



**Report of the Secretary
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**2009 Fall Delegate Assembly
October 2 – 3, 2009
Hyatt Regency
Rochester, New York**

Welcome back both new and not-so-new Delegates! And welcome to Rochester. UUP is healthy and strong, as evidenced by the large number of new delegates elected this past spring; the appearance of ten new Chapter presidents; and the numbers of new committee members and observers in attendance. New Delegates, please join us for a dessert reception in the hotel's Wilmorite Room immediately following Friday's dinner program.

Delegate Assembly

If you are reading this report on LeaderNet, congratulations and thank you!

UUP continues its efforts to save trees and the environment through electronic distribution of DA materials. Your first mailing this summer gave you, as a Delegate, your user name and password. The user name does not change (delegate). The password changes to reflect the event (fall2009, winter2010, spring2010). Printed materials are available to any Delegate who requests them. We have a new Leadership Directory for distribution, but the cut-off date for entry was mid-August, so we know it may already be outdated. Our recycling efforts continue as we ask you to use the receptacles we will make available at Plenary Sessions. We also remind you that we will collect nonperishable food for the local food banks in Rochester. If you cannot travel with food, feel

free to donate money to this worthy cause. And we remind you to bring old eyeglasses as well; these will go to the Lion's Club.

As is always the case, our Fall Delegate Assembly celebrates students, members and retirees. The UUP Scholarship Selection Committee had an extremely difficult but gratifying task this year. The four UUP Scholarship winners were selected from a pool of outstanding applicants. Our congratulations go out to Erica Frerking of Cortland, Angela Lambrix and Venus Wiggins of Buffalo State and Benjamin Pomerance of Plattsburgh. You will have the privilege of meeting them at the Friday dinner. The 2009 Nina Mitchell Award goes to long-time activist Michael Zweig of Stony Brook.

Compressed Meeting Schedule

Because of transportation issues out of Rochester on Saturday, the Executive Board voted to adopt a schedule for the Fall DA that is similar to that we used at the 2009 Spring DA. This means there are no committee meetings on Saturday morning and all committees meet on Friday, either at 10:30 – 11:55 a.m.; Noon – 1:25 p.m.; or 1:30 – 2:55 p.m. Because of issues related to Employee Organizational Leave, we must also limit the number of committees that meet on Thursday at the DA. Because we have so very many committees and only three

meeting time slots, it is impossible to avoid scheduling conflicts for some of you. I do apologize and welcome your suggestions on ways to avoid such conflicts! Thanks to all the Chairs and Co-Chairs for their cooperation and thanks to each of you for yours as well.

On Friday afternoon, Professional Delegates will discuss contractual committees. Academic Delegates will have a panel discussion on the academic environment in SUNY. Delegates are invited to attend hearings held by the Finance and Grievance committees.

Saturday's Plenary begins with a discussion and vote on one constitutional amendment. Delegates will determine whether candidates for statewide positions must be in attendance at the Delegate Assembly at the time of the election. The complete text for the proposed amendment can be found in the Proposed Agenda.

Political Action and Outreach

Please visit our Political Action Center next to the Registration table. UUP has letters and emails on health care reform and on budget matters. We are facing another difficult year for New York State and for SUNY, and we need you to raise your voices in support of our students and our public higher education system. To that end, UUP will be asking members for their non-campus email addresses (you can create a new g-mail account or use an existing one) so we can mobilize our membership for political action.

UUP Chapter Presidents met August 5 – 6 and joined the UUP Outreach Committee for part of its August 6 meeting. This year, our political action and outreach activities will build on last year's award-winning combination of local advocacy efforts during the fall and Albany advocacy in the spring. We hope you will join the effort to recruit new advocates and build coalitions in your community in support of SUNY. We should all plan to be in Albany representing our campuses for the UUP Legislative Info Day in the Well of the LOB on January 26, 2010. Last year's event drew many

Legislators – we can have even greater participation this year!

Since our Spring DA, I have attended a number of meetings. I joined other officers at the AAUP Annual Meeting in Washington, DC on June 11 – 13. I attended the New Chapter Leaders Orientation in Lake George on June 26 – 27; and the NEA Joint Conference on Minorities and Women in San Diego on June 27 – 29. I attended the welcome back events at Cortland and Upstate as well as the Old Westbury general membership meeting.

UUP will hold the second combined Chapter Presidents and Leadership Workshops October 30 – 31 at the Otesaga in Cooperstown. We hope Chapters will encourage new and potential activists to attend.

Upcoming Events

North Country Regional Meeting

Oct. 23 – 24, High Peaks, Lake Placid

AFT Civil, Human & Women's Rights Conf.

Oct. 23 – 25, Miami Beach

Chapter Presidents/Leadership Workshops

Oct. 30 – 31, Otesaga, Cooperstown

UUP Outreach Retreat

Nov. 6 – 7, Desmond Hotel, Albany

NYSUT Community College Leadership Conf.

Nov. 13 – 15, Otesaga, Cooperstown

UUP Legislative Info Day

January 26, 2010, Well of the LOB

As always, I want to thank the staff at UUP for their unstinting dedication to, and work for, our union. Their efforts enable us to enjoy productive and successful Delegate Assemblies.

Please send your suggestions to help us turn green! Call with comments and questions at 800-342-4206 or email at elandy@uupmail.org.

I look forward to seeing you in two weeks!

In Solidarity,



Eileen