



The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

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QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT by the Director of Membership Services

The NWSEO National Council passed an unprecedentedly ambitious new membership drive for the entire second quarter of 2008.

First, the National Council passed an initiative used in years past. Anyone who recruits two or more new members between October 1, 2008, and August 31, 2008, will receive transportation costs and hotel room for the nights of the convention this year. The convention this year will be held in Houston, TX, on October 11 and 12, 2008.

Next, the National Council passed a \$100 Dues Rebate to run from May 1, 2008 to August 1, 2008. In addition, if a current member recruits the new member, the member who recruited will receive \$50. So if you recruit two new members, not only do you get \$100 for recruiting them and each one of the persons you recruit receive \$100, but you also get your way paid to the convention, as well as the cost of room and tax for three nights.



Members who wish to receive the \$50 bonus need only collect the dues withholding form from the new member and submit it with a cover sheet via fax to 703 293 9653 claiming the \$50 bonus. Both the Bonus and Rebate will be paid once the new member's dues begin.

CWSU NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT

NWS and NWSEO have reached an agreement on improvements to the technology and training necessary to enhance the CWSU meteorologists' ability to present briefings to their partners and

customers. First the CWSU Mets will provide input into TAFs for the major airports in their area of coverage to the staff at the WFOs. This input will also include information on expected weather related affects on traffic at those airports. In addition the CWSU Mets will utilize chat software and a new phone system to facilitate forecast collaboration.

CWSU Mets will start using GoToMeeting software and begin to use PowerPoint with voice software called Camtasia for their briefings. Flight Explorer software, which pinpoints where planes are in the sky, will also be provided to each CWSU.

Finally, the NWSEO negotiated that CWSU Mets receive long sought after training, not just in the uses of the new science and technology, but also in customer service.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NWSEO has experienced our typical first of the year losses in membership due to retirements and promotions. We also lost a dear friend and great officer recently when Dave Koehler from the Ann Arbor WFO passed away.

Another member loss occurred when Ed Capone was promoted to the Service Coordination Hydrologist position in his office at the Taunton RFC.