help with the website.

Mr. Collier addressed the work of the Publications Committee, indicating that there are a variety of initial questions that will need to be addressed, including citation

style (academic or legal) and our relationship with other publications. There was a general agreement that we did not want a Bar Journal type publication.

Mr. Horton agreed that he would review the sign-up forms in his office with committee assignment preferences given by potential members who attended the October open meeting and forward this information to the committee chairs to help in the recruitment of committee members.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board would be on January 23, 2006 at the Supreme Court Lawyers Lounge at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard,

Secretary