

MINUTES

*Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
Programs Committee
Supreme Court Attorneys' Conference Room
January 12, 2006; 3:30 P.M.*

PRESENT:

Judge Cohn; D. Foster; K. Turekian; M. LeVan; M. Shea; J. Weiner; J. White.

DISCUSSION:

February 16 General Meeting:

The next general meeting of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society is scheduled for February 16, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. in the Supreme Courtroom. Judge Jon Blue will speak about judicial tenure.

After some discussion, it was decided to have a post-meeting reception. J. Weiner will make arrangements to reserve museum for reception. J. Weiner and J. White will check into catering reception through private payment to Jordan Caterers, which is used by Judicial Branch.

May 16 Annual Dinner/Meeting

The annual dinner/meeting will be held in New Haven on the evening of May 16. The speaker will be Professor Akhil Amar from Yale, who will discuss "Conversations Between the State and Federal Constitutions During the Framing Process."

M. Shea has reserved the Graduates' Club for that date, but M. LeVan will check into reserving the New Haven Lawn Club because it has better parking. The menu is likely to consist of passed hors d'oeuvre, salad, three entrée choices, and dessert. There will be a cash bar, with cocktail hour probably to start at 6:00 p.m.

There was discussion about a printed invitation for this event. Suggestion made to charge member/non-member rates, but have membership application available with dinner invitation. Society has 75 paid members so far.

The committee discussed an honorarium for Professor Amar. J. Weiner will check into availability of picture of Supreme Courtroom, which can be framed with a plaque.

Future General Meetings and Programs

Discussion of tentative schedule of three general meetings + one annual dinner. Annual dinner to be held in May, with meetings in January, March and September/October.

Discussion of future programs and speakers. Suggestions included law and medicine program centered on *Griswold v. Connecticut*, and program on Baldwin-

Hamersley Court. The committee also discussed events held by the United States Supreme Court Historical Society, which include building tours and speeches by Justices.

Marketing and Publicity

Discussion of using society website for publicity of events, including annual dinner. J. Weiner to meet with G. D'Auria on getting website running, preferably before February 16 meeting, so that printouts can be distributed at the meeting.

J. White to publicize events in CBA Young Lawyers' Section "Cross Examiner." Society website can be linked to CBA website, as well. Local historical societies also will be notified of events, as well as the *Hog River Journal*.

J. Weiner to check into using Judicial Branch external affairs to contact the Vince Valvo at the *Connecticut Law Tribune* for small block ad to publicize February 16 meeting, and annual dinner as well.

NEXT MEETING:

The programs committee will meet again on Thursday, February 9, at 3:30 p.m. in the Supreme Court attorney's conference room. J. Weiner to reserve conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weiner, Esq.
January 17, 2006