



UHP at CT AFL-CIO '24



Some of our first- and second-time delegates with CT AFL-CIO President Ed Hawthorne (4th from left): Ryan Pesce, Amy Moffo, Jackie Godin, Paul Banach, Brandon Mulcunry, Rich Vance, and Shaneé Reid

We are back from the CT AFL-CIO's 15th biennial political convention, where our 22 delegates represented more than 10% of the body at the Omni New Haven June 27 and 28.

In addition to passing several resolutions intended to advance labor priorities, we voted to endorse candidates running for state and federal office.

"Many of those running are active labor members. There is no one better to sit at the table representing you than your union brother or sister. They will absolutely always have your best interest and always vote for the betterment of labor," says VP for Political Activities **Dawn Thomas**.

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Chief Steward Jean Morningstar speaks in favor of endorsing Shellye Davis in the 2nd Senate district primary.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Rough Waters Ahead

I am fearful and disgusted. With the latest Supreme Court decisions, I fear for this nation. I fear for our jobs. I fear for women, I fear for health care, I fear for our brothers

and sisters.

The Washington Post said "Recent Supreme Court decisions curbing the power of federal agencies will hobble government efforts to protect public health, legal experts warn. The rulings will make it harder for some federal agencies to bring enforcement actions, give judges more leeway to second-guess agency decisions and, following a decision [July 1], make it easier to challenge long-settled regulations."

Protections to our air, water and food, now possibly gone.

I fear the National Labor Relations Board will be attacked next.

UHP continues to fight; 22 of our members attended the Connecticut AFL-CIO convention. We represented a full 10% of the delegate body. UHP will also be well represented at the AFT national convention in Houston, with 25 of us headed there this month.

We must be present. We must continue the fight.

I end this month with this quote from Martin Niemöller, German theologian who became a Nazi critic:

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

—In solidarity, Bill Garity

CT AFL-CIO Convention *(continued from front)*

Look for additional information about how to get involved in the effort to elect labor-friendly candidates in the coming weeks and months.

What some of our newer delegates had to say:

"The convention brought together key engineers in the labor movement and served as a political call to action in the upcoming months' efforts to mobilize on behalf of labor-friendly candidates in the 2024 elections." — **Amy Moffo**

"I learned that even though our workplace and jobs might be different, the challenges we face and our goals are very much the same. Being a union member should be a priority for all American workers in 2024." — **Ryan Pesce**

"I learned a great deal about how to become politically active to strengthen our union. It was very nice to see workers from all different trades and fields come together for a common goal." — **Brandon Mulcunry**

"Either you stand for something or you will fall for anything. Giving up is not an option. This year we had to deal with tough situations, however, we got through it, and we were able to still stand." — **Shanéé Reid**, VP membership activities

"I can see clearly how I'm not just a nurse at UConn Health, but a member of a larger community across Connecticut working toward a better future for all working people." — **Paul Banach**

CT AFL-CIO stands for the Connecticut affiliate of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. For more on the CT AFL-CIO convention, including more reaction, photos, and a full list of endorsed candidates, visit bit.ly/2406ctaflcio or scan the QR code.



Jackie Godin, Amy Moffo, Liz Figueroa, Ryan Pesce, VP Tier II Employees Peter Zarabozo, and Paul Banach are among our 22 delegates.

Quick Hits: News and Notes

The **Election Committee** welcomes new members and will convene **Aug. 5** at 5:30 p.m. to organize the special election for the office of VP Tier I (salaried) Employees. Any member in good standing who is a salaried employee is eligible to run for the position last held by Ray Bennettson, who retired last month.

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The **Social Committee** is planning a **Lake Compounce** outing **Aug. 17** (hold the date), a **casino bus trip in the fall**, and at least one bake sale along the way. Watch for details in the weeks to come. **Shanéé Reid:** vpmembershipactivities@uhp3837.com

We're getting raises — a 2.5% general wage increase effective the first full pay period of this month!

ON THE SCHEDULE

AFT CT 'Building Skills Around Negotiating Conflict' Webinars

July 15 OR July 17, 5p-7p, Zoom
bit.ly/2407aftctconflict

AFT Convention (National)

July 21-25, Houston
uhp3837.ct.aft.org/events/2407afthouston

CT for All 'Democracy School'

July 27, 10a-2p, Hartford Public Library
bit.ly/2407democracyschool

Elections Committee

Aug. 5, 5:30p, UHP office

Union Rep Assembly

Aug. 8, 12p, Onyiuke Dining Room

Executive Committee

Aug. 12, 5:30p, UHP office

Lake Compounce Outing

Aug. 17, watch Lifeline for details

Steward Committee

Aug. 27, 5:30p, UHP office (July canceled)

Special Election VP Tier I

Coming later this year; details to follow

UHP calendar: bit.ly/uhpcal