



Scientific Working Group on Imaging Technology Membership Process

Structure

The Scientific Working Group on Imaging Technology (SWGIT) was formed in 1997 and is funded by the FBI. SWGIT funding has restrictions on how meetings are planned and subsidized. These restrictions govern which participants' travel related expenses are sponsored. SWGIT has four standing subcommittees (Forensic Video, Image Analysis, Forensic Photography, and Outreach). There are approximately 50 active and associate members of SWGIT. The leadership consists of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, Executive Secretary, and an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of the subcommittee chairs and two At-Large members. SWGIT meetings are not training conferences or workshops. Meetings are designed to draw upon the expertise and experience of the members regarding technical issues facing the Criminal Justice System. These issues frequently span several meetings.

Selecting New Participants

In the event a need for guidance arising from the use of imaging technology is identified, SWGIT will recruit subject matter experts from within the criminal justice system, the related scientific community, and academia. Invitations to attend SWGIT meetings are transmitted to applicants and individuals who have been recommended by other SWGIT members.

Membership Applications

Individuals interested in becoming SWGIT members should submit an application to the Chairman at chair@swgit.org. The application form is available on the SWGIT website at www.swgit.org. A curriculum vitae is required at the time of application. Individuals from the International community and private sector are not funded for travel by SWGIT. Membership applicants invited to attend a subsequent SWGIT meeting are not guaranteed membership.

Length of Membership

SWGIT requests a five-year commitment from its members. To retain membership, members are required to attend at least one of the two meetings per year. SWGIT meets each year for one week in January and June (Sunday night to Friday noon).