

## CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

### Meet NWSEO Lifetime Member Martin Lee

(April 7, 2021) Please meet NWSEO Lifetime Member, *Martin Lee* of Duluth, MN. Mr. Lee, who retired from WFO Duluth after over 41 years of service, reflects on his time as an active member of NWSEO. He has been a NWSEO member since 1988.

#### **Why did you join NWSEO?**

**It is an important investment in our careers!** I learned early in my career that NWSEO leaders work hard to respond to their members' questions with regards to collective bargaining, work schedules and supporting our mission at the NWS. I joined NWSEO to be a part of their effort and support my fellow colleagues. They were appreciative and we were a great team.

#### **NWSEO Leadership Roles**

I served as a Steward at the time Modernization and Restructuring began in 1988 at Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Minneapolis, MN. About four years later, I became the NWSEO Central Region Vice-Chairperson and worked with and learned from NWSEO leaders at that time: Alan Eros, Bill Sammler, and Dieter Crowley. When I transitioned to the Regional Chair role, I served with outstanding Vice-Chairpersons: Bill Sammler, Dieter Crowley, John Pollack, Richard Kessler, Tony Hall, Teresa Keck Jim Sieveking and Jim Lee, who is now the current Central Region Chairperson. Some of them have moved on to management roles as NWSEO helped advance many careers.

While I was the Central Region Chairperson, I worked to support employees' needs, negotiate changes in working conditions and file grievances when necessary. My last opportunity to serve in NWSEO was to serve as a member of the NWSEO Credentials Committee. This credentialing work is an important part of the national convention and the smooth running of elections within the union.

Speaking of the national convention, my first NWSEO convention was in Minneapolis in 1992. My last convention was 26 years later in Pittsburgh, PA in 2018. At these conventions, I had the opportunity to meet and network with NWSEO members from all around the country.



**2018 NWSEO National Convention Pittsburgh, PA. Former Executive Vice President Bill Hopkins presenting to Martin Lee, who received an award in recognition of his dedication and service to NWSEO for 33 years.**

The NWSEO congratulates Mr. Lee on his retirement and his outstanding contribution, efforts, and incredible support of NWSEO. He is an excellent example of how dedication to serving others can enhance your career.

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