



SATURDAY

June 1, 2024

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

The Fox Tower @ Foxwoods

39 Norwich-Westerly Rd

Ledyard, CT 06338



Discounted overnight rooms will be available at first come, first serve. Lookout for more information in the upcoming weeks.



Call to the 77th Annual Business Convention

Complete packets of Convention Registration materials will be **emailed** shortly to Local Presidents and AFT Connecticut Officers, following deliberations of the Convention Program Committee.

DEADLINE	FOR
April 1, 2024 (Monday)	submission of <u>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS</u> to the AFT Connecticut Constitution
April 1, 2024 (Monday) (emailed/postmarked)	submission of <u>NOMINATIONS</u> for the Joseph H. Soifer Award, and the Unionist of the Year
May 1, 2024 (Wednesday)	submission of <u>PROPOSED DUES-RELATED AMENDMENTS</u> to the AFT Connecticut Constitution
May 11, 2024 (Saturday)	submission of <u>RESOLUTIONS</u> for consideration by Convention delegates



Locals must comply with the following in order for their delegates to be virtually seated:



Dues paid through at	March 2024
Dues must reach the AFT office by	May 17, 2024 (Friday) <i>15 days prior to the Convention</i>
Submitted to AFT Connecticut	Names and addresses of your principal executive and financial officers, current executive board members, membership roster, copy of your current constitution, copy of your Audit/Review/Internal Review/Financial Statement Compilation (see Is Your Local In Good Standing? sheet in this packet)

Email Anna Mowrey (AMowrey@aftct.org) for more information.



The 77th
Annual Business
Convention will
convene on:

SATURDAY
JUNE 1, 2024
AT
THE FOX TOWER @
FOXWOODS

2024 Convention

Tentative Agenda:

8:30am— Registration

Breakfast Buffet

9:30am— Business Session

Welcome & Greetings

AFT Connecticut Business

Call to Order

Adoption of Rules for Debate

Minutes of 76th Convention

President's Report

Comment of Chief of Staff—Stuart Savelkoul

Organizing Report—Eric Borlaug

Divisional VP Reports

Credentials Committee Report

Constitutional Amendments

Budget Approval

Resolutions

Legislative Update

12:00pm—Luncheon

2:00pm— Awards

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for more information.

2022 Convention
Pertinent Language from AFT Connecticut Constitution & Bylaws

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 A local which has retired members, part-time members, laid-off members, members on unpaid leave, and trainees who pay the regular membership dues of the **local and for whom full per capita is paid to AFT Connecticut and AFT** will be able to count them as full members in determining the delegate strength of the local at any State or National convention.

Section 6 All locals shall maintain affiliation in good standing with AFT Connecticut, the AFT, the Connecticut AFL-CIO, and the appropriate local central labor body.

ARTICLE VIII - GOOD STANDING

Section 1 To be in good standing in AFT Connecticut, locals must meet the following requirements:

- a. Payment of per capita to AFT Connecticut, on all members, with arrears not to exceed two (2) months;
- b. Current in submission to AFT Connecticut of names and addresses for the principal executive and financial officers;
- c. Current in submission to AFT Connecticut of the names and addresses of current members of the local's executive board;
- d. Current in submission of a membership roster to AFT Connecticut;
- e. Current in submission of a copy of the local's up-to-date constitution to AFT Connecticut; and
- f. Current in submission of a copy of the local's annual audit or financial review (as required to AFT) to AFT Connecticut.

Section 2 Only affiliates in good-standing shall be eligible for:

- a. Representation at the AFT Connecticut convention. In order to satisfy such good-standing requirements and in addition to the deadlines otherwise set forth in the AFT Connecticut constitution and bylaws, each local must provide the AFT Connecticut with the information required in section 1 (a-f) at least 30 days prior to the date of the convention. The requirements of Section 1 (a-f) above may be extended for good cause at the sole discretion of the AFT Connecticut upon request by the Local.

ARTICLE IX - REPRESENTATION

Section 1 Delegates and/or alternates to the Convention and Delegate Assembly from a local shall be elected by secret ballot. Members of each local must be given suitable opportunity to nominate candidates for the office of delegate and alternate. Notice of the right to make nominations must be sent to each member or given a prominent place in the local publication and on the bulletin boards. Notice of the right to make nominations and notice of the election may be combined in one notice. Written notice announcing the time and place of election of delegates must be mailed to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election. The results of the election must be published and the ballots kept for one year.

Section 2 Each local must send to the State Office a certified list and official credentials of all elected delegates and alternates not later than

fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Convention. Only delegates and alternates on this certified list shall be registered and seated at the Convention.

Section 3 In the event of non-delivery in the AFT Connecticut Office of the certified list and official credentials of the elected delegates and alternates, the Convention Body may approve the seating of the delegates and alternates.

Section 4 In conformity with Article III, Section 4; Article IX, Sections 6 and 7; and Article X, Section 1a. and b., Section 2a. and b.:

- a. One delegate and/or alternate to the AFT Connecticut Delegate Assembly or the AFT Connecticut Annual Convention may be elected by each affiliated local having a membership of twenty-five (25) or less.
- b. For each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional delegate may be elected.
- c. Each AFT Connecticut Retiree Chapter, including the AFT Connecticut "At-large" Chapter, shall be entitled to elect one delegate to the AFT Connecticut Delegate Assembly and one delegate to the AFT Connecticut Annual Convention. This delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
- d. Those members for whom one-half or more dues are paid shall be counted as full dues paying members.

Section 5 For the purpose of this Article, **membership shall mean the average number on which the per capita has been paid for the first twelve months of the fourteen month period immediately preceding the month in which the Convention meets** provided that:

- a. Only Locals in Good Standing at the time of the Convention shall be entitled to representation. Per capita is due and payable on or before the fifteenth of each month for that month. (A local is in arrears if the local's dues have not been paid on the sixteenth (16th) day of the month that the per capita payment was due.)
- b. Notwithstanding Article VIII, Section 1a and Section 2, Article IX Section 5a, Article X Section 3; in the event the Convention is held on a date later than the 15th day of the month, a Local shall be considered in good standing and be entitled to representation at the Convention if said Local is two months in arrears on the date of the Convention. (For example: per capita not paid in April and also not paid by May 15, said Local remains in good standing for purposes of representation at Convention if Convention is held between May 16 – May 31) This provision is limited to representation at the Convention. Any Local in arrears for two months shall revert to its appropriate status on the date after the convention pursuant to Article VIII and Article X, Section 3.
- c. In the case of locals which have been chartered during the year preceding the Convention, the average shall be computed on the basis of the number of months of affiliation, the minimum for such computation to be two (2) months.

Section 6 For Convention delegates and voting strength purposes, agency fee payers are counted as members. For members of non-bargaining locals who are required to pay agency fees to a non-AFT local, the delegate and voting strength is the same as the per capita paid to AFT Connecticut.

Section 7 On roll call votes at the Annual Convention each local shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the average membership as defined in Section 5 of this article. The votes of a local shall be distributed as evenly as possible among its delegates present at the time of voting, but shall not be fractioned. Any additional votes shall be equally assigned by lot or by an objective formula which shall be reported to the AFT Connecticut Secretary/Treasurer, with no delegate getting more than one additional vote.

Section 8 If a delegate leaves the Convention, his/her place in the Convention may be taken by an alternate, if any has been certified as provided in Section 2, in the order as listed on the Certified List of Delegates and Alternates. In the event that there are no alternates, the absent delegate's votes shall be evenly distributed among the remaining delegates present.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be submitted either by request of the Executive Committee, Delegate Assembly or by request of a local.

Section 2 Proposed amendments shall be submitted either to a convention or to ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the locals, the method to be decided by the Delegate Assembly.

Section 3 If a proposed amendment, other than a dues amendment, is to be submitted to a State Convention, it must reach the state office **at least two (2) months before the date of the convention**. If a proposed dues amendment is to be submitted to the State Convention, it must reach the state office **at least one (1) month before the date of the Convention**. The Office of the President shall make all reasonable attempts to notify the locals, either electronically or in hard copy, of all proposed amendments.

Section 4 A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by those voting shall be needed to amend the Constitution.

ARTICLE V – BUDGET AND AUDIT

Section 1 The Finance and Budget Committee shall prepare and present a two- year budget to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly in even years, starting in 2024. The Delegate Assembly has the duty to recommend a budget to the Business Convention.

Section 2 All AFT Connecticut locals paying per capita tax on less than its entire dues-paying membership shall be subject to suspension by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may require a local to produce proof of membership where reason exists to believe such local is violating this provision. If the local shall fail or refuse to produce such proof on request, the Executive Committee shall order an audit of the

local. Cost of said audit may be assessed to the local at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE I – PROCEDURES AND SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER FOR CONVENTIONS

Section 3 Resolutions to the Convention may be introduced by locals or the Delegate Assembly or by the Executive Committee. **No resolution shall be introduced after the 21st day prior to the start of the Convention, except by the consent of 2/3 of the delegates on the floor.** All resolutions shall bear the signatures of at least two elected officers of the local introducing the resolution, or two AFT Connecticut officers, if introduced by the Delegate Assembly or the Executive Committee. The officers signing the resolution shall certify that the resolution was approved for submission to the Convention either by the Executive Board or membership of the local or by the AFT Connecticut Delegate Assembly/Executive Committee. The resolution shall be submitted to the President of AFT Connecticut, AFT, AFL-CIO.

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IS YOUR LOCAL IN GOOD STANDING?

- a. Are you up to date (not more than 2 months in arrears) on your payment of Per Capita Taxes to AFT Connecticut?
- b. Have you submitted the names and addresses of your principal executive and financial officers to AFT Connecticut?
- c. Have you submitted the names and addresses of your current executive board to AFT Connecticut?
- d. Have you submitted your membership roster to AFT Connecticut?
- e. Have you submitted a copy of your current constitution to AFT Connecticut?
- f. Have you submitted a copy of your Audit/Review/Internal Review/Financial Statement Compilation (see additional information below) to AFT Connecticut?

IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS 'NO' THEN YOU ARE NOT A LOCAL IN GOOD STANDING. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CAN BE EMAILED OR MAILED TO AFT CONNECTICUT (SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Audit? Review? Internal Committee Review? Financial Statement
Compilation?

Which report is my local required to submit?

Number of Members	Minimum Reporting Requirement*
2500+	Audit Performed by Independent CPA
1000-2499	Review Performed by Independent CPA
300-999	Review Performed by Internal Committee
1-299	Financial Statement Compilation

*This is the minimum reporting requirement, a local may opt to have the next level of report prepared. For example, a local with 350 members may opt to have a review prepared by an Independent CPA.

What is considered a “current” report?

If your fiscal year ends on...	Then a current report would be for the year ending...
June 30 th	June 30, 2023
August 31 st	August 31, 2023
September 30 th	September 30, 2023
December 31 st	December 31, 2022

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Or mailed to AFT Connecticut, 35 Marshall Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067