

# 2025 CHAPTER REPORT



Each national chapter is required by [IAH Rule 8.5](#) to provide an annual report on its activities. This helps us to report the Association's activities and is published on the IAH website. 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: <a href="https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters">https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters</a> 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 <a href="https://www.iahcnc.ca/index.php">https://www.iahcnc.ca/index.php</a>  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 <a href="https://germany.iah.org/">https://germany.iah.org/</a> .	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. 2025 was an election year for IAH-CNC.

## 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.  In 2025, we completed a membership survey and compiled trends in membership for the 2020 to 2025 period. During these 25 years, membership varied between 276 and 397.
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<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 2 other organisations in Canada that attract hydrology-related scientists and engineers: Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU), Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA). There is competition from these societies.</p> <p>Between 2025 and 2027 we are partnering with CGU and CWRA for conferences to highlight IAH activity and raise our profile.</p> <p>From the membership survey and trend analysis, we're seeing a decline in university enrolment in hydrogeology at some universities. This emphasizes the need to continue focusing on student enrolment.</p>
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## 4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2025

<p>Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date and place of meeting</li> <li>• Approximate number attending</li> </ul>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>February 28, 2025; held virtually and attended by approximately 30 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"> <li>• If you have already reported these to the IAH Secretariat, only summary information is required.</li> <li>• If not, these please provide a summary of dates, location, number of participants, topics, etc. and how successful you felt each event was.</li> <li>• Do you have photos we can use?</li> <li>• Are your events open to IAH non-members?</li> <li>• Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>GAC-MAC-IAH in Ottawa (May 2025). Our annual conference was held with the Geological Association of Canada and Mineralogical Association of Canada.</p> <p>CWRA-IAH joint meeting on surface water – groundwater in Edmonton (November 2025).</p> <p>Local events are organized by IAH-CNC Regional Directors, as either in-person, or webinar. There were about 10 events in 2025.</p>

## 5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

<p>Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2026?</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 with the Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU) for a joint conference in Halifax (May 2026).</p>
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	We will continue to host and support local events.
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## 6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

In 2025, we transitioned to a new membership management platform and website. This move should allow more streamlined updated with IAH-International by eliminating the 3<sup>rd</sup> party management company we previously worked with (Karma Link), and more flexibility in updating website content. We have also put more focus on LinkedIn and increased followers by ~1000 in 2025.

We adopted the informal operating name of “IAH Canada” in our branding and communication.

Our work on groundwater advocacy (with a focus on the Government of Canada) has become a more formal committee of IAH-CNC (called the Committee for Groundwater Advocacy). External grant funding has been received to carry out tasks related to volunteer engagement.