

# 2016 NWSEO Election Letter and Convention Details

(May 16, 2015) The 2016 Election Letter is in the mail to NWSEO members. As an added convenience, we are posting the letter at <a href="http://nwseo.org/convention.php">http://nwseo.org/convention.php</a>. The Elections Letter details the procedures to nominate NWSEO members for NWSEO offices and to participate in elections. Local office elections include the positions: Branch Steward and Vice Steward, Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Elections will also be held for Regional Offices including Regional Chair and Vice Regional Chair for each NWSEO region. Elections for the Regional Offices take place at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual National NWSEO Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Information on the 41st Annual NWSEO National Convention is also included in the Elections Letter. All NWSEO members are invited to attend the 2016 NWSEO Convention at the Salt Lake City Marriott City Center on Sunday and Monday, September 25-26, 2016. The Salt Lake City Marriott City Center is located at 220 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. It is one of the newest hotels in the area with an upscale setting close to popular attractions.

The annual National Convention is the governing body of NWSEO. It is also a time to learn in depth about NWSEO's work and accomplishments. You'll hear about upcoming events, strategies and opportunities. This is also a great opportunity to network with other professionals throughout the country. Many NWSEO members return to the event every year.

If you plan to attend the convention, you are responsible for making your hotel reservations. NWSEO has successfully negotiated a room rate starting at \$108 per night plus taxes. Room reservations must be made by August 26, 2016. They can be booked directly with Salt Lake City Marriott City Center by calling (801) 961-8700 or using <u>NWSEO Convention Salt Lake City</u> <u>Marriott City Center.</u> Please mention that you are an NWSEO member and attending the convention in order to get the negotiated room rate.

#### **Recruitment Incentive**

Once someone joins the NWSEO, they recognize the value and strength of NWS employees working together for a cause and often become a member for life. Because of this, NWSEO offers the following recruitment incentive to our members:

Any NWSEO member who recruits two or more new members to join NWSEO using the <u>1187</u> <u>form for payroll deduction</u> (not by credit card) from <u>August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016</u>, NWSEO will provide reasonable airfare\*, 3-nights lodging, and approved group meals for the 2016 NWSEO Convention at the Salt Lake Marriott City Center. The name of the recruiter must be on the submitted 1187 in order for them to receive recruitment credit.

There is an additional Top Recruiter Award which will be presented at the NWSEO Convention to the two top recruiters for between August 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016.

Recruitment is important this year, as NWSEO works to negotiate the new Collective Bargaining Agreement which will shape the future of the NWS. We need to increase membership to keep our organization strong. <u>The NWSEO Recruitment page</u> includes a wealth of information and speaking points to help with recruitment efforts.

NWSEO will keep you informed about convention plans in the coming months. Updates will be available on <u>http://nwseo.org/convention.php</u>. We hope to see you at the convention!

## -NWSEO-

## No one cares more for National Weather Service employees than National Weather Service employees.

## No one works harder for National Weather Service employees than National Weather Service employees. We are NWSEO.

\* In order for airfare to be reimbursed, you must be able to provide documentation that it is the lowest available rate. Printed copies of airfares from Expedia or other travel sites will serve as documentation.