



## **NWSEO Premieres Facebook Live for Presentation of the “Delegate Voting Amendment” at 2016 National Convention**

**To attend the Convention in Salt Lake City, please make reservations by Sept. 2**

(August 26, 2016) The NWSEO Constitution Committee will present a working draft of an amendment designed to change delegate voting for positions on the National Council (Regional Chairs and Vice Chair) during the 2016 National Convention. In the interest of full transparency, NWSEO will broadcast this presentation and any related debate on Facebook Live. This is a new endeavor for NWSEO, it will give all members insight to our convention in real-time during the presentation and related debate.

Utilizing Facebook Live is new endeavor for NWSEO as we work to bring the convention directly to all of our members. The convention is open to all members and will be held on Sunday and Monday, September 25 and 26 at the Salt Lake City Marriott City Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. In order to get the negotiated room rate of \$108 per night, reservations must be made by September 2. Reservations can be made online at: [Salt Lake City Marriott City Center](#) or by calling (801) 961-8700. Please mention that you are an NWSEO member and attending the convention in order to get the negotiated room rate.

NWSEO was able to achieve a cost-effective method of Direct Vote Elections that would replace the current Delegate Vote Elections, according to the draft language of the new Delegate Voting Amendment. Members are encouraged to review the draft amendment language, and provide their input/comments to their elected Convention Delegates. Delegates’ names are listed on the [Convention News page](#) by region under the heading, “2016 Delegate Votes per Branch.”

While this new language would increase transparency, it also has far reaching implications for our union. During the drafting and review process of the amendment, it was determined that the amendment increases the potential for management to influence NWSEO elections, increases the probability of skewed elections in favor of larger regions, reduces the opportunity for minority candidates, changes the leadership positions from managerial to a more political nature, and may have additional impacts.

The National Convention is the governing body of NWSEO. Presenting the Delegate Voting Amendment working draft at the convention will provide the opportunity for robust debates from the floor of the convention. All members have access to view [the working draft](#) and the

[explanation of changes](#). All members have an opportunity for input on these important changes via their elected Convention Delegates.

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