

Membership Categories and privileges

The Stormwater Industry Associations (SIAs) of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia are autonomous entities that support common goals. Each of these SIAs are regulated by the laws of the State in which they were incorporated. The State SIAs established Stormwater Industry Association Ltd. A protocol was adopted that enables all SIAs to interact constructively, adopt common membership categories and offer membership privileges to interstate colleagues.

This protocol promotes Individual, Corporate, Sustaining and Student memberships. The Sustaining category is best viewed as a federal category that SIA National manages on behalf of the State SIAs. Individual State SIAs manage the other categories. Most members usually join the SIA of their resident State, but the protocol enables interstate SIAs. Membership may also be upgraded and transferred to an interstate SIA. However, members may transfer to an interstate SIA. In that case, they will not be eligible to stand for the Committee of the SIA of their resident State unless they also join their local SIA.

Individual Membership

This category accommodates individuals and entities that only employ one or two stormwater practitioners. Other advantages are offered from time to time. Individual Members receive regular copies of the SIA Newsletter and are entitled to SIA membership discounts for local and interstate seminars, conferences and workshops organised by the Stormwater Industry.

- (i) Individual Members are eligible to stand for election to their state Committee and may be invited to join the event and technical sub-committees.
- (ii) Individual membership is the key membership category. All other membership categories are based on this category.

Corporate Members

Corporate membership is available for all organisations, including companies, municipal councils, statutory authorities, unincorporated entities, and other formal and informal interest groups with appropriate interests in the State of the Association they are seeking to join.

- (i) Corporate members may nominate four representatives. Membership is deemed to be vested in the representatives who are obliged to abide by the Rules of the State SIA. Corporate members sponsor their representatives.
- (ii) Representatives of corporate members enjoy the same privileges as Individual members.
- (iii) All employees of a Corporate Member are entitled to SIA membership discounts for local and interstate seminars, conferences and workshops organised by the Stormwater Industry.
- (iv) Corporate Members may wish to nominate more than four representatives to their State SIA. The additional representatives will be accepted at the Individual Member subscription rate, but the customary joining fee for these additional representatives will be waived.
- (v) Employee redeployment or departure is accommodated. The corporation may revise its nominated representatives during the subscription year, provided the changes are advised in writing. All new representatives give the undertaking to abide by the Rules of the State SIA.

Sustaining Membership

Sustaining membership is a special category that SIA National manages. Applications for Sustaining Membership must be made directly to SIA National.

- (i) A Sustaining Member may nominate up to twelve representatives. SIA membership is deemed to be vested in the representatives. The Sustaining Member is the sponsor of their representatives.
- (ii) The representatives may be attached to one or more State SIAs. They will be deemed to be Individual Members of their host SIA provided they complete a membership application form provided by their host SIA and undertake to be bound by the Rules of the host SIA. The representatives will not be recognised until the application form is completed and the undertaking is provided.
- (iii) Sustaining Members are not required to pay Membership or joining fees to State SIAs.

- (iv) All employees of a Sustaining Member corporation are entitled to SIA membership discounts for local and interstate seminars, conferences and workshops organised by the Stormwater Industry.
- (v) Employee redeployment or departure is accommodated. The corporation may revise its nominated representatives during the subscription year, provided the changes are advised in writing. All new representatives give the undertaking to abide by the Rules of the State SIA.
- (vi) Sustaining Members will be acknowledged by SIA National in regular publications and enjoy other privileges.
- (vii) New Sustaining Members are requested to provide a list of representatives and are required to advise SIA National of changes in their representation. SIA National will pass on these changes and the associated contact details to the relevant State SIAs.
- (viii) A significant portion of the fees collected from Sustaining Members is remitted to the State SIAs to enable them to support the representatives.

Student Members

Students who wish to pursue a career in Urban Water Management can apply for Student Membership of the Stormwater Industry Association (in the state where studies are conducted) at no charge.

- (i) Student members must be currently undertaking full-time studies, regardless of the study stage (i.e., undergraduate and postgraduate students). Proof of full-time student status is required.
- (ii) Student Members may upgrade their membership to the Individual Membership category at favourable rates.
- (iii) Student members receive a subscription to all regular and occasional publications published by SIA National, other than special reports, technical papers, conference proceedings and other limited distribution publications.

- (iv) Student members are entitled to SIA member discounts for local and interstate seminars, conferences and workshops organised by the Stormwater Industry.

Transfers / Category Changes

A representative of a Corporate or Sustaining Member who leaves their employer or ceases to be a nominated representative of their employer is entitled to take up the status of an Individual Member of a state SIA of their choice.

- (i) The fee payable by the transferee will be the Individual Member fee calculated on a pro-rata basis for the number of whole months remaining in the subscription year. No joining fee is payable.
- (ii) Individual Members may also transfer membership between state SIAs at any time without penalty. No additional fees will be payable if they have paid all subscription fees to their original SIA for the current membership year.
- (iii) Student Members may transfer to Individual Membership if they contribute an amount equal to the difference between the annual student and individual fees for the balance of the subscription year calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- (iv) Individual Members may transfer to corporate membership if they contribute an amount equal to the difference between individual and corporate joining fees and an additional amount equal to the annual fees for the balance of the subscription year calculated on a pro-rata basis for the additional three representatives.

Membership Renewal

SIA National sends renewal invoices to Sustaining Members. The State SIAs manage all other renewals. Corporate and Sustaining Members are requested to return a completed representative list at renewal time. SIA National provides extracts from the Sustaining member representative list to the relevant State SIAs.