



**Canadian Hydrographic Association**  
**Policy for Nominations and Selection of Candidates for the**  
**Sam Masry Award**  
**January 2024**

1. The Canadian Hydrographic Association **Sam Masry Award** was established to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the hydrographic profession and/or its related disciplines.
2. Recipients of the award will have shown a deep dedication for the advancement of the hydrographic discipline throughout their career, nationally or internationally, as an entrepreneur or through other professional achievements.
3. Maintaining the highest ethical standards and a desire to seek and openly share advances in the field are also important considerations.
4. The **Sam Masry Award** will be presented every second year at the CHA biennial Canadian Hydrographic Conference.
5. Nominations for candidates can be made at any time, however, concerted efforts to solicit nominees will be made by the CHA Board in the year leading up to the conference.
6. Nominations may be made by any individual or organization with demonstrated interests in the field of hydrography or its related disciplines.
7. While nominees who are members in good standing of the Canadian Hydrographic Association are preferred, this will not be a limiting factor for the acceptance of a nominee.

8. A candidate may receive the **Sam Masry Award** only once.
9. Current members of the CHA Board of Directors are not eligible for nomination.
10. Nominations will include a summary of the career and accomplishments of the individual as they relate to hydrography and its associated disciplines.
11. Nominations should be sent to [president@hydrography.ca](mailto:president@hydrography.ca), cc [communications@hydrography.ca](mailto:communications@hydrography.ca).
12. The CHA Board of Directors will form the selection committee for the award.
13. Unanimous agreement of the successful candidate by the Board is preferred; however, a voting system may also be used with the President casting the deciding vote should there be a tie.
14. Directors may use Board knowledge and/or further inquiries to validate the submission and to confirm the nomination and selection of a successful candidate.
15. The successful candidate will have their name engraved on the **Sam Masry Award** plaque to be displayed at Canadian Hydrographic Conferences and featured on the CHA website and CHA social media feeds.
16. The successful candidate will be presented with a keepsake recognizing their achievement.