



74th Annual Business Convention
May 1, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

BUSINESS

OVERVIEW OF 2021 CONVENTION

1. The 2021 convention shall be conducted by Zoom webinar on May 1.
 - a. Delegates shall be provided with login information to join the conference electronically.
 - b. Please be advised that this convention will be recorded electronically.
2. The Convention
 - a. The President of AFT Connecticut shall act as Chair.
 - b. The Chief of Staff shall serve as administrator of the virtual conference.
 - c. The Credentials Committee shall work with the Chief Financial Officer to certify and report on the delegates present.
 - d. Persons speaking to motions shall be recognized for not longer than two minutes. Persons who wish to be recognized to speak shall "raise their hand" virtually.
 - e. Given the format, committee chairs and other speakers shall strive for brevity in reports.
 - f. Motions
 - i. The chair, or person designated by the chair, shall read the relevant motion or resolution and propose that it be approved.
 - ii. A second shall be presumed.
 - iii. Uncontested motions: Prior to conducting a vote, the chair shall suggest that the motion be adopted by unanimous consent and ask if there is any objection.
 1. A delegate may note their objection by raising their hand.
 - iv. Contested motions:
 1. The chair shall open the floor for comment.
 2. Any delegate may move that debate be closed.
 - g. Virtual votes:
 - i. As directed by the Chair, the administrator will draft and post the contested question to permit a yes or no response.
 - ii. Delegates shall be polled.

73rd Annual AFT CT Business Convention

Saturday, May 9 2020

Conducted as a virtual meeting via Zoom due to Covid-19 Outbreak

8:30 AM **Zoom registration/waiting room opened.** Participants urged to read the packet sent to them previously to help facilitate the virtual format.

9:13 AM **Business Session** - convention called to order by President Jan Hochadel.

Jan began by introducing VP John Brady and AFT CT staff, Attorney Eric Chester (parliamentarian), Eric Borlaug (sergeant-at-arms) , and Teri Merisotis (time keeper).

Jan also explained the Rules for Debate, that due to the virtual format motions would be presumed to pass unless there was no objection. Jan also presented the Code of Conduct, which is also in the packet.

Credentials Committee Report – Dennis Bogusky reported that delegates from 30 of the 96 locals represented in AFT CT were attending the convention, with a voting strength representing 22,000 of the 27,000 eligible AFT CT members. 13 locals were late but compliant with registering. M/S/V and passed to accept the report of the committee.

Minutes from last year's 72nd AFT CT Business Convention presented. M/S/V and passed.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the AFT CT Executive Committee, among Delegate Assembly Members, that Christine Jean-Louis fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee. M/S/V and passed.

Note: Her appointment was done during a lull and done to correct an earlier oversight as it should have been done during the last Delegate Assembly meeting.

President's Report – written report can be found in the Business packet.

Jan briefly summarized recent events relating to COVID-19 impact in Connecticut, and presented a history of AFT CT budget increases over the last 5 years.

VP John Brady spoke about the PPE issue and impact on COVID 19 among members who work in Health Care.

Jan brought attention to the written Divisional Reports in the business packet.

Guest **Randi Weingarten, President of AFT**, spoke about COVID-19 impact on AFT members, and then explained that the AFT (National) Executive Committee has recommended that the 2020 AFT (National) Convention, to be held in July, forgo a \$0.40 dues increase for 2020-2021, in order to help state federations and locals.

Constitutional Amendments – complete amendments presented in Business packet.

Good Standing Amendment - M/S/V and passed.

Nomination and Election Amendment – M/S/V and passed

Dues Amendment

M/S

Ally Sexton motioned to make a “friendly amendment” that the AFT CT dues increase of \$0.50 per year in 2020-21 and 2021-2022 be altered to keep the increase for the first year but be eliminated in the second year. Since the rules of the virtual convention presume a second to a motion, this motion become the version of the amendment to be voted upon.

A per cap strength of 18464 voted in favor of a \$0.50 increase for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and no increase for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The motion passed.

Budget Approval - The 2020-2021 fiscal year budget was presented by Secretary-Treasurer David Hayes

M/s/V and passed.

Resolutions – none

Legislative Update

Teri gave a very brief synopsis of the session, which ended abruptly only a few weeks after starting due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Depending upon health conditions, a special session may be called upon for the summer or fall in an attempt to pass vital legislation.

Good and Welfare

Laila Mandour – Reports that she is involved in the creation of a Retiree Council for AFT (National).

Janice Stauffer – there is a petition on Change.org calling for hazard pay for frontline workers.

Chris DeFrancesco thanked Jim and Teri for their efforts to help their local, and reported a fellow UHP member who had COVID-19 has recovered and returned to work.

12:30 PM Business Session Ends

Submitted by David Hayes

ROBERT'S RULES AT A GLANCE

Type	Motion	Purpose	Second Required	Debatable?	Amendable ?	Required Vote	May Interrupt Speaker
Privileged	24. Fix Time for Reassembling	To arrange time of next meeting	Yes	Yes-T	Yes-T	Majority	Yes
	23. Adjourn	To dismiss the meeting	Yes	No	Yes-T	Majority	No
	22. To Recess	To dismiss the meeting for a specific length of time	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	Majority	No
	21. Rise to a Question of Privilege	To make a personal request during debate	No	No	No	Decision of Chair	Yes
	20. Call for the Orders of the Day	To force consideration of a postponed motion	No	No	No	Decision of Chair	Yes
Incidental	19. Appeal a Decision of the Chair	To reverse the decision of the chairman	Yes	No	No	Majority decision of Chair	Yes
	18. Rise to a Point of Order or Parliamentary Procedure	To correct a parliamentary error or ask a question	No	No	No	Chair	Yes
	17. To Call for a Roll Call Vote	To verify a voice vote	Yes	No	No	¼ †	No
	16. Object to the Consideration of a Question	To suppress action	No	No	No	Majority	Yes
	15. To Divide a Motion	To consider its parts separately	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	14. Leave to Modify or Withdraw a Motion	To modify or withdraw a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No
13. To Suspend the Rules	To take action contrary to standing rules	Yes	No	No	2/3	No	
Subsidiary	12. To Rescind	To repeal previous action	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
	11. To Reconsider	To consider a defeated motion again	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
	10. To Take From the Table	To consider tabled motion	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	9. To Lay on the Table	To defer action	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	8. Previous Question	To force an immediate vote	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
	7. To Limit or Extend Debate	To modify freedom of debate	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	2/3	No
	6. To Postpone to a Certain Time	To defer action	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	5. To Refer to a Committee*	For further study	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	4. To Amend an Amendment*	To modify an amendment	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
	3. To Amend*	To modify a motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
2. To Postpone Indefinitely	To suppress action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No	
	1. Main Motion	To introduce business	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No

*No. 5 should include: 1. How Appointed? 2. The Number 3. Report When? Or to What Standing Committee

T - Time

*Nos. 3 and 4 by: 1. Inserting 2. Adding 3. Striking Out 4. Substituting 5. Striking Out and Inserting

†¼ Vote required by AFT Constitution