GET INVOLVED AND JOIN A COMMITTEE

We promise you won’t regret it!

The Program Planning Committee develops the meeting content for SWR Institute’s two annual technical meetings. The committee seeks presentations that keep the SWR Institute membership apprised of the industry’s latest technologies and practices, as well as provide an environment that promotes fellowship and the exchange of ideas. If you have ideas about the presentations and events offered at our meetings, we welcome your input and perspective.

The Membership Committee focuses on membership recruitment and retention. The Membership Committee is also responsible for interviewing companies that submit membership applications to the Institute and reporting the information obtained during the interviews to the SWR Institute Board of Directors. Interested participants only need to have ideas about how to attract and retain members that are best-in-class in the industry.

The Safety Committee works closely with OSHA to develop safety resources for our members and the industry at large. Interested volunteers should have a passion for safety and a desire to contribute to our ultimate goal of educating and protecting the workers in our industry. This includes collaborating and sharing information in a group setting, helping to promote OSHA Alliance initiatives and programs and developing new safety resources — with the goal of reducing injuries and saving lives.

The Product Validation Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing product categories to be included under the program. The committee also promotes the Product Validation Program and works to ensure that the industry understands the intent and purpose of the program.

The Training Validation Committee is responsible for expanding the number of training programs validated by SWR Institute. The committee welcomes anyone with a desire to elevate the standards of the training programs offered in our industry.

The Technical Resource Committee is responsible for creating and reviewing SWR Institute technical manuals and publications. The committee seeks those with technical expertise in any of the sealant, waterproofing and restoration categories.

If you are interested in joining a committee, please email nicole@cranemartin.com. Or you can come to a face-to-face committee meeting on Sunday afternoon at our Fall & Winter Technical Meetings.
5 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED . . .

Becoming a member is just the start

1. Build Relationships by Networking
Joining a committee helps you build stronger relationships with the industry’s most talented professionals. You’re guaranteed to make new friends and valuable business connections!

2. Brand Building
Not just participating but becoming more involved will help you build your business brand. After all, it’s not just about who you know, but also about who knows you.

3. Development
The things that you will learn while participating on a committee will directly translate into professional and personal development.

4. Leadership Opportunities
Through active participation on a committee, you have a better opportunity to someday become a board member.

5. Working for the Greater Good
Volunteering your time to develop resources for the industry is a rewarding experience.

SWR Institute is a group of active industry professionals from diverse backgrounds who like to do things the correct way and enjoy themselves while performing a balancing act between costs, schedules, owners, architects and engineers, consultants, suppliers and Mother Nature. What a resource!

— Diane Kaese
Kaese Architecture PLLC

Most of the people I’ve met through SWR Institute have become a tremendous resource, and are always willing to share their knowledge and experience. The friendships created, because of shared experiences, have been life changing.

— Frank Halsey
Mid-Continental Restoration Company, Inc.
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.

For more information visit us online at www.swrionline.org or call 816.472.7947

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.