

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

(Amended) Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting – September 17, 2018

President Wesley Horton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Connecticut Supreme Court building. Others present were: Jeff Babbin, Katie Bare, Henry Cohn, Kit Collier, Hon. Greg D'Auria, Pat Fahey, William Fish, Molly LeVan, Donald Rogers, Jon Weiner, Mike Widener, and Ken Wiggan. Barbara Schellenberg attended by phone.

The minutes for the Board meeting of April 19, 2018, were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jon Weiner, Assistant Treasurer (in Jeff White's absence). Wes noted the increased balance and invited ideas for use of the money. A motion to adopt the Report was approved.

The Membership Report was reviewed (in Dan Krisch's absence). It was noted that the Society's membership numbers are holding firm.

A report from the scholarship committee chaired by Matt Necci was discussed. The application form for the Justice Peter Zarella Scholarship was discussed and comments incorporated. Publicity was discussed, including reaching out to political science and history departments at Connecticut colleges (graduate and undergraduate). There is a 12/1/18 application deadline, with the scholarship committee making a recommendation to the Board in January. It was noted that it's a scholarship and not a grant, so there's no Society follow-up on the progress of the use of the money, but grantees will be encouraged to submit to the Society's Journal and will be invited to Society events.

Kit Collier handed out an excerpt of a journal article of interest.

Wes Horton noted the usefulness of having non-lawyer historians on the Board.

The Journal Report from Barb Schellenberg was discussed. It was noted that a few articles are in the works. There was desire to have a civil rights theme for the next issue.

Molly LeVan presented the Programming Report. It was noted that the Spring 2018 annual meeting was a success. It was also noted that the Society's Fall 2018 meeting will be on Oct. 24 at the Hartford Club with a focus on the Amistad case – and a motion to approve a \$500 stipend to the invited outside speaker on the Amistad case was approved. There was a discussion of means to publicize the event.

It was noted that the next Annual Meeting will be in April 2019 at the New Haven Lawn Club, with Erick Sandler confirming with the speaker, Prof. Akhil Amar.

Don Rogers discussed the Connecticut Constitution of 1818 publication, with about 600 published copies including annotations of the Constitution by our Society members. There was a discussion of various upcoming activities in Hartford regarding the 1818 Constitution (including our Society's co-sponsoring a conference on the Constitution with the Association for the Study of Connecticut History at UConn Law School, and a six-part talk on the Constitution at the Old State House).

It was noted that on October 9, 2018, the Connecticut Supreme Court would note the 200th Anniversary of the 1818 Constitution at the start of the court day, with Wes Horton to give remarks on behalf of the Society.

Ken Wiggin discussed the State Library's preservation and display of documents about the 1818 Constitution.

The next Board meeting will be on January 14, 2019, at the Supreme Court Building.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Babbin
Secretary