



CHES Ontario Chapter Chair - 2022 AGM Report

We did continue to deal with any Chapter business or issues virtually by phone, e-mail or Zoom meetings. Unfortunately, COVID put a damper on the 2021 Chapter Conference in Niagara Falls and any potential in person educational opportunities, however life has returned to a bit of normalcy with a few of the Chapters holding in person Conferences this year. I had the pleasure of attending the Manitoba Chapter and B.C. Chapter Conferences, as well as the ASHE Region 6 Conference in Minnesota and the ASHE national Conference in Boston.

Our main focus for this past year was the continued planning for the IFHE 2022 Congress in Toronto September 17-21, 2022. This event is combined with the CHES National Conference and replaces the CHES Ontario Chapter Conference as we are hosts for this event. We have had an excellent team from across Canada as well as a few international members on the planning committee. This is our first Conference to held in Ontario since 2019 in Hamilton.

2022 is an election year for the Chapter. As I complete my final term as Chapter Chair Our Vice Chair John Marshman will move in to the position of Chapter Chair at our 2022 AGM and I will move into the position of Past Chair. Elections were held for the remainder of the Executive. Beth Hall was elected to the position of Vice-Chair, Ken Paradise remains as Treasurer, and we welcome Chris MacKey from Kingston in to the roll of Secretary. Rounding out the remainder of the Chapter Executive, Ron Durocher remains as Conference Planning Chair, Derek Lall as Education Chair, Jeff Weir as Membership Chair, and Larry Erwin as Communications and Public Relations Chair. We welcome Alex Sullo from Brantford in to the position of Partnerships and Advocacy Chair. Leaving this position after many years of service to the Chapter is Richard White from Windsor. We also say good-bye to Roger Holliss who moves on from the position of Past Chair. On behalf of CHES Ontario, I'd like to thank both Richard and Roger for their dedication to CHES and for their many years serving CHES as Members of the Ontario Chapter Executive.

I'd like to thank all of the Chapter Executive for their work on the Executive and I would also thank all CHES Ontario members for their support of the Chapter and for their dedication to their work in healthcare engineering and facilities management.

For me personally, I have enjoyed my time serving as Chapter Chair and thank all of the Chapter Executive for their support and dedication during my tenure as Chapter Chair. I will continue to support the Chapter in my new role as Immediate Past Chair.

Jim McArthur
CHES Ontario Chapter Chair