

## **Candidate for Regional Chair of Central Region**

Name: **Jim Sieveking**

Employment Position: **Senior Forecaster**

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I am a Senior Forecaster and the NWSEO Branch Steward at the NWS Office in St. Louis, Missouri. I have served as the NWSEO Central Region Vice-Chair since 2010, and currently represent you on the following national initiatives or teams: National Model Blender, Impact Based Warnings, Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), and Simplified Hazards.

I earned a B.S. in Meteorology from St. Louis University in 1999, interned at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center during the summer of 1999, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2001 with a M.S. in Mathematics. I joined the NWS as a Meteorologist Intern in Marquette, Michigan in 2001 and lateralled to St. Louis, Missouri, in the spring of 2003. I was promoted on station to Journey Forecaster in 2006 and Senior Forecaster in 2008.

I am happily married and have two beautiful daughters. This past year, I was the chairperson of a two day picnic/carnival at my church that helped raised \$40,000 for charity.

If given the chance to be your Regional Chair, I promise that I will work tirelessly to protect your job, listen to your concerns, keep you informed and represent you to the best of my ability.