

2021 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

<p>Is your chapter's information correct on IAH's website: https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters</p> <p>Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.</p>	<p>Yes, IAH website info is correct.</p> <p>Several new Board of Director members were elected in September 2021 to replace outgoing members:</p> <p>President - Brian Smerdon Vice-President - John Molson Membership Officer - Claire Milloy Communication Officer - Randy Stotler British Columbia Rep - Sylvia Barroso Alberta Rep - Cynthia McClain Saskatchewan Rep - Kei Lo Manitoba Rep - Hartmut Hollaender Northern Region Rep - Brendan Mulligan</p>
<p>Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL.</p> <p>If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.</p>	<p>Yes https://www.iahcnc.ca/index.php</p> <p>Communication Officer - Randy Stotler randy.stotler@uwaterloo.ca</p>
<p>Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Does your chapter have an elected committee?</p> <p>If yes, how often are elections held and how are they managed e.g. postal/email vote/at meetings?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Elections held once every 3 years at the Annual General Meeting.</p>

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

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<p>How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.</p>	<p>Generally stable. 2021 had 330 members.</p>
<p>What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.</p>	<p>There are several water-related associations in Canada, making for a competitive space.</p> <p>Demonstrating the benefit and value of being a member is challenging with so much content/connection available freely.</p> <p>More focus has been put on the Early Career Hydrogeologists Network to generate interest in joining (and staying involved).</p>

4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2021

<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>September 27, 2021. Held virtually but in conjunction with our annual conference, which was GeoNiagara 2021 (hybrid format; joint with the Canadian Geotechnical Society)</p> <p>A list of attendees has been retained with the meeting's records (held by the Secretary). 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>GeoNiagara 2021 (September 2021) was our annual conference, held in partnership with the Canadian Geotechnical Society. The event was hybrid format (in-person and virtual attendance).</p> <p>In-person events were generally limited in 2021 due to the global pandemic.</p> <p>The IAH-CNC webinar series continues to be successful with 4 webinars in 2021. The Early Career Hydrogeologists Network also hosted several virtual events (ECHN Discovery Series).</p> <p>See the June and December Bulletins for details (attached).</p> <p>There are photos in the Bulletins that can be made available if needed.</p>

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	<p>Yes, events are generally open to non-members, but often for a fee. The webinars are free.</p> <p>Yes, our annual national conference is typically held in partnership with other societies.</p>
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5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2022?</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>For World Water Day, individual members will lead and participate in various events, most notably : A Cross-Country Checkup on Canada's Groundwater: Perspectives on the Future of one of Canada's most Valuable Resources organized by the Water Institute at the University of Waterloo.</p> <p>We will partner with the Geological Association of Canada, Mineralogical Association of Canada, and Canadian Society of Petroleum Producers for a hybrid format conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 2022).</p> <p>We will continue to host our webinar series – Making the Invisible Visible - over the coming year.</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>

Please send your report as a Word document and any questions or comments to the IAH Secretariat (idavey@iah.org with a copy to knicholson@iah.org). Thank you for your time.