

# SDI-12 Support Group

## Fall 2002 Newsletter

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## Clarifications to the SDI-12 Specification

Included with this newsletter is a revised copy of the SDI-12 Specification. SDI-12 is still at version 1.3. No technical changes have been made to the specification. The changes are clarifications only, which were made in response to comments received from the Membership.

All clarifications have been reviewed by the Support Group's technical committee and all changes to the document are listed in Appendix D, Revisions.

## Voting Results

Last year the Membership voted on two issues:

- 1) the addition of the Query Setup Command (aQn!) to the SDI-12 Specification;
- 2) whether or not to direct the Support Group to write a new specification for differential SDI-12.

Both issues failed to receive a two-thirds majority from the Membership, which is required under the bylaws of the Support Group to change the specification. Therefore, both proposals were voted down. Seventeen ballots were received.

- 1) Should the Query Setup Command (aQn!) be added to the SDI-12 Specification?

yes - 7  
no - 10

- 2) Should the SDI-12 Support Group write a new specification for differential SDI-12?

yes - 9  
no - 8

## Upcoming Meetings

This year the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) conference will be held at the Wyndham Philadelphia Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 3-7. As usual, the SDI-12 Support Group will be holding its annual meetings at the AWRA conference. The Technical Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 4th. The general meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5th.

Both meetings are open to all interested parties. An agenda will be mailed to all Support Group members during the first week of October. The agenda will also be posted on our web page.

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The address of the hotel where AWRA will be held is:

Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza  
17th & Race Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Phone: 215-448-2000 Fax: 215-448-2864

For more information about the AWRA conference, visit their website at: [www.awra.org](http://www.awra.org)

## Dues

Yearly membership dues of \$200.00 are due. Normally, dues are requested in the spring. Delays in completing the most recent version of the SDI-12 Specification, however, also caused a delay in getting this newsletter out. We apologize for the delay in asking for dues. Your dues, however, are essential.

Your dues help to promote SDI-12 and to maintain the specification. Dues are used to support our web page, pay postage, copy documents, and to reimburse travel expenses of the Board of Directors to the annual meetings. Other than travel expenses, Board Members receive no financial compensation from the Support Group.

Receipt of your dues will be most appreciated.

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### Membership Dues 2002-2003

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