



## The Results Are In

The 2017 UHP Officer Election is over and I would like to offer congratulations to Lucille Miller, who was re-elected **Chief Steward** for another two-year term beginning July 1. We had 308 UHP members cast a vote in the election, which is 12 percent of our members.

We would also like to congratulate those candidates who ran unopposed for positions:

- **VP Tier I Employees** – Ray Bennettson, returning officer
- **VP Tier II Employees** – Doug Kingsbury, joining the Executive Committee for the first time after many years of union involvement.
- **VP Community Outreach** – Trisha Faraday, also joining the Executive Committee for the first time after being very involved in UHP.

I would like to personally thank all the members who took the time to vote, the members of the Election Committee, whom I couldn't have done this without, and the current and future members of the Executive Committee, who work continuously to fight for UHP member rights.

—**Laura Didden, Recording Secretary**



**Lucille Miller**  
185 votes



**Chris Frechette**  
123 votes

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

### Back to the Bargaining Table

At long last, we have reconvened the **Negotiating Team** for some face-to-face meetings with management.

As this newsletter was going to print, we just finished two daylong sessions, and have another one scheduled. Be sure to check our website ([uhp3837.com](http://uhp3837.com)) and Facebook page ([Facebook.com/UHPCT](https://Facebook.com/UHPCT)) in case we have updates that come after press time. Or ask your union rep for an update.

Remember, we are covered under two contracts: the **UHP contract**, which is in place through the end of June, and the **SEBAC contract**, which covers retirement and medical/dental benefits for all state employees, and in its current state is in place till June 2022.

While we negotiate the UHP contract with UConn Health management, SEBAC representatives and the Malloy administration are in discussions about possible changes to the SEBAC contract, which could include adding years to it. The state's fiscal crisis is a factor for both contracts, and it's possible, if not likely, that progress on our contract is dependent on what SEBAC does.

Ivonne, Ray and I have seats at the SEBAC table and are watching this closely. We will share information as we can.

—**In Solidarity,**  
**Bill Garrity**



## Ready to Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments?

Those who are attending the annual business convention, **Friday, April 21**, at the Aqua Turf will vote on 16 proposed constitutional amendments. Find them at information tables or at [bit.ly/17amendments](http://bit.ly/17amendments).

# Defending Workers' Rights at the State Capitol



Trisha Faraday, Ivonne Hamm, Lucille Miller, Peter Baranowski, and Chris DeFrancesco (left) are among the UHP members who rallied with state employees on the State Capitol grounds March 24 (center). Earlier, Bill Garrity (right) testified to the Appropriations Committee in opposition to dozens of anti-labor bills. Read more at [bit.ly/AFT170324](http://bit.ly/AFT170324).

## Lake Compounce June 24

UHP Day at Lake Compounce is **Saturday, June 24**. Tickets are \$41.75 per person, which includes parking, lunch, and a discount for a future visit. Email [sbrown@uhp3837.com](mailto:sbrown@uhp3837.com) for more details.



—**Shawn Brown, VP for Membership Activities**

## At the Table With Lawmakers

UHP was at the table with elected officials throughout March and early April for this spring's AFT Connecticut regional legislative meetings throughout the state. These are terrific opportunities for us to have a lawmaker's ear and be a voice for labor.



—**Robin W. Addison, VP Political Activities**

## Update From the Treasurer

- **Audit:** UHP received the highest possible rating from the firm that audited our financial statements
- **The UHP budget** for fiscal 2018 has been approved by the Executive Committee. The budget and audit are available for review by any member. To arrange, please email [mdproper@uhp3837.com](mailto:mdproper@uhp3837.com).



—**Michelle Proper, Treasurer**

## Are You #HealthCareProud?

At the AFT Connecticut Convention **May 13**, attendees will see a compilation of short videos from public school, public service and health care employees describing the important work they do. Learn more at [bit.ly/HealthCareProud](http://bit.ly/HealthCareProud).



## UHP's 2017 Nightingale Nurses

The following members have been honored with Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence:

- **Fiona Furlong, APRN**  
MedSurg/Oncology
- **Joan Matus, BSN, RN**  
CNII – JDH OR
- **Jane Presnick-Lyon, RN**  
Nursing Supervisor
- **Marie Sudsbury, MPH, RN**  
Infection Prevention Nurse
- **Michele Tardif, BSN, RN**  
Assistant Nurse Manager, UMG



Congratulations to our Nightingales and to all our nurses who make a difference in patients' lives every day!