



Bill Garrity, Trisha Faraday, Ivonne Hamm, Chris DeFrancesco, Jean Morningstar, Peter Baranowski, and Theresa Aisevbonaye (not pictured) represented UHP at the 2019 AFT CT Legislative Issues Conference Feb. 2. See Page 2 for more legislative updates. (Photo by Matt O'Connor)

2019 Officers, Delegates Uncontested

Call for nominations were received for UHP officer positions VP Tier I, VP Tier II, VP community outreach and chief steward, as well as nominations for delegate positions.

Since we only received one nomination for each officer position, no election will need to be held. I would like to congratulate the nominees for the officer positions:



VP Tier I
Ray Bennettson
Returning officer



VP Community Outreach
Trisha Faraday
Returning officer



VP Tier II
Doug Kingsbury
Returning officer



Chief Steward
Jean Morningstar

Current Chief Steward Lucille Miller did not seek re-election and will serve out the term ending June 30. At that time, we welcome back Jean Morningstar, former UHP president. Jean has maintained her membership in good standing while serving as first vice president of AFT CT. Jean has been serving on the Steward Committee for the past year and was eligible to run for the position. Jean will bring her knowledge of UHP and UConn Health to the chief steward position. UHP is fortunate to have Jean back on the Executive Committee!

Congratulations also go out to the nominees for this year's delegate positions (more details on that to come).

I would like to thank the members of the Election Committee for their help and the current members of the Executive Committee for their continuous work to fight for members' rights.

**—Laura Didden, Recording Secretary
Elections Committee Chair**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Fighting for a Seat at the Table

The public-private partnership process is underway and there's not much to report.

We are part of a UConn Health Labor Coalition that collectively is watching developments. What we understand so far is this: Seven proposals came in during the solicitation of interest period; not one at face value was acceptable. Dr. Andy says two of them could lead to something with further discussion, but he has not provided details, and indicated that there likely wouldn't be anything further to report for four to six weeks.

Meantime, what can we do? We can focus on what we can control:

- There's a petition going around that demands labor be a partner in this process. Be sure to sign it and find coworkers to sign it.
- Tell your elected officials your story, how you provide care or support the delivery of care at the state's only public medical center, and how you're proud to do it. Let'em know you're a voter and you're paying attention.
- Look for our "Public Hospital for the Public Good" stickers, be sure to wear'em and share'em.

More to come on this, so keep your eyes and ears open.

—In Solidarity, Bill Garrity

What to Watch at the State Capitol

Remember, state lawmakers have an impact on our livelihoods as state employees. At the same time, they represent us.



UHP VP for Communications Chris DeFrancesco meets with his representative, Gary Turco, at a recent forum in Newington.

Special elections Feb. 26

are for three Senate seats and two House seats. If you live in one of these districts, be sure you know who's on the ballot and get ready to vote again!

- Senate District 3 (East Hartford, East Windsor, South Windsor, part of Ellington)
- Senate District 5 (Burlington, West Hartford and part of Farmington)
- Senate District 6 (Berlin, New Britain and part of Farmington)
- House District 39 (New London)
- House District 99 (East Haven)

Democrats prioritize paid family medical leave and \$15 minimum wage. Learn more at bit.ly/190208WorkerB.

Public sector union bills introduced by Reps. Robyn Porter and Mike D'Agostino aim to help protect public employees' fundamental right to collectively bargain. Learn more at bit.ly/1902bills.

Regional legislative meetings start March 16.

This is a terrific opportunity for members to get face time with lawmakers in small group settings. See the calendar above for the first few, with more to come!

UHP Accepting Scholarship Applications Thru March 1

The 2019 UHP scholarship window is now open for members and their dependents.

UHP scholarship funds helped member Sabine Donato Dabady return to school for her BSN, and last year she earned her MSN in the adult gerontology nurse practitioner program at Western Connecticut State University.

"I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation and just wanted the UHP committee members to know that I was responsible with the scholarships awarded and remained disciplined and focused to the very end," Sabine says. "My family and I thank you very much."

Perhaps you or a family member could have a similar story?

Those interested in pursuing a UHP scholarship should **apply online**, at bit.ly/19UHPscholar, **by March 1**. Awards will be presented at the UHP Business Convention April 26.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Feb. 26, 5p, UHP Office

Steward Committee

Feb. 26, 6a-8p, throughout Connecticut

Special Elections (Legislature)

March 1, online only

Scholarship Applications Due

March 6, 5p, Keller Auditorium

Market Volatility Workshop

bit.ly/1903StoxTalk, RSVP sbrown@uhp3837.com

March 11, 5p, UHP Office

Executive Committee

March. 14, noon, Onyiuke Dining Room

Union Rep Assembly

Regional Legislative Meetings

March 16, 9a-11a, Testa's, Southington

aftct.org/19_Ctrl_Reg_Leg_Mtg

March 16, 12:30-2:30p, Margarita's, E.Hartford

aftct.org/19_Htfd_Reg_Leg_Mtg

March 23, 9a-11a, Eli's on the Hill, Branford

aftct.org/19_NHV_Reg_Leg_Mtg

April 26, 5p, Aqua Turf

UHP Annual Business Convention

UHP online calendar: bit.ly/uhpcal



UHP scholarship recipient Sabine Donato Dabady graduated Summa Cum Laude from WSCU with her BSN, then Magna Cum Laude from the same school with her MSN.