

2024 CHAPTER REPORT



Each national chapter is required by IAH Rule 6.5 to provide an annual report on its activities. This helps us to report the Association’s activities and is published on the IAH web site. It is also expected that, under the terms of the chapter’s constitution or rules, the national committee will make an annual report to members in their country.

1. ABOUT YOU

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Role/responsibility held in chapter	President IAH-CNC

2. YOUR CHAPTER’S INFORMATION

Is your chapter’s information correct on IAH’s website: https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.	Yes, IAH website info is correct.
Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL. If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.	Yes https://www.iahcnc.ca/index.php Communication Officer - Randy Stotler randy.stotler@uwaterloo.ca
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter’s website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	No.
Does your chapter have an elected committee? If yes, how often are elections held and how are they managed e.g. postal/email vote/at meetings?	Yes. All Directors are elected by the members. Officers are appointed by the Board of Directors as per our Bylaws under the Canadian Not-For-Profit Act. Elections held once every 3 years at the Annual General Meeting. The next election period is February 2025.

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	Stable, with about 300 members annually over the past few years. 2024: 306 members 2023: 298 members
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	There are 2 other organisations in Canada that attract hydrology-related scientists and engineers: Canadian Geophysical Union, Canadian Water

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	Resources Association. There is competition from these societies.
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4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2024

<p>Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and place of meeting • Approximate number attending 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>February 20, 2024; held virtually and attended by approximately 35 people.</p>
<p>Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have already reported these to the IAH Secretariat, only summary information is required. • If not, these please provide a summary of dates, location, number of participants, topics, etc. and how successful you felt each event was. • Do you have photos we can use? • Are your events open to IAH non-members? • Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution? 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>CGS-IAH GeoMontreal (September 2024). Our annual conference was held in partnership with the Canadian Geotechnical Society.</p> <p>Local events are organized by IAH-CNC Regional Directors, as either in-person, webinar, or hybrid events. There were about 18 events in 2024.</p> <p>Events are generally open to non-members and have been successful.</p> <p>We advertise the local events through newsletters (1 every 2 months) and on LinkedIn.</p>

5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2025?</p> <p>If yes, please provide brief details, including if your plans are limited because of e.g. lack of funds or local interest/volunteer support to help</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>We are partnering in the following conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAC-MAC in Ottawa (May 2025) • CWRA-AB in Edmonton (November 2025) <p>We will continue to host and support local events.</p>
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6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

<p>Please use this section to make any additional comments/suggestions e.g. what support from IAH centrally might assist your chapter, future plans you would like to see for IAH</p>
<p>Our subcommittee focused on the Canada Water Agency and groundwater advocacy within the Government of Canada was very active in 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted a briefing and appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development - Study on Freshwater.

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- Engaged with CWA on development of their National Freshwater Data Strategy.
- Engaged with ECCO on the National Freshwater Science Agenda.

Additional focused/formal groundwater advocacy work is planned for 2025.