



## 2017 NWSEO Steward Elections and Convention Details

(June 21, 2017) The 2017 NWSEO steward elections are underway. Nominations for Steward and Vice Steward were due on June 2. If more than one member was nominated for Steward or Vice Steward of any branch office, the current steward is responsible for preparing a ballot and mailing those ballots to each member's home address by **July 7, 2017**. The current branch steward is also responsible for establishing a sealed box in which members will return their ballots no later than **Friday, July 21, 2017**. For more information on 2017 Elections and contact information, please review the NWSEO Election Letter which was mailed to members' homes in April and is available online: <http://nwseo.org/convention.php>.

This year, the 42nd Annual NWSEO National Convention will be 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 42<sup>ND</sup> 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

There is still time to earn the NWSEO 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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