

John Werner

John Werner is President of the National Weather Service Employees Organization (NWSEO) as well as a Lead Forecaster at the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Mobile, Alabama. He started his NWS career as a Journey Forecaster at WFO Spokane, Washington in 2003, where he was active in the Fire Weather and Incident Meteorologist (IMET) programs, served as the office's climate focal point, and was a member of a National Climate Team. In addition to serving as a Lead Forecaster at WFO Mobile, he also managed the office hydrology program and other program areas including radar, marine, and aviation.

Prior to joining the NWS, Mr. Werner served 24 years as a meteorologist in the United States Air Force, where he held numerous positions to include the following: Chief of Weather Station Operations; Chief of the Environmental Simulations Team at the Air Force Combat Climatology Center, leading the development of specialized databases, simulations and climate modeling in support of Air Force Weather; Flight Commander of a 17-person Weather Flight; and the Air Force Special Operations Command, Directorate of Weather's Aerospace Scientist, responsible for the technical health of the Command's 17 weather units.

He has served as the NWSEO National President for the past two years. Previously he served as the NWSEO Steward for WFO Mobile, the NWSEO Southern Region Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and was a member of the NWSEO National Council for 9 years. He also was the NWSEO representative on several national teams, including the Co-Chair of the Impact-Based Decision Support focused Pilot Project initiative team, and as a member of the Operational Workload Analysis (OWA) Impact-Based Decision Support Workstream.

Mr. Werner has been recognized by the National Weather Service with two National Cline Awards, in the categories of Meteorology (for on scene Impact-Based Decision Support Services to the Deep-Water Horizon clean-up operations at the Mobile, Alabama Incident Command Post) and Leadership.

Mr. Werner holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Great Falls and a Master of Science in Atmospheric Science from Colorado State University