

Canadian Geothermal Industry Alliance Charter for Geothermal Canada

1. Purpose:

The Canadian Geothermal Industry Alliance (CGIA) is an advisory group of experts from geothermal companies, geothermal service companies, and geothermal material suppliers.

The CGIA is dedicated to fostering the responsible and sustainable development of geothermal energy resources within Canada.

2. Mission:

To create a supportive regulatory and financial environment that enables the growth of a thriving geothermal energy industry, contributing to provincial and federal energy diversification and climate goals.

3. Objectives:

The CGIA will pursue the following objectives:

- **Establish a Geothermal-Specific Royalty Framework in the Provincial and Federal Governments:**
 - Advocate for the development and implementation of a fair and effective royalty framework for geothermal energy resources, distinct from existing oil and gas royalty structures.
- **Develop a Geothermal-Specific Liability and Regulatory Framework:**
 - Collaborate with governments to create a comprehensive regulatory framework tailored to the unique characteristics of geothermal energy, including a clear liability framework that addresses potential risks.
 - Ensure this framework is entirely separate from oil and gas regulations and liabilities, such as those defined by the Alberta Energy Regulator.
- **Increase Provincial and Federal Government Funding for Geothermal Projects:**
 - Actively promote and advocate for increased government funding and incentives to support geothermal energy research, development, and deployment in Canada.
 - Work to increase awareness of the benefits of geothermal energy with government representatives.
- **Promote Industry Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing:**
 - Facilitate communication and collaboration among CGIA members, fostering the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and innovative technologies.
 - Provide a unified voice for the Canadian geothermal industry in our conversations and online interactions.

4. Membership:

- Membership in the CGIA is open to geothermal companies, geothermal service companies, and geothermal material suppliers.
- Members are expected to demonstrate a commitment to the responsible and sustainable development of geothermal energy.
- Members are expected to pay any applicable membership dues.
- Members must commit to regular attendance at meetings
- Members may be asked to take on a volunteer position within the CGIA for a limited time.

5. Governance:

- The CGIA will be governed by its members, operating on a consensus-based decision-making process whenever possible.
- The CGIA will elect a steering committee or board of directors to oversee its operations and activities once the group is established.
- The CGIA will hold regular meetings, with frequency to be determined by the membership.
- Meeting minutes will be recorded and distributed to all members.
- Financial records will be maintained and made available to members upon request.

6. Member Commitments:

- **Active Participation:** Members are expected to actively participate in CGIA meetings, discussions, and activities.
- **Volunteerism:** Members are expected to take on volunteer positions within the CGIA, contributing their time and expertise to support the group's objectives.
- **Information Sharing:** Members are encouraged to share relevant information, data, and expertise with the CGIA.
- **Ethical Conduct:** Members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner, upholding the integrity of the CGIA. This means:
 - **Supporting the Group First:** Motivation for belonging to the group is to advance the adoption of Geothermal technology. This is not a place for selling to one another, although that may happen with mutual agreement and full disclosure to the group.
 - **Sharing information and contacts:** Disclosure of confidential information or intellectual property is not required. Contacts that may help our group should be shared.
- **Confidentiality:** Members will respect the confidentiality of sensitive information shared within the CGIA.

7. Regulatory Advocacy:

- The CGIA will engage with the Alberta government, including the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Canadian Federal Government and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for its objectives.
- The CGIA will develop and present well-researched policy recommendations and proposals.
- The CGIA will maintain open and transparent communication with government officials.

8. Funding:

- The CGIA will seek funding from membership dues, grants, sponsorships, and other sources to support its operations and activities.
- All funds will be managed responsibly and transparently.

9. Amendments:

- This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the CGIA membership.

10. Effective Date:

- This charter shall become effective upon ratification by the founding members of the Canadian Geothermal Industry Alliance.