



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IAH GENERAL RULES

Purpose

Council is invited to consider and support two proposed amendments to the IAH General Rules.

Registered Office Address

The Rules currently contain the registered office address of IAH. It is proposed that this be updated to reflect the transfer of the registered office from the address currently used by Ian Davey to the address of Tim Besien.

This is an administrative change only and is intended to ensure that the Rules accurately reflect IAH's registered office arrangements.

Dual Office Holding

Following discussions within the Executive Committee and Council, it is proposed that a new Rule 8.12 be inserted to address dual office holding between IAH Council positions and National Chapter officer positions.

The proposed change is intended to:

- Encourage wider participation in IAH leadership roles.
- Create opportunities for more members to become actively involved in governance.
- Provide a clear transition period for National Chapters and office holders.
- Avoid potential conflicts of interest.

The proposed new Rule 8.12 is:

8.12. From the 2028 IAH Elections onwards, no member elected to the Executive Committee, the office of Regional Vice President, or the office of Representative for Early Career Hydrogeologists may also hold any elected or appointed officer position in an IAH National Chapter. Any member elected or appointed to a Council or Executive Committee position shall resign from any elected or appointed officer position within a National Chapter. Where necessary to ensure continuity, they may continue in that Chapter role until a successor has been elected or appointed. This provision applies only to the 2028 elections and subsequent elections and does not affect existing terms of office.

Recommendations

Council is invited to:

1. Support the proposed amendment to the registered office address.
2. Support the insertion of the proposed new Rule 8.12 relating to dual office holding.
3. Recommend that the membership approve the amendments at the AGM.
4. Recommend that the Trustees approve the amendments.

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The IAH General Rules may be downloaded here:

https://iah.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/IAH-Rules_2024.09.10.pdf