

UCTinAction

Information for UCT's Local and Regional Secretaries

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UCT in Action is designed exclusively for UCT's local and regional council secretaries to provide you with the information you need to know about programs, reports, council details, home office deadlines, and who to contact for specific assistance. You are our greatest resource, and we want to help make your jobs easier!

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UCT's Board of Governors provides outreach to regional councils

At its core, community service helps communities function better by uplifting and supporting those who are most in need. Real community service takes capacity and a great deal of effort. UCT members know this only too well – and they devote endless hours and energy to making such efforts work for their communities.

That said, UCT's local councils need support to help them extend their reach outward into their communities. Regional councils were designed to provide such support to local councils. In the past, the UCT home office has in turn given similar support to regional councils, but recent constraints have presented a challenge.

UCT's Board of Governors has stepped in to meet this challenge by serving as community ambassadors to our regional councils, so if you are a regional president or secretary who could use some guidance and support, feel free to call upon the officer designated for your region:

Dianna Wolfe – Wisconsin / Minnesota-North Dakota

Ken Milliser – Ohio-Pennsylvania / Indiana / Iowa

Stanna Funk – Colorado-Wyoming / Nebraska-Kansas / California-Nevada-Arizona / Montana-Utah-Idaho

David Van Order – Illinois / New England / Michigan

Bernie Regenbogen – ACT-UCT / Atlantic

Rick Redman – Mississippi-Louisiana / Southeastern / Texas

Thomas "Butch" Liebaert – South Dakota / Oregon- Washington-British Columbia / Ky.-Va.-W.Va.-Md.-D.C.

Dave Syrota – Manitoba-Saskatchewan

UCT Home Office – Arkansas-Oklahoma-Missouri / New York

Feel free to contact Kate Chillinsky at kchillinsky@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1148 with any questions or requests for assistance.



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Attention
regional
secretaries!!

We need to know when your regional council plans to hold its annual convention, whether it is in-person, phone conference, Zoom, etc. We also need to know if you DON'T plan to hold a convention. We need this information by no later than **March 31** so we can assign a Board member as your facilitator!

Please email **Kate Chillinsky** at kchillinsky@uct.org or call her at **800.848.0123 x1148** with the information.

Ways to support UCT Charities

UCT has been dedicated to helping individuals with intellectual disabilities since 1961, primarily through the UCT Scholarship Program, which over the decades has granted millions of dollars in scholarships to tens of thousands of students and teachers seeking degrees or certification in special education.

As a way to continue this important support to the scholarship program and later also to organizations helping people with special needs, the UCT Charities Trust Fund – now just UCT Charities – was established in 1997 as a 501.c.3 charitable non-profit organization for this specific purpose. The fund has grown over the years, but it needs the support of members and their local councils to continue making a difference.



UCT Charities is supported entirely through donations. Contributions may be made by individuals or groups and are recognized in an appropriate manner. Donations to UCT Charities are cumulative, allowing donors to move up in giving levels, and may be tax deductible, depending on each donor's tax status.

There are several different ways to give to UCT Charities. One of them is to purchase a life insurance policy that names the fund as beneficiary upon your death. This option holds the funds in an irrevocable trust and, depending upon tax status, can allow you to deduct the cost of the policy's premiums. Other options include contributing to the fund in memory of a deceased loved one or member or donating in honor of a special person or an event such as a birthday or anniversary.

Contributions to the fund may be made by sending checks made payable to UCT Charities to: UCT, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215.

Don't forget the 2022 reports deadlines!

As you know by now, certain local and regional council reports, submissions and financial information are due at the UCT home office each year by specified dates. It's vital that we receive the information included in the reports, so please try to get them to us in time:

Local Council New Officers Reports are due **April 15**, and the Regional Council New Officers are due **June 13**. The home office needs to know who your officers are so that we can make sure your council is receiving all the information we have to share throughout the year. If you don't send in these reports, we can't stay in touch with you – and we will consider your council inactive. **Please note that we need the reports each year even if your officers DON'T change from the previous year.**

The Local and Regional Council Financial Review Forms A-16 and A-21 are due by **July 1**. If you want your local and/or regional council to continue to function financially without your dues being withheld, you **MUST** get these forms in to the home office on time.

Local Council 990 Tax Returns are due by **August 15**. If you don't submit your 990 tax

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returns, you are in danger of your council losing its tax-exempt status, and you don't want that to happen.

These are just a few of the vital deadlines to keep in mind. If you have questions about the officer reports, contact Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org or at **800.848.0123 x1130**. Financial questions should be directed to Sonja Miller at smiller@uct.org or extension **1133**.

Deadlines for UCT programs coming up fast

- **Bridges of Friendship Award Nominations – April 1**
- **Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations – April 30**
- **Medal of Honor Program Submissions – May 1**
- **Local/Regional Council Newsletter Contest Submissions – May 1**
- **International UCT Safety Poster Contest Submissions – June 6**

**** All submissions due at the UCT home office.**