



## The Value of NWSEO Membership

(November 2, 2016) NWSEO appreciates your membership support and we want to make sure that you are aware of the full advantage of being a member of our professional organization.

**Professional Development:** NWSEO members gain valuable insight to the work of the NWS as an agency. NWSEO members are often invited to serve as union representatives on NWS teams. Through these teams, members learn more about the agency, have a voice in decision-making, and are afforded visibility, leadership and networking opportunities. NWSEO loses more members through promotion out of the bargaining unit each year than any other means. [Learn why your co-workers are NWSEO members.](#)

All members have an opportunity to attend the Annual NWSEO Convention. The annual National Convention is the governing body of NWSEO. It is a time to learn in depth about NWSEO's current work and accomplishments. This is also a great opportunity to network with other professionals throughout the country. The 2017 convention will take place at the [Vinoy Renaissance Resort, St. Petersburg, Florida](#) on September 18-19, 2017 (Monday-Tuesday event).

**The Opportunity to Shape the Future of the NWS:** As NWSEO negotiates the new Collective Bargaining Agreement, only NWSEO members have a say in CBA negotiations that will affect all NWS employees. Last spring, NWSEO set up an email bank to receive suggestions on each article of the current CBA. Member input is a driving force in current CBA negotiations.

The NWS is shaping plans to restructure the agency, including a centralized forecast, heavy reliance on National Blended Models, diminished roles of local forecasters and HMTs, uncertain roles for ITOs and ETs, and part-timing some offices. NWSEO is working to preserve the integrity of the local forecast and to advance the NWS so that the mission of saving lives and property remains the number one priority in the future. NWSEO membership provides your only opportunity for your ideas and support.

**HotelStorm:** NWSEO'S new partnership [with HotelStorm](#) brings exclusive hotel discounts to our members. When you use HotelStorm, you'll find savings up to 55% over other online travel agencies. HotelStorm offers thousands of hotels worldwide, 24/7 concierge, and the best hotel prices. This benefit kicked off just over a month ago and already close to 40 members have

saved money on their hotel rates by using [HotelStorm](#). Members should contact their local steward for the password.

**Health Club Benefit:** NWSEO negotiated Health Club and Wellness Services Fees Reimbursement Program which provides up to \$300 per year to NWS employees as a health club membership dues rebate. The rebate also covers certain weight loss and smoking cessation programs. This rebate is only available due to the work NWSEO.

**There is great power in membership support:** NWSEO is the only organization with the ability to lobby Congress and the Administration to preserve NWS jobs, promote better working conditions and career promotions for NWS, and participate in collective bargaining. For more information on how NWSEO can benefit you, we invite you to read the [NWSEO Top Twenty List of Accomplishments](#).

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