



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

2017 NWSEO Election Letter and Convention Details

(April 21, 2017) The 2017 Election Letter is in the mail to NWSEO members. As an added convenience, we are posting the letter at <http://nwseo.org/convention.php>. The Elections Letter details the procedures to nominate NWSEO members for NWSEO branch office positions and to participate in elections. Local office elections include the positions: Branch Steward and Vice Steward, Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

Information on the 42nd Annual NWSEO National Convention is also included in the Elections Letter. All NWSEO members are invited to attend the 2017 NWSEO Convention on Monday and Tuesday, September 18-19 at the beautiful the [Vinoy Renaissance Resort, St. Petersburg, Florida](#). The Vinoy Renaissance, an iconic hotel overlooking Tampa Bay, features the ultimate luxury along Florida's West Coast.

NWSEO is pleased to announce that Florida Congressman Charlie Crist, former Governor of Florida, will be a guest speaker at the convention. Rep. Crist is one of the three Democratic members of the House Science Committee's Subcommittee on the Environment, which has jurisdiction over the "dry NOAA" including the National Weather Service.

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 \$114 per night plus taxes. Room reservations must be made by August 20, 2017. They can be booked directly with Vinoy Renaissance Resort & Golf Club by calling [1-888-789-3090](tel:1-888-789-3090) or using the link: [Reservations for the NWSEO 42ND Convention at the Vinoy Renaissance Resort](#). 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 [1187 form for payroll deduction](#) (not by credit card) from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017, NWSEO

will provide reasonable airfare*, 3-nights lodging, and approved group meals for the 2017 NWSEO Convention at the Vinoy Renaissance Resort. The name of the recruiter must be on the submitted 1187 in order for them to receive recruitment credit.

** 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.*

There is an additional Top Recruiter Award which will be presented at the NWSEO Convention to the two top recruiters for between August 1, 2016 and July 31, 2017.

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. [The NWSEO Recruitment page](#) 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 <http://nwseo.org/convention.php>. We hope to see you at the convention!

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