

Student Chapters Subcommittee

WEAO student chapters provide an excellent opportunity for post-secondary students interested in the water and environment sector to connect with peers, build networks, and gain valuable experience. Students can start or join a chapter, collaborate with other schools, and access opportunities both within and beyond their university community.

Operating at the local university level, WEAO student chapters organize events, engage with industry organizations, and support students pursuing careers in the water industry. Each year, chapters come together at the Student Chapter Leadership Forum, where members connect with like-minded peers, collaborate across institutions, and build meaningful professional relationships.

Executive Team (Executive Committee)

Each chapter typically has a core executive team consisting of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Many chapters customize their structure to best suit their needs by adding roles such as Campus Outreach, External Outreach, Logistics, Social Media Outreach, or Public Relations. Ideally, chapters have between 4 and 8 executive members. Wherever possible, chapters are encouraged to operate under the guidance of a Faculty Advisor. Chapters are also required to submit an annual report before the end of the academic year summarizing their activities and initiatives.

Activities

Student chapters are encouraged to organize activities related to the water industry that introduce students to professionals in the field. Examples of chapter activities include:

- **Tours:** Visits to treatment plants, factories, or industry facilities
- **Trivia Events:** Fun, water-themed trivia nights
- **WEAO Information Sessions:** Hosting a WEAO member to present information about the organization
- **Job Fairs:** Inviting 5–10 companies to connect with students and discuss career opportunities
- **Networking Events and Panel Discussions:** Featuring alumni, industry professionals, and academics sharing insights on career paths
- **New Ideas:** Chapters are encouraged to be creative! Events can be as formal or as fun as desired

Active Chapters

- Carleton University
- Queen's University
- University of Guelph
- University of Waterloo
- University of Windsor
- Western University
- York University

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