

**2013 ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
CONNECTICUT  
STATE COMMISSION  
ON  
CAPITOL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION**



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To: The Joint Committee on Legislative Management

From: Robert D. Harris, Jr., Chairman 

Subject: 2013 Annual Report

It is my honor and privilege to submit to you this report of the Commission's activities for the calendar year 2013, as required by Sec. 4b-60, subsec. (b)(3).

The year 2013 was one of considerable note for the Commission. In September three events took place: the dedication of the Forlorn Soldier Statue, the dedication of the Lincoln etching, and the placement/dedication of a memorial plaque to Gerry Caughman for all of her efforts concerning the battle flag restoration.

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission once again met the statutory requirement of holding quarterly meetings. The minutes of those meetings are attached for your perusal. The following is a summary of the highlights of the Commission's actions/activities at those meetings.

Four topics of note that were discussed at several of the meetings are listed below.

1. The status of the project to return the Genius to the dome – funds for the installation on the dome will not be available until sometime in the future. The newly cast statue was assembled and displayed in the Capitol rotunda mid-December, 2009. It will remain there pending funds for its elevation to the top of the dome. It is now estimated that some \$450,000 will be required to complete the installation.

At the Commission's meeting on December 4, 2013, Dr. Matthew Warshauer of Central Connecticut State University made a presentation outlining a proposal to raise funds, over a three year period, for the elevation of the Genius. (See minutes of that meeting for more details.)

2. A review of the progress on the 21 – point Schoenhardt report. Five projects have been completed, four have been combined into one, and progress continues on others. Several items are on-hold until funding can be made available. A copy of the status of the projects as of December, 2013 is attached. (See Appendix E)
3. Funding was authorized for Legislative Management in the 2011 Bond Act, a portion of which will be used for projects related to the State Capitol. Specifically, \$700,000 was allocated to begin the repairs to the east and west skylights; \$800,000 was allocated for new vote tally boards in the House. The Commission voted to allow Legislative Management to make the choice of a horizontal or vertical format for the new boards; installation took place following the 2012 legislative session. A portion of the bond funds will also be used to begin the design phase for the blast mitigation project, for boiler replacement, and for carpet replacement in the House chamber and in the Senate galleries.

4. Battle Flag Conservation – A memorial plaque to commemorate Gerry Caughman’s dedicated work in overseeing the restoration of many of the flags was placed in one of the cabinets in the Hall of Flags at a ceremony held on September 30, 2013. Funds have been appropriated (\$75,000 for FY 14 and \$75,000 for FY 15) for the conservation and restoration of five battle flags.

Other highlights include the following:

A presentation at the December 2012 meeting was made by Dr. Matthew Warshauer, the co-chair of the CT Civil War Commemoration Commission. He made a proposal (approved by the Commission) to accept a statue known as “The Forlorn Soldier”, for placement in the Capitol. It is a brownstone life-size figure of a Civil War soldier, which has suffered erosion and losses, and is in need of being preserved indoors. The statue was created just after the end of the Civil War by a company owned by James Batterson. (Mr. Batterson was also the contractor for the construction of the Capitol building.) On September 17, 2013 a dedication ceremony was held for the unveiling of the statue. (See minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting for more details.)

At the June 18, 2013 meeting the Commission voted to accept the gift of an etching of Abraham Lincoln from Dr. Henry Jacobs, in memory of his father. A dedication ceremony was held on September 30, 2013, where the etching was unveiled in its location in the north lobby of the Capitol, next to the restored model of the Genius.

Other noteworthy topics included a) the question of fundraising by the Commission (authority to do so does not exist in the current statute; the Commission voted to propose a change to the statute, but it was not enacted by the 2013 session of the General Assembly); b) the continued exploration of options to light the stained glass “skylight” in the Old Judiciary Room; and c) the reprinting of “Monument: The Connecticut State Capitol”, a catalog which accompanied the centennial exhibition held at the Old State House in 1979. Efforts will continue to achieve this goal.

The Commission now has a website that went “live” in early January, 2011. During 2013 there were 1,203 page views and 4,740 visits. You can visit the site from a link on the CGA homepage, under the heading “Commissions”.

Also included as part of this report are the Commission’s governing statutes, its guidelines concerning the basic artistic standards for the Capitol Building and a list of Commission Members as of December, 2013.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the staff of the Office of Legislative Management for their assistance. Of particular note are the services of Eric Connery, Jay Drew, Liz Conroy and Angela Cahill (of Fletcher Thompson Architecture) – thank you!

**Sec. 4b-60. State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration.** (a) There shall be a State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration to consist of twelve members to be appointed as follows: Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, two by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one by the House minority leader, one by the Senate minority leader, two members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, one appointed by each of the chairmen of said committee, and one member of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism appointed by its chairman. The Commissioner of Public Works, or the commissioner's designee, shall be an ex-officio member of the commission and shall attend its meetings. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term. The members shall serve without compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission shall meet at least quarterly, and more often on the call of the chairman or on the written request of a majority of the members. The commission may designate subcommittees to carry out its functions. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) The commission: (1) Shall undertake a continuing review and study of the State Capitol building and grounds, with a view to developing a master plan for the preservation and restoration of the Capitol, including necessary structural changes, consistent with the original historical character of the building, with due regard being given to enhancing the interior and exterior beauty of the building, making better use of existing space and reducing public safety hazards; (2) may consult with state, federal or private agencies with respect thereto, and disseminate information on its activities; and (3) shall report on its activities to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management annually or as often as the committee shall direct. The Department of Administrative Services shall provide professional staff assistance to the commission when available. If such assistance cannot be provided within a reasonable time, the commission may, with the approval of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, retain technical advisors to assist in reviewing project plans and work.

(c) The commission is authorized to accept gifts, donations and grants from the federal government or other public or private sources for the purpose of such preservation and restoration.

(d) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management may undertake capital expenditure programs for which capital funds are authorized, in connection with such preservation and restoration. Such programs shall be carried out by the committee, pursuant to plans and specifications approved by the commission and in accordance with the bidding procedures in part II of chapter 60. The commission shall adopt regulations establishing basic artistic standards in keeping with the original historical character of the Capitol to assist the committee in the preparation of plans and specifications.

(e) The commission shall be an independent body within the Legislative Department for administrative purposes only.

**COMMISSION ON CAPITOL PRESERVATION  
AND RESTORATION  
GUIDELINES CONCERNING BASIC ARTISTIC STANDARDS  
FOR CONNECTICUT CAPITOL BUILDING**

A. The United States Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" shall serve as basic guidelines with regard to renovation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Connecticut State Capitol Building.

B. Interior of Building

The integrity of the location, design, setting, materials, decoration, feeling and appearance of all interior surfaces shall be maintained, whenever possible, as originally designed, constructed and created. All restoration shall be consistent with the design, materials and appearance of the original plans of Richard M. Upjohn, original architect, and William J. McPherson, original decorator, of the building. There shall be no changes to the interior structure or finishes, including walls, floors, ceilings or partitions, without approval of the Commission on Preservation and Restoration of the State Capitol or its designated subcommittee.

C. Exterior of Building

The integrity of the location, design, setting, material, decoration and appearance of all exterior structure, surfaces, and finishes shall be maintained, whenever possible, as originally designed and created. All restoration shall be consistent with the design, materials and appearance of Richard M. Upjohn, original architect, and William J. McPherson, original decorator, of the building. There shall be no changes to the exterior structure, surfaces, or finishes without approval of the Commission on Preservation and Restoration of the State Capitol or its designated subcommittee.

Adopted by the Commission on Preservation and Restoration of the State Capitol in accord with Section 4b-60, C.G.S. (1981).

## **Commission Members as of December 2013**

Robert D. Harris, Jr., *Chairperson*  
Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello  
Bernard P. Auger  
Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.  
Lorraine Guilmartin  
Sally M. Martin  
William Morgan  
Thomas Ritter  
John Ruffalo, III  
Barry Williams

Dr. Walter W. Woodward, *State Historian*  
Donald J. DeFronzo, Commissioner of Dept. of Administrative Services, *ex officio*

Elizabeth A. Conroy, *Clerk*

# Appendix A

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**March 18, 2013**  
**Legislative Office Building**

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, William Morgan, Thomas Ritter

Members Not Present: Lorraine Guilmartin, John Ruffalo, Barry Williams, Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: Rachel Bishop, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Ken Dixon, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Liz Ferruggiaro, John Harnick, Tina Mohr, Michele Woolman

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

- ◆ The December 10, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ A draft of the Commission's 2012 Annual Report was approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
  - House voting boards - Eric Connery reported that the boards have been installed and are functioning. The punch list work is complete except for some minor items. Rep. Altobello asked if the increased air conditioning in the Chamber closet was needed for the new equipment. Eric responded that the air conditioning was required for the data networking equipment that was originally located in the annex. It was very loud and needed to be relocated to the closet. The closet then needed to be cooled because the equipment generates so much heat. The change in temperature was not related to the new voting boards.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in progress or recently completed:*
  - Lamp replacement - Jay Drew reported that Guardian Services continues to re-lamp areas of the Capitol with LED technology, reducing energy use and the labor of changing out the bulbs more often. We have replaced bulbs in the House Chamber wall sconces, cornice lights and chandeliers. This new technology reduces the frequency that the chandeliers need to be lowered. We plan to complete the same project in the Senate Chamber, have selected lighting for the arches outside the Senate Chamber (installation pending funding), and are also selecting product for the Rotunda. We are testing induction lighting in the Capitol offices with instant re-strike capabilities which will allow for the use of occupancy sensors. A question was asked regarding the lighting quality produced by the new bulbs. The light is slightly whiter and produces less eye strain. Jay said that the new lighting enhances the ceiling artwork in the House Chamber.
  - Pump replacement - Jay reported that as pumps and motors fail, maintenance now has a system in place to look for the most energy-efficient, cost-effective replacement.

- Green Capitols project - Bill Morgan asked about the performance of the new pavement installed for the Green Capitols project. Jay responded that the winter directly following the installation was a two-fold challenge because of the severe winter, along with the fact that snow melt products could not be used for the first year after the installation. These issues caused slippery conditions along with some failure of the materials. The joints on the North side had not been produced satisfactorily and were replaced. We do not expect additional failures.
- ◆ *Project checklist update:*
  - Eric distributed an updated checklist. Items 2 (preservation of restoration-era drawings), 3 (conservation of one remaining Upjohn drawing) and 4 (undertaking of oral history project with John Canning) are ready pending funding. We have asked for funding of the window frame replacement project. The blast mitigation cannot move forward because a solution to complete it was not found. Items 19 (polish/repair Columbus urn) and 20 (clean Senate mahogany doors) are also ready if funding becomes available.
  - There is funding for the first phase of item 15 (the skylight panels project .) They will be removed after session and stored for conservation if additional funding becomes available. A structural engineer will need to be consulted for the removal. Rep. Altobello asked that Eric forward a copy of the structural engineer's report to him.
  - Sally Martin questioned the cost of \$5,000 for item 18 (considering investigating the original paint scheme of the Governor's office.) Eric responded that during the restoration, it was decided to restore the Governor's office. One governor decided not to move forward with the project unless the other Capitol offices could be restored as well. The \$5,000 study piece was included on the checklist in the event that it was decided that the project would move forward. Eric asked that Liz Conroy remind him to bring copies of photos for the next meeting of the originally ornate office. He believes that the only photographs available are specifically of the Governor's office, although research should be completed on the other offices if the project were to move forward.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:*
  - There is no funding for battle flag preservation, the return of the Genius statue to the dome, or the exterior cleaning.
  - Boiler replacement - The first phase has been placed in a bond request. The goal is to remove the non-functioning boiler and replace it with a new high-efficiency hot water boiler and to convert the existing steam heated areas in the basement and attic to hot water. The two existing boilers will be used as back-up.
  - Rep. Altobello expressed concern regarding the exterior caulking at the West Entrance terrace. Eric responded that many basic items will be addressed during the spring, including patching.
- ◆ *Old Business:*
  - Forlorn Soldier statue - Eric reported that the legislative leaders have approved placement of the statue in the North Lobby. Possible locations include the north side of the North Lobby or behind the USS Hartford figurehead. Eric and Bob suggested that the Commission members visit the proposed areas prior to the June Commission

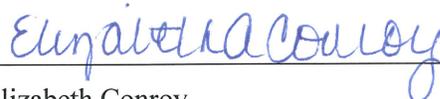
meeting, taking into consideration that the statue is approximately 8-feet tall with a base of 3-feet by 3-feet. The installation timeframe is approximately 6 months.

- Memorial for Gerry Caughman – There was discussion of a possible memorial in the Hall of Flags sometime during May, but it may need to wait until after session concludes, perhaps in July on the one-year anniversary of her death. Bob Harris will be providing Jim Tracy, Executive Director of Legislative Management with additional information regarding the type of event the Commission is considering.
  - Stained Glass skylight in the Old Judiciary Room - Eric said we are looking to reserve the room after session to address the issue of relighting the glass.
  - Bob Harris had asked Legislative Management to research the possibility of reprinting the publication “Monument: The Connecticut State Capitol”. The document is a catalog of the exhibition that was produced by the Old State House Association for the centennial of the State Capitol Building. Eric reported that the text copyright is held by the Old State House Association, but the photo copyrights are held by individual photographers. Legislative Management recommends a rewrite and update of the text along with a recreation of the photographs. Bob is hopeful that the document could be made available for purchase and is working on the details. Eric stated that we will write future contracts so that the State of Connecticut becomes the owner of the photographs. Bill Morgan added that he is a proponent of preserving many of these documents digitally, although again, Eric said we continue to face the challenge of copyrighted photographs.
  - Bob Harris presented information regarding Sen. Crisco’s question regarding whether or not the Commission is allowed to fundraise. The Legislative Commissioners’ Office reviewed the Commission’s statute. The statute does not give the Commission authority to solicit funds, but the statute could be changed. As a former LCO attorney, Sally Martin volunteered to draft the new language. Sen. Crisco and Rep. Altobello offered to propose the change. The Commission approved a vote to move forward in changing the statute.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested a June date for the next quarterly Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

# Appendix B

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**June 18, 2013**  
**Legislative Office Building**

Members Present: Representative Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Benny Auger, Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, William Morgan, John Ruffalo, Barry Williams, Walter W. Woodward

Members Not Present: Lorraine Guilmartin, Thomas Ritter

Others Present: Angela Cahill, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Liz Ferruggiaro, April Hannah, Tina Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

- ◆ The March 18, 2013 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
  - Jay Drew reported that we are going to repair a broken piece of glass located on the dormer above one of the skylights. This repair will allow the structural engineers to review the structure of the skylight.
  - He continues to investigate office lighting options and has received one more option to test. He may work with DEEP to seek additional options. Eric added that DEEP has some funding available for more intense energy audits and projects. We are also planning to move forward with investigating lighting options for the Old Judiciary Room skylight and the Capitol dome as they are part of the energy-efficiency plan.
- ◆ *Project checklist update:*
  - Eric reported that some bond funding has been released for repairing the exterior window frames. We do not know the extent of the damage until Fletcher Thompson completes their study. The windows had been on an escalated 4-year painting schedule to stop the deterioration.
  - The east and west skylight funding has also been released. The skylights will be removed and stored by the end of the interim. We plan to re-install the items during the next interim, pending funding.
  - The boiler replacement project should begin soon.
  - We are also planning to move forward with the battle flag conservation request for proposal so that we will be ready if new funding becomes available.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:* Items on hold include the exterior cleaning and restoration project, the Genius statue, and the blast mitigation project. We are still reviewing the budget to see if we will be able to begin the elevator interior upgrade. The exterior cleaning and restoration project remains a top priority on the bond request list, but remains on hold due to the large multi-million dollar cost.

◆ *Old Business:*

- Memorial for Gerry Caughman - The legislative leaders have approved a memorial. We will begin working on a plaque and selecting a date for a reception in the Hall of Flags.
- Printing of flag books - Approval has also been received for the printing of 33 of the flag books authored by Gerry.
- Civil War Statue (Forlorn Soldier) - Legislative Management has been working with the Kelly Family Trust who owns the statue and the CCSU Foundation who has the funding to pay for the conservation and relocation of the statue. At the last Commission meeting, the Commission approved the acceptance of the statue. Since that time, the legislative leaders have also approved acceptance. Eric asked the Commission to consider two possible locations for the statue's placement: (1) the North Lobby near the windows and (2) the northeast corner of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor staircase. Bill Morgan motioned that the Commission select the northeast corner of the staircase. Rep. Altobello seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. A sample of the plaque wording was presented to the Commission and members discussed possible changes. Eric suggested that the League of Women Voters add a history of the Forlorn Soldier to the self-guided tour brochure. After review of the Commission's statute (4b-60) by the Legislative Commissioners' Office it was determined that the Commission is allowed to accept donations on behalf of the State of Connecticut. The attorneys recommended that when the donation is of an historic nature or relevant to the State Capitol building, that the Commission should act as the accepting entity. A letter will be forthcoming to Chairman Harris indicating that he will be able to sign an official acceptance letter for the Civil War statue.

◆ *New Business*

- Lincoln Etching - Eric Connery also submitted a photo of an Abraham Lincoln etching that a private party would like to gift to the State. It was created by Henry Gugler in 1869. Senator Crisco asked about insurance for the etching. Eric responded that the State is self-insured with a one-million dollar deductible. Dr. Woodward motioned that the Commission accept the donation. Sally Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. Eric suggested two possible locations for the etching. The first option would be outside the House Chamber by the water urn. The second would be in the basement in the glass case alongside the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment Civil War flag. The Commission decided not to vote on a location during the meeting. The acceptance of the etching will now await the legislative leaders' approval.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested September 17, 2013 for the next meeting, to coincide with the possible dedication of the Forlorn Soldier statue.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

# Appendix C

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**September 30, 2013**  
**Legislative Office Building**

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Donald J. DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally Martin, Bill Morgan, John Ruffalo, Barry Williams

Members Not Present: Bernard P. Auger, Thomas Ritter, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: Rachel Bishop, Angela Cahill, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, John Harnick, Tina Mohr, Jim Tracy

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

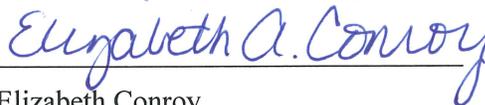
- ◆ The June 18, 2013 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
  - Jay Drew reported that he is currently working with Guardian Services on a cable management project and additional electrical outlet and data port installation in the dais area of the House Chamber. The project should be completed within the next few weeks.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in process or recently completed:*
  - Eric Connery reported that there is a major repair of the steam line and chilled water line occurring at the corner of Trinity Street and Capitol Avenue. The digging has caused extensive damage to the grounds. The work is being performed by CAS (Capitol Area System), a division of DAS. CAS has agreed to return the landscape to its original condition once the repair is completed. Jay added that we have provided CAS with the concrete mix specifications as well as the contact information for both the designer of the mix and the original contractor responsible for installing the Green Capitols project.
- ◆ *Project checklist:*
  - We are working to secure funding within the OLM construction budget for the \$50,000 elevator upgrade project.
  - We are still investigating lighting options for the Capitol offices.
- ◆ *Projects in design or to be scheduled:*
  - Old Judiciary skylight - Eric reported that we have found a one-inch space between the skylight and the upper floor that is accessible from the Old Judiciary Room. However, the space is not large enough to allow for cleaning of the glass. Also, the only lighting option that we have located that can work with the space constraint is not a cost-effective solution.
  - Window frame repairs - Fletcher Thompson will assess the amount of damage to determine the scope of necessary conservation.
  - Boiler replacement - We are working to complete the design work for the new boiler. We will replace the non-functioning boiler with the new high-efficiency boiler.

- East and West laylights required repairs – We are close to putting the first phase of the project out to bid. We will remove the laylights, the structural framing and the safety nets before the 2014 session. We hope to secure funding to conserve the lights during the 2014 session.
- Battle Flags – Some funding has become available to conserve the remaining six flags that are in good enough condition to be displayed on poles. The remaining flags to be conserved, pending funding, will be stored flat. They will be available for viewing by appointment and also perhaps displayed on a rotating schedule.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:* The Genius project and the exterior cleaning and restoration project remain on hold. The blast mitigation project is also on hold due to funding and the lack of a suitable method of completion.
- ◆ *Old Business:*
  - Eric stated that the Forlorn Soldier installation in the North Lobby was successfully completed, concluding with a dedication ceremony on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Matt Warshauer will provide the League of Women Voters with wording for their statuary guide book.
  - He reminded the Commission of the rest of today's schedule - The Lincoln etching donation scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in the North Lobby and the Gerry Caughman plaque dedication scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in the Hall of Flags.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:*
  - Bob Harris suggested an early December date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

# Appendix D

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**December 4, 2013**  
**Legislative Office Building**

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Bernard P. Auger, Jr., Donald J. DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, , John Ruffalo, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Members Not Present: Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Bill Morgan, Thomas Ritter, Barry Williams

Others Present: Angela Cahill, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Dr. Matt Warshauer

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

- ◆ The September 30, 2013 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ Bob Harris thanked the Commission staff for planning three successful events, the plaque dedication honoring Gerry Caughman, and the installations of the Lincoln portrait and the Forlorn Soldier.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
  - Jay Drew reported that the cable management project in the House Chamber dais has been completed.
  - We are remodeling two offices in the Information Technology area of the Capitol basement.
  - We have bids coming in for the generator feeder upgrade in the bunker, which will remove the generator feeders from the ground so that they will not be sitting in water when it rains.
  - The new roofing contractor has located and repaired some stress cracks in the gutters. These leaks may have caused a leak above the House Chamber voting board on the east side.
  - We are investigating new lighting options for the Senate lobby.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in process or recently completed:*
  - Eric Connery - CAS (Capitol Area System, operated by the Department of Administrative Services) upgrades to the steam and chilled water lines have been completed on Capitol Avenue. They will return in the spring to continue repairs on the lawn. Commissioner DeFronzo offered to monitor the repairs in the spring.
  - Boiler replacement - The design consultant contract is in place.
  - Battle Flags - Five flags have been selected for conservation over the next two years.
  - We believe we will have funding available for the elevator upgrade next year.
- ◆ *Project checklist:*
  - Eric added that we are continuing to investigate sources for a light blanket for the Old Judiciary Room skylight.

- Skylights – Three proposals to remove the lights are under review.
- Window repairs will begin next summer.

◆ *New Business:*

- Bob Harris invited Dr. Matt Warshauer to speak. He began by thanking the Commission members and staff for their support of the Forlorn Soldier project and assistance with the planning of the dedication ceremony. Approximately 150 Kelly descendants were in attendance to view the unveiling of the statue. One of Dr. Warshauer's graduate students produced a well-researched booklet, which presents the case that the Forlorn Soldier is Connecticut's oldest Civil War soldier figure, and quite possibly the oldest in the nation. The historical importance of the statue is tremendous, and its placement in the Capitol Building is a testament to the Commission's support of maintaining this building as the historical icon that it was designed to be by those who built it.
- He added that his current graduate students are doing a group project researching every civil war item that is located inside and outside of the Capitol building. The research will be placed on the Connecticut Humanities Council website within the next few months. He will work with the Commission on a presentation of their findings.
- He stated that he has become very interested in the Genius, a symbol of Connecticut. It was placed originally on the dome in 1878 when the building opened and removed after the 1938 hurricane and melted down for the war drive. The original plaster cast was retained and eventually, a replica was cast.

Dr. Warshauer would like to take on the effort to get the Genius placed on top of the dome. Dr. Woodward offered his support and assistance as well. Dr. Warshauer described his vision. He stated that he does not want the project to simply involve the physical act of placing the statue on top of the dome. He suggested that the Genius is the perfect representative example of the devotion that our state and our citizens should have to history education and a belief in the humanities. There is a huge topic of debate between STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and the humanities. He expressed his belief that STEM fields and the humanities should act in concert rather than competition with one another. The technology of placing the Genius atop the dome would require the STEM fields, while the reason for placing it there would be more related to the humanities.

He added that he hopes to plan a 3-year project which would bring social studies teachers together for training and support with the new common core. He would tie this project directly to the symbol of the Genius of Connecticut, promoting it to Connecticut universities and colleges, as well to civic associations, as a matter of state and civic pride.

Dr. Warshauer proposed that the fundraising for the Genius project could be raised through the CCSU Foundation, similarly to the Forlorn Soldier project. He will make a written proposal to the Commission, along with creating a letter of agreement between CCSU and the CT General Assembly. Bob Harris offered the support of the Commission for the project. Bob Harris added that although the Commission is able to accept donations, it does not have the specific authority to actively solicit funds.

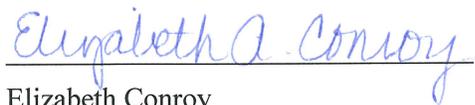
Eric Connery stated that the engineering design for strengthening the lantern is complete. There would be a need for a structural engineer to confirm that the Connecticut earthquake code requirements would not apply to this project. Eric added that the strengthening of the lantern and the subsequent transfer of the statue's weight down through the lantern to the top of the dome should secure the statue. The crane cost to place the Genius on top of the dome has been estimated at \$125,000, and the total cost of the project remains at \$450,000.

- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:*
  - Bob Harris suggested a mid-March date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

# Appendix E

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Connecticut State Capitol Summary of Findings - Recommendations of Schoenhardt Architecture		Estimated Cost	Priority	Status	Expected Completion Date
1	Investigate documentation for granted code variances.	\$15k	3	Study completed	Complete
2	Preserve restoration-era drawings.	?	4	Pending	tbs
3	Conserve one remaining Upjohn drawing.	\$2.5k	3	Pending	tbs
4	Undertake oral history project with John Canning.	\$5k	3	Pending	tbs
5	Ascertain optimum cleaning method for exterior cleaning.	\$160k (Design)	2	Cleaning and Restoration Proposals received, award to be delayed	Hold for funding
6	Award exterior door refinishing contract.	\$65k	1	Annual refinishing contract issued	Complete
7	Study north stair stone movement.	\$87k	1	Railing replacement pending	Complete
8	Study plaster ceiling problems - north, south, east porches.	\$5k	4	Included in #5 RFP	Hold for funding
9	Study concerns of exterior stonework.	*	3	Included in #5 RFP	Hold for funding
10	Consider cleaning interior stonework.	\$25k	4	Design study to be awarded	Hold for funding
11	Investigate water stains at dome's stained glass windows.	*	3	Included in #5 RFP	Hold for funding
12	Investigate rust stains on 1st floor and beams on various levels.	\$5k	4	Design study to be awarded	Hold for funding
13	Investigate cause of cracked window frames & repair.	\$10k	3	Design study to be awarded, work to start July '14	Bond Funding Available
14	Study de-lamination of canvas in Senate Chamber galleries.	\$5k	4	Design study to be awarded	Hold for funding
15	Study skylights with peeling vinyl.	\$10k	4	Laylights to be taken down by Jan. '14, panel conservation and hanging structure repairs to start July '14 pending balance of funding	Complete
16	Engage consultant for dome lighting, Senate Chamber spotlights, and Old Judiciary skylight	\$20k	2	Previous design for dome lighting being reviewed	Project is on hold
17	Consider water fountain restoration.	\$5k	4	Pending	Hold for funding
18	Consider investigating original paint scheme of Governor's office.	\$5k	4	Pending	Hold for funding
19	Polish & repair Columbus Urn in House Chamber Lobby.	\$5k	4	Pending	tbs
20	Clean Senate Chamber mahogany doors.	\$10k	4	Pending	tbs
21	Repair carpet seams in Senate Chamber Galleries.	\$5k	1	Vendor to submit proposal	Complete

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