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SCIP memberships are not transferable and are non-refundable. The standard membership term is in effect for 12 months and begins at the enrollment date. Each SCIP Membership ID Number and corresponding record is assigned to an individual, and therefore when a change of employment occurs the membership remains valid and tied to the individual through the remainder of the original membership term.

To ensure continuity of tenure and benefits, SCIP members should immediately update their profile and validate information whenever there is a change in employment status as many benefits are delivered electronically and a current email address is required at all times. If a new employer will be paying for a subsequent membership renewal, the original membership record and anniversary date will be used whenever possible.

Should a member decide not to renew or otherwise fails to renew, their record will be deactivated in the membership database.

Employers

Companies that pay for their employee's SCIP membership are eligible to transfer the remainder of a departed employee's membership term to a new or different employee under the following conditions: 1) there are at least six (6) months remaining in the membership term; 2) the transferee is not already a current member of SCIP; and 3) the transferee's complete contact information is supplied at the time the new member record is created.

A record and Member ID Number will be created for the new employee member and the membership term will be effective through the remaining months of the original membership term.

FAQ

What are the qualifications of membership?

According to Section III of the bylaws, membership in the Society shall be open to any individual who submits a completed application, pays the required annual dues, shares an interest in the field of competitive intelligence and agrees to uphold the Society's Code of Ethics.

Does the application for membership need to be completed electronically?

No, while we encourage you to join online so that you can start receiving your benefits immediately, you can also download **the application** and mail or fax to us along with payment and additional information as necessary.

Where do I send my membership application?

You can mail, fax or email your membership. **PLEASE NOTE: Our accounting office has recently moved:**

SCIP Accounting Office
c/o Frost & Sullivan
7550 IH 10 West, Suite 400
San Antonio, Tx 78229
Email: memberservices@scip.org

If I join now, when will my membership begin and end?

Dues are by anniversary and runs from the time you join/renew until the following year during that same time of the year. Invoices

are mailed beginning 90 days prior to your expiration date. Full payment is due by your expiration date. Several follow-up invoices are emailed to unpaid members, at 60 and 30 days before your expiration.

Can I go online after my membership has expired to renew?

You are given a 30 day grace to renew your membership from your expiration date. After that time your membership online access is changed to non member, and your renewal billing record is deleted from the system. Once this occurs, you must contact SCIP by phone or email to renew your membership--or you can fill out and submit a paper form to reactivate your membership from a new start-date.

Does SCIP have a large and diverse membership?

Yes. SCIP is the association of choice for CI professionals. Currently, its membership approximately 3,000 - from over 60 countries worldwide. Many SCIP members have backgrounds in market research, government intelligence, or science and technology. They work in a broad variety of industries. There are more than 20 SCIP chapters in the US, 4 international chapters, and 2 international affiliates. The growth in the Society's membership reflects the growing awareness of the value of CI in the global business community.

What are the industries illustrated by SCIP Membership?

SCIP members hail from over 50 industries. The top 4 are as follows:

- Consulting
- Manufacturing/Industrial
- Financial Services
- Pharmaceuticals