



Agreement on Raises; Voting Will Overlap

Online Voting March 18-22 for CT AFL-CIO Delegates, March 22-28 for GWI + Step



Delegate election

In addition to the delegate election announced last month, we now also are holding a separate vote to ratify the tentative agreement reached on our wage reopener for the final year of our contract: a 2.5% general wage increase in July, and a step increase in January. Click or scan the QR code to the right for the notification letter and FAQs from SEBAC.



Raise ratification

Click or scan the QR code to the left for details on the election for delegates to the CT AFL-CIO Convention. Absentee ballots are available for both by appointment at the office.

Public-Private Pushback

We filled Keller Auditorium March 1 for a meeting of the UConn Health unions and elected officials, including State Comptroller Sean Scanlon, tasked by the Lamont administration to oversee the Cain Brothers market analysis.



Donna Pike, VP Tier II Employees Peter Zarabozo, and VP Community Outreach Robin Washington Addison (below) question Comptroller Sean Scanlon (bottom right) about the potential of a public-private partnership involving UConn Health. Watch for video highlights on our website.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Labor's Voice



What a full-speed month! Check out the rest of the newsletter to see a lot of what we've done and where we've been this month. I just want to talk about a couple of things members do not always see.

I want to talk about how important it is to have a working relationship with the administration at UConn and UConn Health. Because we can work together on certain issues, we're able to make events like the March 1 town hall work. It was a powerful message having Keller standing room only, having administration and management standing with us.

In that same vein, and in cooperation, the labor unions are at the table and are interviewing candidates for UConn Health's next CEO. We have some input into who our next boss will be.

This is similar to how I tell everyone how important it is to get to know our legislative candidates, because we get the opportunity to elect our bosses. I'm hoping by April we'll have news on our next CEO.

I've been at the Capitol a lot this month. As I'm writing this, I'm also working on my next testimony: on Raised Bill 367, An Act Concerning a Study to Maximize Medicaid Reimbursement for UConn Health Center.

What we are doing is making a difference at the Capitol. People are paying attention. Legislators are paying attention. And hey, March Madness is here, it is a great time to be a Husky! Keep up the fight.

—In solidarity, Bill Garrity

UHP 2024 Business Convention April 12 at Aqua Turf

Be sure to join us at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville for the 2024 UHP Business Convention **April 12.**

Registration begins at 5 p.m. While this is the annual business meeting, it is also a time for members to enjoy each other's company. There will be a cash bar and hot hors d'oeuvres from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The business portion of the meeting will take place from approximately 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. during which time we'll take up proposed constitutional amendments (click or scan QR code for proposed amendments).



After that we'll present awards and scholarships, and a buffet-style dinner will follow.

The convention is open to all members in good standing. **RSVP is requested no later than Friday, March 29, at 5 p.m.** Please RSVP to vpmembershipactivities@uhp3837.com.

—*Shané Reid, VP for Membership Activities*

Advocating for Adequate Funding 'Higher Ed Night' at the State Capitol



President Bill Garrity speaks at the Higher Ed Night news conference at the Capitol Feb. 20.



Lori Cannon testifies via Zoom from out of state; VP Comms Chris DeFrancesco testifies in-person.

Click or scan the QR code. Watch Lori's, Chris', and Bill's testimony.



Bill Garrity, Chris DeFrancesco, VP Tier II (hourly) Employees Peter Zarabozo (with his junior activist!) and VP Political Activities Dawn Thomas represent at Higher Ed Night.

ON THE SCHEDULE

Greater Htfd Legislative Meeting

March 16, 11:30a, Margaritas, East Hartford

Eastern CT Legislative Meeting

March 16, 12p, Dimitri's, Coventry

Central CT Legislative Meeting

March 23, 11:30a, Gobi, Southington

Middletown/Meriden Leg. Meeting

March 23, 11:30a, Red Fox, Middletown

Steward Committee

March 26, 5:30p, UHP office

Communications Committee

April 4, 5:30p, UHP office

Executive Committee

April 8, 5:30p, UHP office

UHP 2024 Business Convention

April 12, 6p, Aqua Turf, Plantsville

AFT CT Convention

June 1, 8a-2p, Foxwoods

CT AFL-CIO Political Convention

June 27-28, Omni, New Haven

AFT Convention (National)

July 21-25, Houston

UHP calendar: bit.ly/uhpcal