



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

2019 NWSEO Election Letter and Convention Details

(May 4, 2019) The 2019 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 44th Annual NWSEO National Convention is also included in the Elections Letter. All NWSEO members are invited to attend the NWSEO Convention at the award-winning Des Moines Marriott Downtown on October 5 - 6 (Saturday - Sunday event). The Des Moines Marriott is located at 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Set in the vibrant downtown business district, the Des Moines Marriott Downtown places you near the DSM Airport and offers a complimentary roundtrip shuttle.

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.

Hotel Reservations: If you plan to attend the convention, you are responsible for making your hotel reservations. NWSEO has successfully negotiated the room rate based on the Fiscal Year 2020 per diem rate (plus taxes). The Fiscal Year 2019 per diem rate for Des Moines is currently \$108. **Room reservations must be made by September 13, 2019.**

Hotel Reservations can be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott Reservations at 1 (800) 228-9290 or (515) 245-5500 or using the link:

[Book your group rate for National Weather Service](#). Please mention that you are a NWSEO member and attending the convention in order to get the negotiated room rate.

DELEGATE INCENTIVE

Any convention delegate who is certified as representing a minimum of 25 percent of the Region's total available delegate votes, from at least two branches from Regions that have more than one branch, is eligible for the Convention Delegate Incentive. NWSEO will reimburse reasonable airfare*, 2-nights lodging at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, and approved group meals for attendance at the 2019 NWSEO Convention. The 25 percent threshold will be based on the certified 2018 total votes for each respective region.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

For any NWSEO member who recruits two or more new members to join NWSEO using the [Form 1187 for payroll deduction](#) (not by credit card) from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019, NWSEO will provide reasonable airfare, 3 nights lodging, and approved group meals for the 2019 NWSEO Convention at the Marriott Downtown, Des Moines, IA on October 5 and 6. 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, purchased at least 21 days before the convention, unless approved otherwise. Printed copies of airfares from Expedia or other travel sites may serve as documentation.*

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