

UUP Oneonta Annual Executive Board Dinner Meeting

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Photo Collage from the Executive Board Dinner- May 14, 2024 at the "O" in Otego

Executive Board awards-ceremony collage

On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, UUP Oneonta held its annual Executive Board dinner meeting. The gathering provided a working session for deliberations about the future course of the chapter and included an awards ceremony. Acting President Shirley Clark presided over the meeting and ceremony. She was commended for guiding UUP Oneonta through a difficult passage. With one exception, all the collage photos were taken by Delegate Nancy Simons.

The Executive Board discussed and deliberated about potential initiatives for the coming year. These included:

- ***turn new members into activists
- ***hold chapter elections to fill 3 Professional Delegate vacancies
- ***fill the Vice President for Professionals position
- ***provide support for on-going efforts to establish a normative 3-3 course teaching load
- ***recruit additional *Sentinel* and *UUP-Date* writers
- ***reduce the number and length of officer reports at Chapter meeting to facilitate more member discussion
- ***restore College and Community panel discussions
- ***revive *Vision for the Future* forums
- ***reinforce diversity and disability programs
- ***return to *Saturday's Bread*
- ***register voters and facilitate their participation in the fall 2024 elections
- ***enlarge Chapter participation in SUNY outreach with NYS legislators

Shirley presented the following awards, depicted in the collage:

- *** the late Joe Baldwin, Loraine Tyler and Ed Wesnofske (in absentia): 50 year service pins
- ***Rich Tyler: 35-year service pin
- ***Bill Simons: 30-year solidarity pen, pin, and certificate
- ***Jeri Ann Jerminario: 20-year service pin
- ***Rob Compton and Nancy Simons: 15-year service pins
- ***Mike McAvoy (in absentia): 10-year leadership/service pen, pin, and certificate
- ***Penina Kamina, Mark Ferrara, and Gary Wickham: 5-year service pins and certificates

In addition, CWA Chapter Assistant Teresa DeSantis received kudos for bringing new efficiencies and restoring organizational order to the UUP office.

Even as it looked backward, the annual Executive Board dinner meeting provided impetus and direction for the challenging year to come.