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Officer Elections: Get Ready to Vote



We have an exciting election coming this month. The positions up for election, and their candidates:

- **1st VP for Collective Bargaining:**

Shawn Brown, Gloria Valentino

- **Recording Secretary:**

*Kimberly Ericson,
Summer Lambert*

- **Vice President Tier I:**

*Ray Bennettson (incumbent),
Quamanic St. Pierre*

With the pandemic and the restriction on social gatherings, we will not be able to hold a meet and greet. However, you can learn more about our candidates by reading their campaign messages at bit.ly/UHPelections. Each candidate got up to 300 words to appeal for your vote.

Electronic voting is scheduled for March 21-25. Members in good standing will receive voting information and instructions in their work email from "Election Coordinator" from Direct Vote the weekend before the voting begins.

Those unavailable to vote electronically may call 860-676-8444 to arrange a time to come to the UHP office and cast an absentee ballot March 14-18.

If you have any questions about the election, please email ldidden@uhp3837.com, and don't forget to vote!

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

Meet the Candidates

1st VP for Collective Bargaining



Shawn Brown



Gloria Valentino

Recording Secretary



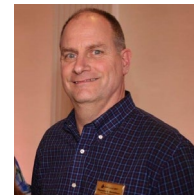
Kimberly Ericson



Summer Lambert

See ALL the candidates' campaign messages

VP for Tier I Employees



Ray Bennettson



Quamanic St. Pierre

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March Madness — So Much Going On

First, we have **officer elections later this month**. Get to know the people running for UHP office. We have links to all the candidates' bios in this newsletter. Make an informed vote.



The **UHP Business Convention** is right around the corner — Friday April 8, and as of this writing, in-person at the Aqua Turf. Be sure to RSVP to sbrown@uhp3837.com so we know you're coming. I hope to see you there.

The **legislative session** started with a bang. For the first time in six years as UHP president, I'm not fighting off privatization talks. However I already have been up at the Capitol talking about safe staffing legislation, and testified to the Higher Education Committee urging appropriate funding of state employee pensions.

With the window to apply for UHP **scholarships** closing March 4, we just got word of two scholarships from AFT CT Scholarships that are open until May 1.

As for **our next contract**, we are so close. We have an agreement in principle, tied to a few remaining SEBAC unions reaching honorable contracts. If that happens, we're looking at scheduling member meetings in advance of a ratification vote in a matter of weeks. I can't wait to share more details — stay tuned, it's going to be a very busy month!

—**In solidarity, Bill Garrity**

UHP Business Convention — In-Person — on for April 8

We are planning to be back in-person for the 2022 UHP Business Convention. Join us **Friday, April 8**, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Please RSVP to sbrown@uhp3837.com.



General Assembly Back for Short Session

The legislative season opened Feb. 9 and will adjourn May 4. This year is a short session and there is a lot of work to do. Pandemic issues are still plaguing our state and our daily work.

And of course, November will bring elections for governor and many legislative and political state positions. These elections can have a very large impact on your working conditions and state employment.

Remember, **the most powerful voice is yours**. Our members need to be engaged, and share their thought processes and what is important to them with their legislators.

AFT CT has arranged for four regional legislative meetings in March and April. These are held via zoom and a great opportunity to meet legislators and have a conversation with them. Find the meeting for your area at aftct.org/calendar, or join in another area's meeting.

Some important bills and issues to note this session are:

- An Act Protecting Connecticut Workers
- Having a balanced budget that includes funding for UConn Health
- Passage of UHP/UConn Health proposed contract
- Protecting UConn Health as a public entity
- Protecting union and health care workers' rights

Details on labor's session agenda can be found on the AFL-CIO website: bit.ly/22CTAFLCIOxgr.

—Dawn Thomas, VP for Political Activities

AFT CT Scholarships Available

AFT CT is offering two scholarships this year:

- The 2022 **George C. Springer Scholarship** - reserved for AFT Connecticut members
- The 2022 **Sharon M. Palmer Scholarship** - reserved for spouse/partner/dependent of AFT Connecticut members

All **applications are due by May 1** (via email or postmarked). Completed applications and corresponding documents can be emailed to scholarships@aftct.org or mailed to:

AFT CT - Scholarship Program
35 Marshall Road
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Find the applications for these two scholarships at bit.ly/22AFTCTscholarships.



ON THE SCHEDULE

Investment Policy Subcmte

March 8, 5:30p, Zoom

Details: mdproper@uhp3837.com

Executive Committee

March 14, 5:30p, UHP office

Absentee Ballots Available

March 14-18, UHP office by appt.

Greater Hartford Regional Legislative Meeting

March 19, 9a-10:30a., Zoom

Details: bit.ly/2103HtfdLegMtg

UHP Elections: Online Voting

March 21-25, online

Steward Committee

March 22, 5:30p, Zoom

Defensive Charting Webinar

March 28, 6p-7:30p, Zoom

bit.ly/2203DefensiveCharting

UHP Business Convention

April 8, 5p, Aqua Turf

Central Connecticut Regional Legislative Meeting

April 9, 9a-11a., Zoom

Details: bit.ly/2104CentCtLegMtg

Executive Committee

April 11, 5:30p, UHP office

Union Rep Assembly

April 21. 15, 5:30p, Zoom

UHP online calendar: bit.ly/uhpca/