



National Weather Service  
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## A Message from NWSEO President John Werner

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Fellow NWSEO members,

I am excited and humbled to serve as your new NWSEO National President. For those who don't know me, I have served as the NWSEO Southern Region Chairperson for the last nine years and am truly honored to work with some of the most talented and wonderful people in the world on your behalf. JoAnn Becker is your new NWSEO Executive Vice President. JoAnn has served as the NCEP Regional Chairperson for the last six years. Her wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as her caring and patient nature, will help us ensure that NWSEO remains focused on improving working conditions for the employees and the quality of services that the National Weather Service provides to our nation. Two more leadership changes in NWSEO are Chris Jacobson becoming the new Southern Region Chair and Suranjana (Suru) Saha becoming the new NCEP Region Chair. These two individuals are great assets to NWSEO and will work diligently to represent you all. Please join us in welcoming Chris and Suru to their new roles.

We are grateful to Dan Sobien for his 14 years of hard work, dedication and service as NWSEO President. Dan has navigated NWSEO through some tough challenges and achieved many amazing accomplishments that benefited our members and the NWS workforce. NWSEO is a bigger and stronger union thanks to his leadership. Our recently retired Executive Vice President Bill Hopkins will also be sorely missed. He has been a great mentor and a wise leader for all of us in NWSEO. We wish him the very best in retirement. JoAnn and I are actively transitioning into our new roles. We ask for your patience as we have committed to work our respective fixed schedule shifts in Pay Periods 20 and 21 (through October 26) in order to minimize the impacts to our home offices.

If you are not yet connected to our *NWSEO Communications*, whether it is through our email subscription service or our private NWSEO Facebook group, we encourage you to reach out to our Membership Director Christy Fox at [membership@nwseo.org](mailto:membership@nwseo.org) and she will assist you. You can also follow NWSEO on Twitter and stay up-to-date with the latest news on the NWSEO website at [www.nwseo.org](http://www.nwseo.org).

With regards to the NWSEO Facebook group, which is a great environment to exchange ideas and share experiences, we ask you to please direct questions regarding office-specific and/or time-sensitive issues to your respective Stewards or Regional Chairs. Contacting these representatives directly is the best way to ensure that they quickly become aware of your issue or question and will be able to address it in a timely manner. This is especially important for potential grievances due to contractual filing deadlines.

We have great talent in our Regional Chairs and Stewards, and believe in their expertise in leading our employees through challenges. Contact information for the Regional Chairs is available on our website at [http://www.nwseo.org/Directory/dir\\_index.php](http://www.nwseo.org/Directory/dir_index.php) under each Regional link, or ask your Steward.

Our contact information will remain the same. My email address is [president@nwseo.org](mailto:president@nwseo.org) and my phone number is 202-420-1043. JoAnn's email address is [execvice@nwseo.org](mailto:execvice@nwseo.org) and her phone number is 202-420-1045. Please feel free to contact us.

There is a lot for JoAnn and I to learn and we are up to the task. We have great respect and appreciation for the work of our fellow NWS employees. With your support, we, along with the entire NWSEO national council, will forge a path to a bright future.

Cheers,  
John Werner

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