



# The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual NWSEO National Convention News

### NWSEO National Election Results

NWSEO President - John Werner



NWSEO Vice President - JoAnn Becker



NWSEO Secretary-Treasurer - Dave Solano



Due to the National Elections results, the Southern Region and NCEP Region Chairs became vacant. The NWSEO National Council approved *Chris Jacobson* to become the new Southern Region Chair, with *Rob Niemeyer* continuing as Southern Region Vice Chair. Former NCEP Region Vice Chair *Suru Saha* became NCEP Region Chair, and the National Council approved *Christa Jacobs* to become the new NCEP Region Vice Chair. Congratulations to all.

## NWSEO LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker Representative *Cindy Axne* (D) Des Moines Iowa

Speaker AOML Vice Steward *Evan Forde*

Dan Sobien presented Membership Awards to the following top recruiters:

*Evan Forde*, AOML Vice Steward

*Brandon Dunstan*, ER Steward WFO Raleigh, NC

*Joe Maloney*, SR Steward WFO Miami, FL

The March Madness Membership Drive brought in 70 new members and MVP and Steward *Jim Andersen* of Hanford, CA was recognized for his outstanding work in recruitment.

An Award of Excellence was given to CR Chair *Jim Lee* for his outstanding recruitment efforts. Jim has recruited & welcomed 8% of all NWSEO members!

## Convention Keynote Speakers and Special Guests

U.S. Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA 17th District and national co-chair, Bernie Sanders campaign) spoke to NWSEO Members on behalf of Senator Bernie Sanders.

Link to video: [Message to NWSEO Members from Senator Warren](#)



**Theresa Greenfield, Jim Lee and Jessica Brooks**

**Theresa Greenfield** (Democrat), candidate for the U.S. Senate from Iowa and backed by unions throughout the state.

*"Unions are essential to the fabric of our economy and lift up hardworking families across our state, and I'm honored to have their support. I'll continue to be a vocal ally for union members as Iowa's next Senator."*

## Convention Banquet

*Bill Hopkins* and *Suzanne Sims* were recognized and honored for their retirement, years of service and dedication to the NWSEO family. Bill and Suzanne were made lifetime members by the convention. *Barry Hirshorn* was also made a lifetime member.



**David Solano presented the 2019 NWSEO Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Hopkins.**



Bob Ruehl presented retirement gifts to Suzanne Sims.



John Werner, David Solano and JoAnn Becker presented retirement gifts to Bill Hopkins.

Congratulations to *Mark Pellerito* – Recipient of the **NWSEO 2019 Kip Robinson Award**  
This annual NWSEO award is given in recognition of members volunteering their time and talents to make NWSEO a stronger union.



The Kip Robinson Award is named after a late lobbyist who worked diligently for NWSEO. Past winners include *Chris Jacobson, Bill Proenza, Bill Hirt, John Stansfield, Barry Hirshorn, Chis Sisko, Delyne Kirkham, Steve Pritchett, Shannon White, David Marsalek, Steve Wannebo, Mitch MacDonald, John Werner, Jason B. Wright, JoAnn Becker, and Michael Dion.*

Please forward your convention photos to Christy Fox at [mediarelations@nwseo.org](mailto:mediarelations@nwseo.org).

**Congratulations all!** Thanks for all you do for NWSEO.

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**No one works harder for National Weather Service employees than National Weather Service employees.**

**We are NWSEO.**