

SEALANT, WATERPROOFING AND RESTORATION INSTITUTE

YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS ... WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

When was SWR Institute formed?

The Sealant and Waterproofing Institute, as it was called then, was formed in 1976 by 12 commercial waterproofing and sealant contractors from around the country. Their mission was to form an organization that would be an open forum where issues and best practices could be discussed and promoted. As the organization grew, it expanded its membership by including manufacturers, architects, engineers and consultants.

What are the membership categories?

Contractors are the primary membership category and make up 60% of the total membership. Manufacturers (companies that manufacture sealant, waterproofing and/or restoration materials or products) and Associates (architects, engineers, specifiers and consultants) make up the other 40% of our membership.

Can distributors be members?

No.

Can individuals join?

No, the membership is a company membership.

How many members are there?

Currently there are approximately 283 member companies. We are a small organization but our members employ over 1,300 individuals.

What are the dues?

Membership dues are on a sliding scale based on the gross annual sales of each company. This allows both large and small companies to afford membership.

Your membership dues invoice will be mailed out mid-May every year and will need to be paid in full by June 30. You'll receive a mailed invoice, along with email reminders. You can also find your dues invoice under "Account Details" located on the left side of the toolbar when logged in to your member account.

What do I get for my dues?

There is tremendous value in being a member of SWR Institute. The foremost benefit of membership is having a very close-knit group of professionals who are dedicated to making our industry the best it can be. This is not just an idle boast. SWR Institute members are well known for being a trusted resource that answers questions and provides valuable insights into the intricacies of all different kinds of sealant, waterproofing and restoration projects. Members also receive discounts on publications and meetings.

How big is the board?

The board is comprised of 15 individuals. An Executive Committee (President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Immediate Past President, all of whom are contractors) and 11 Directors (seven Contractor, two Manufacturer and two Associate members).

Are there committees?

Currently SWR Institute has nine committees. They include: Membership, Product Validation, Training Validation, Program Planning, Safety, Technical Resource, Brand Awareness, Finance and Nominating.

What types of publications does SWR Institute publish?

SWR Institute publishes a wide variety of technical publications that pertain to our industry. The complete list of our publications can be found on the website. In addition, we publish the *Applicator Magazine*, a print journal that concentrates on projects, best practices and the issues that impact our industry. *Applicator*

Magazine is also available in a digital version.

Members also receive a bi-monthly newsletter called Member Briefs that provides current Institute news.

“SWR Institute is a great group of individuals and companies with similar goals and experiences, and it's very easy to connect with people you otherwise would not have had the chance to meet. It's given me a great network of expertise and lifelong friends!”

– **Craig Allender,**
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.

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