



Contract extended through June 2017

In their first official act on behalf of the members who elected them to office, President Bill Garrity and 1st VP Ivonne Hamm negotiated with key university leadership to secure a continuation of UHP's contract for another year.

Under the agreement, which Garrity signed July 13, the language in the contract UHP has worked under since 2006 remains in place through June 2017, or sooner if a new collective bargaining agreement is reached – and approved by the Connecticut General Assembly – before then. Notably, this includes reimbursement for tuition and continuing education. Contract talks are on hold, likely until the fall.

“We agreed to an extension that makes it clear that all rights and benefits in our existing contract would be honored during the continuation period,” Garrity says.



Member's Perspective: Joyce Fritz on election season

On Nov. 8, 2016, we will have the right to vote for our 45th president of the United States. It is very important for you to do your research on both candidates.

On June 9, at the AFL-CIO Connecticut political convention, I attended the workshop, “Talking about Donald Trump with our members.” There I learned that Trump is anti-union and would do without a union altogether, he hires foreign workers over American workers, and his branded products are made overseas in factories in Mexico and China. He is also constantly disrespecting women and opposing equal pay for women. How are we supposed to make America great again when he is sending all the work overseas? As a union member this is of critical importance for you to know.

The AFL-CIO is endorsing Hillary Clinton. She has shown that she is a proven leader and that she will fight for working families in a powerful positive way. She will also fight to raise the minimum wage, to guarantee paid family leave for workers, and to finally secure equal pay for woman. Working people know that she will be the right choice to unite all Americans in our fight to increase income in the homes and exhaust threats abroad. She is pro-union.

—Joyce Fritz

President's Corner: AFT Convention

What a great National Convention! Minneapolis was a beautiful city. The weather was warm (not sure what I expected for July, I watched too many football games from Minnesota). Most of our time was spent at the Convention Center: committee meetings, general sessions, speakers; humanitarian, labor and political – with a visit and speech from Hilary Clinton herself.



Top: Ivonne and me with AFT President Randi Weingarten

Bottom: Election time!

In the past I had been appointed as a sergeant at arms, a job I did enjoy; I was able to see and interact with many of the delegates coming into the halls. I was unable to fulfill that role this convention because this was my first as a ranking delegate. I was asked to be a timekeeper for the RN's and health care committee, a job I willingly accepted. There was not a great deal to do for that job, as that committee had no contentious resolutions. As our ranking delegate, I was tasked with gathering the ballots when it was time, get them handed out to our delegates, make sure our ballots were filled out correctly and signed and then turned in.

In my opinion, our biggest success came during that election. Jan Hochadel, our AFT Connecticut president, was elected to a national VP post – a very exciting moment for her and a big win for all of Connecticut!

—Bill Garrity, UHP President

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Something New: UHP President's 'State of the Union' Address

Watch (listen) for President Bill Garrity's vision for our local on UHP's website or [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/uhp3837).



From left: Alyssa D'Ostilio, Peter Baranowski, Robin Washington Addison, Pierre LePage, Shawn Brown, Chris Frechette, Karen Apruzzese, Ray Bennettson, Joan Williams, Ivonne Hamm, Bill Garrity, Swapna Das, Chris DeFrancesco, Lucille Miller, Christine Judd, and Laura Didden at the AFT National Convention in Minneapolis (Photo by Matt O'Connor, AFT CT)

AFT National Convention

Sixteen UHP members attended the AFT National Convention in Minneapolis, highlighted by an appearance by Hillary Clinton and the election of an AFT Connecticut officer to AFT's national leadership team.

UHP's delegation was among more than 2,600 delegates from throughout the U.S. and beyond who assembled at the Minneapolis Convention Center July 17-21.

See full summary and more photos at uhp3837.com or on [UHP's Facebook page](#).



Guess who showed up to address the delegates?

Beyond Wednesday Table

We are holding information tables outside of the regular weekly one on Wednesdays, i.e., an evening table in the Food Court lobby, and at other UConn Health locations. Check the [events calendar](#) on the UHP website or [UHP's Facebook page](#) for details.



AN ENGAGED UNION IS A STRONG UNION!

If you don't know who your union rep is, a great first step to becoming more engaged is finding and exchanging contact information with your rep. If you can't find the rep for your area, you may not have one. Perhaps **you** can serve as a rep?

You might also consider joining a committee. Contact any of the officers below to learn more.

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