



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

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NWSEO TO CONDUCT STEWARD TRAINING AT PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION

For the first time, NWSEO will present a steward training program at its National Convention. This will allow those stewards who attend training to also attend the Convention.

The training program will be conducted on Friday, September 22, beginning at 1:00 pm and continuing until 6:00 pm. The Convention will convene the next morning, September 23, at 9:00 am and continue until Sunday afternoon at 5 pm. The training and the Convention will be held at the Hyatt at Penn's Landing, in the historic area of Philadelphia.

The training program will be conducted by NWSEO's General Counsel, Richard Hirn. It will cover how to conduct local office team ("LOT") labor relations meeting; what can be bargained; how to file a grievance; how to represent local members during discussions with management; and how to recognize an illegal bypass of the union.

NWSEO will pay the airfare to Philadelphia for those stewards who attend training, as well as hotel expenses for Friday and Saturday nights and meals for three days. This will enable those who have attended the training session to attend the Convention as well.

We can accommodate up to 25 attendees in this training program. First preference will be given to those stewards who have not yet attended a union training session. We are especially interested in training stewards who will be elected this year for the first time. Second preference will be given to vice stewards and those stewards who have previously attended training. Because the number of participants must be limited, spaces will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis, but we will maintain a waiting list.

If you would like to attend, please send an email to director@nwseo.org as soon as you know you can attend.

The program schedule is targeted for those who are able to travel to Philadelphia on Friday morning, and who can return home Sunday evening. Depending on enrollment, we may be able to extend hotel reimbursement to those whose travel will require them to arrive on Thursday.