

SLATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
of North America, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

You are hereby invited to apply for membership to the Slate Roofing Contractors Association of North America, Inc. (SRCA). Please read the following information carefully:

The SRCA is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation.

THE PURPOSES OF THE SRCA INCLUDE:

- 1) To provide a legitimate internet Directory of North American Slate Roofing Contractors.
- 2) To provide a “Contractor Profile” about member contractors for the benefit of the public.
- 3) To provide training opportunities in traditional slate roofing for contractors and others.
- 4) To establish communication, networking and camaraderie among professional slate roofing contractors.
- 5) To develop and establish contractor and slate roofing standards.
- 6) To establish a slate roofing contractor Guild.
- 7) To network with other roofing industry organizations.

1) Provide an online Directory of North American Slate Roofing Contractors

If you are already listed on our Contractor Directory, then you’re probably aware of the potential for this service to benefit your business. The Directory is available online 24/7 and can be accessed from anywhere in the world.

Listings on the Contractor Directory are in no way to be considered an endorsement, recommendation or certification. Such listings are for informational purposes only. Applications for membership must be approved before memberships become effective.

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2) Provide detailed information about member contractors for the benefit of the public

Contractor applicants must agree to allow a portion of their membership information to be made available to the public at the online Contractor Directory. Public information will include such things as a) how long you have been in business, b) how many employees you have (if any) and their experience level, c) the extent and nature of your insurance coverage, d) your contracting range (area where you are willing to work), e) whether you provide installation contracting, restoration contracting, or both, do large jobs, small jobs, institutional work, steeple work, residential, copper, commercial, etc. You can view existing contractor profiles online at slateroofers.org.

In order to be a member in good standing, you will also have to be free of any criminal convictions related to your business activities, be willing to have your membership temporarily suspended if there are existing registered customer complaints that remain unresolved (customer complaints can be submitted to the SRCA by email from the SRCA web site – and are kept confidential), and agree to the immediate termination of your membership and forfeiture of any paid dues should you intentionally provide false information to the SRCA about your business activities. This is a form of contractor vetting that will enable the public to determine whether a particular contractor is suitable for their particular needs. It will also help to provide a level of public credibility, trust and respect for contractor members.

3) Provide traditional slate roofing training opportunities for contractors.

Contractor training specific to slate roofing is now being developed in various venues in the U.S. in the form of workshops, print materials, DVDs and videos. The SRCA will provide an impetus and a focus for these training opportunities. Eventually, the SRCA will be able to host or co-host slate roofing conferences where tools, products, information and workshops can be made available to participants.

4) Establish communication, networking and camaraderie among professional slate roofing contractors

The SRCA does not have to be a large organization, but it does have to be an effective organization that will advance the specific interests of professional slate roofing contractors. There has never been an organization established for North American slate roofing contractors. The SRCA will enable us to identify each other, meet, talk shop, help each other out with difficult or new projects, swap advice and techniques, and organize as a collective force when the need arises.

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5) Develop Contractor Standards

Those of us who make a living working primarily with slate roofing can offer insight, information and suggestions for the development of such things as materials standards, professional methods of practice, professional documents, building codes and other standards and practices that will impact the professional slate roofing contractor trade.

6) Establish a Guild level of slate roofing contractor

7) Network with other roofing industry organizations

In order to protect, promote and further the interests of professional slate roofing contractors, the SRCA can work closely and cooperatively with such organizations as the National Slate Association, the Roof Consultant's Institute, the Preservation Trades Network, the National Roofing Contractors Association, regional Roofing Contractors Associations, OSHA, building code organizations, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), American Institute of Architects (AIA), and other appropriate trade and governmental organizations.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1) **Supporting Member:** This category will be open to anyone who wants to support the SRCA, including homeowners and other non-professionals. The annual membership fee is \$100.00. Membership benefits include a listing on the slateroofers.org web site with access to the "members only" section of the site, receipt of the Traditional Roofing Magazine and 10% discounts for training programs and materials.

2) **Affiliate Member:** This category will be open to those who are involved in the general slate manufacturing industry, roofing industry, architectural, consulting, and design industries, etc., but who are not roofing contractors who are actively engaged in slate roofing practices. The annual membership fee is \$200.00. Membership entitles the member to a membership plaque, a listing and links on the slate roofers.org web site with access to the "members only" section of the site, receipt of the Traditional Roofing Magazine and 10% discounts for training programs and materials.

3) **Roofing Contractor Member:** This membership level is open to professional roofing contractors who do not have 5 years continuous professional experience in slate roofing and/or do not currently do at least 75% of their roof contracting in slate. This category is suitable for those roofing contractors who do primarily non-slate roofing, but also do some slate work. The \$300.00 annual membership fee includes a membership plaque, a

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listing and links on the SRCA Contractor Directory with access to the “members only” section of the SRCA web site, an optional complimentary copy of the Slate Roof Bible, 2nd edition, the Traditional Roofing Magazine and 25% discounts for training programs and materials.

4) **Slate Roofing Contractor Member:** This membership level is open to roofing contractors in good standing who have 5 years continuous professional experience in slate roofing and currently do at least 75% of their roof contracting in slate. This membership level requires an annual fee of \$400. In return, the member receives a membership plaque, a listing and links on the SRCA Contractor Directory with access to the “members only” section of the site, a free optional professional email address (yourname@slateroofers.org), and eligibility for Slate Roofing Guild membership after one year of SRCA membership. Slate Roofing Contractor members also receive an optional complimentary copy of the Slate Roof Bible, 2nd edition, the Traditional Roofing Magazine and 25% discounts for training programs and materials.

Membership in a focused trade organization opens doors to information, relationships and professional development that cannot be found elsewhere. It is imperative that we professional slaters organize, identify ourselves to the public so they can find us, and establish standards of practice that the general roofing industry can follow. It is also imperative that we establish training programs regarding slate roof installing, repairs or restoration. The SRCA provides us with an organized group, human resources, networking, and a platform from which to further the interests of the slate roofing trades.

You have a lot to offer and we need all the help we can get.

Please fill out a membership application and return it with the membership fee made payable by check to SRCA. Your membership will not become effective until your application is reviewed and approved. Note: If your application is not approved, your payment will be fully refunded in a timely manner. We hope to have you on board soon!

Take care,

Joe Jenkins