



Survey Liaison Group: Terms of Reference

The Survey Liaison Group (SLG) is an independent board currently consisting of three organisations:

- Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES)
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- The Survey Association (TSA)

SLG was established to find consensus on common industry issues of concern and to ensure that duplication of effort between the three bodies is reduced for the benefit of the UK survey profession.

SLG bodies operate primarily in the geomatics, commercial management, geospatial, mapping and civil engineering areas of practice with some involvement in digital imagery and hydrographic surveying.

Meetings and secretariat

- SLG meets face-to-face twice a year (usually coinciding with planning meetings for GEO Business or other meetings), plus additional online meetings as required, unless there is a particular working group to discuss matters of mutual interest or concern for the three partners.
- Meetings are usually held at RICS offices in London but may be held at an alternate venue.
- SLG is chaired on a rotational basis with each member organisation holding the chair for a two-year period.
- Most decisions are made by consensus, but should the need arise, there will be one vote per organisation.
- All secretariat services are provided by the chairing organisation, but it is expected that there will be minimal paperwork.

- Each organisation will fund its own members to attend.
- Each organisation will have representatives attending the meetings.

The main purpose of SLG

- Provide clarity on the three member organisations activities to ensure they are not overlapping, duplicating or conflicting.
- Endorse each other's documents where appropriate.
- Work together on events such as exhibitions and/or conferences.
- Collaborate on common issues, such as skills, standards and education.

Additional contributors

Additional contributors may be invited as agreed, for instance the Association for Geographical Information (AGI) and the Geospatial Commission [part of the Government Digital Service], to inform and update SLG and be updated on any plans.

Invitations to additional contributors will be included in the proposed meeting agenda.

Additional contributors will not have any voting rights.

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