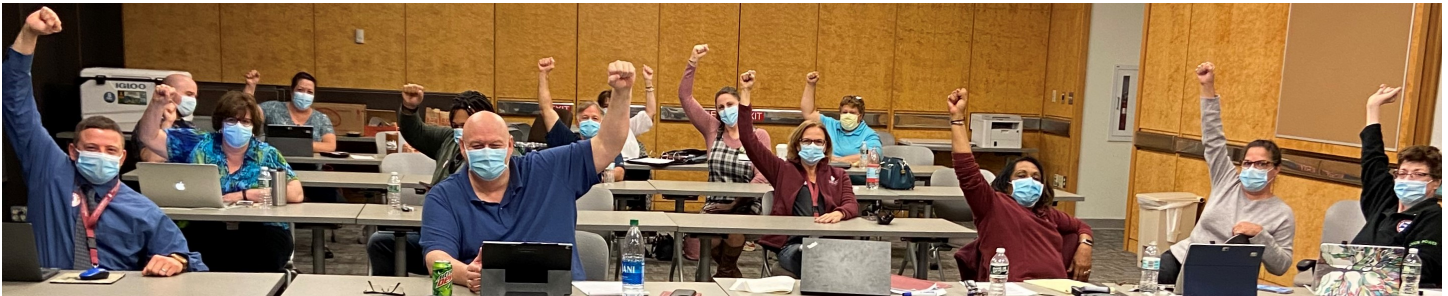




UHP Newsline



Elections '22 Preview Vacancies for 1st VP, Recording Secretary Prompt Special Elections



The Elections Committee met Nov. 17 and set the slate of officer positions, which will be available in the Call for Nominations in January. As part of the regular election, the positions of Vice President Tier I (salaried employees), Vice President Tier II (hourly employees), Chief Steward, and Vice President for Community Outreach will be up for election for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Additionally, First VP for Collective Bargaining Ivonne Hamm recently decided she's retiring June 30, and this will be the last election I will oversee as recording secretary. Therefore, as part of the same election process we'll also have a special election for the position of First Vice President for Collective Bargaining to complete the term from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and the position of Recording Secretary to complete the term from April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

There will be more details in the January newsletter and in the Call for Nominations which will be issued by Jan. 15, 2022. To find out more about the positions that will be open for election, please see bit.ly/2111uhpelex. Perhaps you're interested in running?

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Still at It (at the Bargaining Table)

We reached another stalemate with our contract talks. We were making what I would describe as somewhat reasonable progress in early November, swapping a few counters at our last negotiating session, with a promise of a response to our latest by Nov. 10. As of this writing we still have not gotten a response other than a request for more time. (The photo above is of our negotiating team.) It's possible the delay is related to a larger force at play, that being SEBAC coalition bargaining, which we briefly mentioned last month.

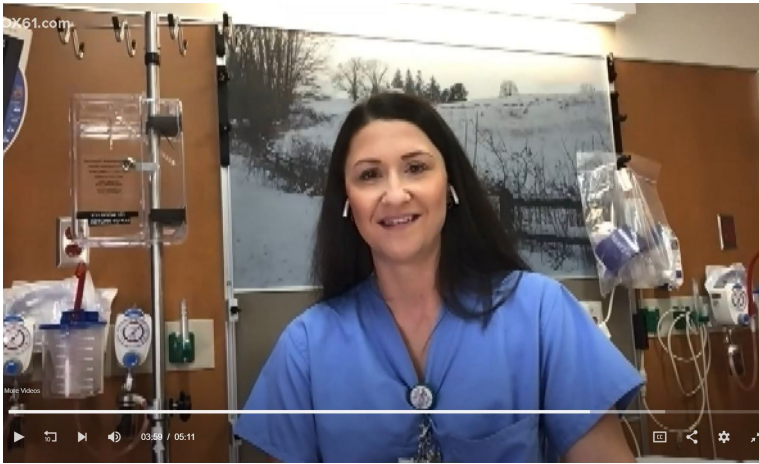


At the SEBAC table we are trying to negotiate a salary package that all sides can live with (better than the three years of zeros UConn Health had proposed) to bring to our membership. As you can imagine, this is like threading a needle — 15 different voting member unions at SEBAC all working together for the good of all state employees.

With all of this, I'm still trying to be the eternal optimist. We will continue to fight to have an acceptable contract in time for both our membership and the general assembly to vote on before the end of the upcoming legislative session.

Lastly, to all my UHP family, on behalf of myself and the entire executive committee, I'd like to wish you and your family happy holidays, and blessings for any holiday you personally celebrate. Keep love in your hearts this time of year (and all year long), and pray for those friends and family we lost. Be there for your family and friends.

—**In solidarity, Bill Garrity**



Member Featured on FOX 61

FOX 61's Tim Lammers recently did a feature on the perspective of health care providers who were on the front lines during the pandemic. One of those featured was our Kelly DeJoseph, who cared for COVID-19 patients in the ICU as hospitalizations were spiking. If you haven't seen it, take a few minutes: bit.ly/2111KDfox61. Kelly did a terrific job with the interview and of course with her patient care. Thank you, Kelly, for representing public employees who proudly provide essential services!

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You may also drop your items at the union office at The Exchange, Suite 109.

**Please DON'T leave gift cards in boxes,
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and a pickup will be coordinated.**

In Solidarity,

Robin Washington Addison
VP Community Outreach
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Holiday Party on Hold

The conditions aren't right just yet to gather for a traditional holiday party. But stay tuned — our social committee is on the case and will be out with news of this year's plans shortly, so watch for details!

ON THE SCHEDULE

December TBD, Zoom

Communications Committee

Details: cdefrancesco@uhp3837.com

Dec. 14, 5:30p, Zoom

Union Rep Assembly

Dec. 15, 5p, Zoom

'Testifying at the State

Capitol: 101' Webinar

aftct.org/Dec_21_Testifying_Wbnr

Dec. 27, 5p, Zoom

Legal Issues for Health Care Workers

aftct.org/Dec_21_Legal_Issues_Healthcare

Jan. 8, 9a-3p, Zoom

Finance Committee

Details: mdproper@uhp3837.com

Jan. 10, 5:30p, UHP office

Executive Committee

Jan. 25, 5:30p, Zoom

Steward Committee

UHP online calendar: bit.ly/uhpca1