

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to be PWG (Printer Working Group) member to participate in the calls?

No. Anyone can call in and log in to participate in the meetings initially to see what this is all about. You do have to be a member of PWG to vote on the standard(s).

2. How much does it cost to be a PWG member?

PWG membership cost \$1500 per year or \$250 per year (if company annual revenues are less than \$10, 000,000 USD).

3. How is this standards group different from POPAI or other groups that are working on similar display control standards?

The PDM group is focused on network manageability, first targeting the SNMP MIB, which is the pervasive management method for network managed devices today. However, the work is being done so that it can be ported to future network manageability standards such CIM (Common Information Model).

4. This sounds like a workgroup for software engineers. Can hardware engineers participate?

Absolutely yes! There are both hardware and software participants. This brings together a very well-rounded group so that the standard doesn't define a software manageability standard that the HW folks can't implement.

5. How often does the group meet face to face?

The face to face meetings typically happen 3~4 times a year to work through those discussions that just can't happen on the phone. These meetings typically follow the venues of the major display industry conferences such as InfoComm and CEDIA. Participating members take turns hosting the face to face meetings.

6. How often are the conference call & Live Meetings (online web interface)?

These meetings happen weekly on Monday nights (8pm US CDT)/ Tuesday Mornings (9am Singapore/Taiwan/China).