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## Results Are In Peter Zarabozo Elected VP Tier II

Congratulations to **Peter Zarabozo**, who joins the UHP Executive Committee as Vice President for Tier II (hourly) Employees to complete the term through June 30, 2022.

"Thank you to all of the members who took the time to speak to me during my campaign and express their thoughts about our union," says Peter, a nurse in the rheumatology clinic. "It was a pleasure having a dialogue about our union with each of you and I look forward to having the opportunity to do so moving forward."

Voting was done electronically and we had 700 members cast votes (27% of the membership).

"In my position, I hope to increase membership engagement and get more members involved in the operations of our union," Peter says. "We must have an engaged membership to defend and advance our contract and mutual interests."

Final tally was Peter Zarabozo with 384 votes, and **Peter Baranowski** with 316 votes.

"It was a solid campaign by both candidates to turn out that many voters," says Recording Secretary and Elections Chair **Laura Didden**. "I would like to personally thank all the members who took the time to vote, the members of the Election Committee, who 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."



President Bill Garrity swears in Peter Zarabozo as VP for Tier II Employees.

## OFFICER'S CORNER

### Get Ready for Local Elections

**Tuesday, Nov. 2**, is Election Day. While this is not a national election — in Connecticut and neighboring states it is a mostly municipal election — the impact on you is the greatest.



Dawn Thomas  
VP Political Activities

Voter turnout for a municipal election is always much lower than a national or statewide election. However these elections have the biggest impact on you.

It's your local leaders who form policy and implement change within your community that will affect you and your family on a daily basis.

Most of these municipal elections are for mayor, town council, board of education, and some other town positions.

There are definitely some contentious races going on in Connecticut this fall.

AFT CT's political action committee has been very busy since the summer interviewing and endorsing local candidates all over Connecticut. As VP for Political Activities, I sit on this committee along with Bill and Ivonne and we all have been part of the process.

The committee receives applications for any candidate seeking AFT CT's endorsement and we do zoom interviews with each and every candidate. These candidates will represent AFT members and we feel it is very important to do our

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## A Brief Explanation of Our Affiliation With AFT and AFT CT

First, the acronym: AFT stands for the **American Federation of Teachers.**

UHP and more than 3,000 other locals across the country collectively make up **AFT**, sometimes referred to as “the national federation” or “AFT national.” AFT represents 1.7 million members. Fun fact: UHP is AFT’s first and largest health care local!

**AFT Connecticut** is the *state federation*, which consists of 30,000 members across 90 locals in Connecticut, including UHP. And guess who’s the largest AFT CT local (not just health care)? (Hint: If you’re reading this, chances are you’re part of it!)

AFT Connecticut



*A Union of Professionals*

The AFT family includes private- and public-sector employees, not only educators, but also health care workers, administrative professionals, and state employees. AFT is a democratic (small “d”), member-led organization. UHP is an autonomous local affiliated with AFT and AFT CT that represents us in workplace-related matters with our employer.

### ON THE SCHEDULE

Oct. 13, 5:30p, UHP office

#### Executive Committee

Oct. 14, 12p-4p, Munson Training Room

#### Contract Negotiations

Oct. 19, 5:30p, Zoom

#### Union Rep Assembly

Oct. 20, 5:30p, Munson Training Room

#### Contract Negotiations

Oct. 25, 6p, Zoom

#### Diversity/Inclusion in Health Care

[aftct.org/Oct\\_21\\_Diversity\\_Healthcare\\_Webinar](https://aftct.org/Oct_21_Diversity_Healthcare_Webinar)

Oct. 26, 5:30p, Zoom

#### Steward Committee

Oct. 28-29, Zoom

#### CT AFL-CIO Convention

UHP delegates: [bit.ly/21CTAFLCIO](https://bit.ly/21CTAFLCIO)

#### Tuesday, Nov. 3: Election Day

Nov. 8, 5:30p, UHP office

#### Executive Committee

Nov. 9, 5p, Zoom

#### AFT CT Stewards Training Webinar

[aftct.org/Nov\\_21\\_Local\\_Stewards\\_Training](https://aftct.org/Nov_21_Local_Stewards_Training)

UHP online calendar: [bit.ly/uhpcal](https://bit.ly/uhpcal)

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due diligence to make sure they represent labor interests in their communities before the AFT CT endorsement is given.

Check our website for the list of AFT CT-endorsed candidates in the near future. I encourage you to review this list of candidates before you head to the polls.

Meantime, please contact your local registrar of voters to ensure you are registered properly or to register to vote. Voter registration information is also on the secretary of the state’s website:

[voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do](https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do). There you’ll also find information on which positions are included in your local election. Sample ballots will be posted in early November.

Both parties in Connecticut normally do a very good job of representing who is running on their platform and where they stand on issues. Please be an educated voter and do your homework before heading to the polls. And you can find information on absentee balloting at [bit.ly/AbsentCT](https://bit.ly/AbsentCT).

Make sure your voice is heard and get out and vote in this year’s elections. Remember, every vote counts!

**—In solidarity, Dawn Thomas**