

Wisconsin Association of Computer Crime Investigators Membership Standards

Upon meeting the following requirements, a prospective member may complete the Membership Application and submit the Membership dues for consideration.

As outlined in Article III of the WACCI By-Laws there will be one class of Membership in the Association. To define membership further there are five categories of member eligibility:

- A. Law Enforcement: Current or retired sworn law enforcement personnel (federal, state or local government entity), investigators, technicians / specialists, and prosecuting attorneys engaged in the investigation and prosecution of criminal activities in which computers and/or other advanced technologies are involved. This category includes retired law enforcement personnel meeting the criteria described.
- B. Private / Public Sector: Employees or retirees of an organization who are management or senior staff security level personnel. Their primary duties are for investigations involving the use of technology by virtue of their position.
- C. Academic: Employees or instructors of community or State academic organizations with a primary responsibility focused on computer forensics, technology, or law enforcement curriculum.
- D. Student: A student enrolled in a criminal justice, law enforcement or computer forensic curriculum may be granted membership with sponsorship by an Academic member, and approval of the Chapter President. Student membership is limited to participation at a single Chapter's functions, has no voting privileges and dependant on the topic of discussion may have the local Chapter President impose additional limitation/restrictions. A full-time student meeting these membership standards are not required to pay dues.
- E. Life Membership: Life time membership may be granted to an existing member in good standing under any of the following conditions:
 - 1. The applicant is fully retired and has made an outstanding contribution, or performed an outstanding service to the Association.
 - 2. A Chapter Board Member may nominate a member in good standing for Life Membership status.
 - 3. After the completion of a Chapter or Executive Board Members term in office, s/he shall automatically receive life membership status.
 - 4. Life membership shall be exempt from all dues with the exception of those fees and expenses incurred by the member for WACCI sponsored events in which the member chooses to participate.
 - 5. All Life Membership approvals require approval by the Executive Board.
- F. Membership is voluntary in the Association. Any member involved with providing any services or expertise involving the defense of criminal cases shall be required to announce their presence at any meeting. Members who perform the important role of engaging in criminal defense must understand that they must abide by requests, by the Chapter President, or the highest-ranking Chapter Officer present who is also a law enforcement Officer, to step out of meetings when sensitive law enforcement subjects are discussed.
- G. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, each member of a Chapter shall have equal voting and other rights, including the right to vote for the officers on the Chapter Board, and to participate in the management of the Chapter business in accordance with the applicable provisions of the bylaws, and to hold any office in the Association.
- H. Membership is for an annual period from June 1 to May 31 of each year. Annual renewal of membership does not require a re-application provided all aspects of this Standard are met.
- I. Membership annual dues:
 - 1. Set at \$20.00 payable in June of each year to the Chapter Treasurer.
 - 2. Dues are not pro-rated and are non-refundable for change in membership status.
 - 3. Any additional financial Chapter contributions should be reviewed the Chapter Treasurer on an individual basis.
- J. A member may discontinue membership upon written or verbal notification to the Chapter President. Reinstatement shall require the re-application of membership.

- K. Affiliation to a primary Chapter is required for the purpose of elections, annual dues, voting and Chapter Board Officer positions - a member can attend any Chapter's meeting.
- L. If a Chapter terminates its Chapter Charter status, any member in good standing may change their Chapter Affiliation to an existing Chapter.
- M. Any false, inaccurate or misleading information provided on the Membership Application will result in ineligibility for membership with no reimbursement for membership dues.
- N. Suspension / Revocation of Membership or Membership Privileges:
 - 1. Membership may be denied if the applicant or any organization to which the applicant may belong has aims or interests which conflict with the goals and purposes of the Association.
 - 2. Any member, including an officer, shall have the right to file a written report with the Chapter Board concerning another member who has disregarded the Association by-laws or standards. The Chapter Board shall, upon receipt of the complaining member's report, conduct an investigation into the complaining member's reported facts as deemed reasonable to determine the merit of the allegation, and whether further action is warranted. If the complaint involves a Chapter Board member the complaint should be filed with the Executive Board Member.
 - 3. A written notice of the allegation will be provided to the member alleged of the violation within 30 days, and a written response is required within 10 business days to clarify the allegations from the member accused in the complaint. A failure to respond will result in termination of membership and ineligibility from future membership.
 - 4. No consequence shall result to a complaining member who reports a by-law or standards violation in good faith.
 - 5. If a member no longer meets the requirements of the Membership Standards, their membership can be terminated after the approval of the Executive Board.