



MINUTES OF THE SANCOLD ANNUAL MEETING 6

17h00 Wednesday 5 November 2014
Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson, Mr Danie Badenhorst, welcomed all of the attendees and requested them to sign the attendance register. The meeting was attended by 47 members and 10 observers. Formal apologies were received from 6 members.

2. Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting (Approval and matters arising)

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting which had been circulated to members were displayed on the screen and highlighted by the Chairperson. No amendments were proposed. The minutes were approved. The following matters arose from the previous minutes:

- The SANCOLD scholarship has now been amended to include PhD as well as MSc degrees;
- The request for the presentation of Financial Statements at the AGM has been implemented (see report below);
- The implication of the Proof Fees for papers for the ICOLD 2015 Congress was brought to the attention of prospective authors and a limit placed on the length each paper which will result in no fees for ICOLD as SANCOLD will be within its free quota.

3. SANCOLD Chairperson's Annual Report 2014

The Chairperson presented the SANCOLD Annual Report for 2014 (see separate document) and highlighted various topics by way of a PowerPoint presentation. Remarks made by delegates during the presentation are included in the discussion below.

4. Financial Statements

The SANCOLD Treasurer, Mr Peter Pyke, presented the financial statements for 2013 and for the current year to date. The audited financial statements are open to the membership for inspection on request. The proposed budget for 2015 was presented and a balanced budget was achieved. New membership fees for 2014 of R4 000 and R400 for Corporate and Individual members respectively, were announced which represents a 7% increase. The SANCOLD Secretary highlighted the problems of following up on outstanding fees and proposed the SAICE system which offers a substantial discount if payment is effected within two months of invoicing. This procedure results in a 70% recovery of fees within the discount period. The invoiced amounts would thus be R5 500 and R550 with discounts of R1 500 and R150 respectively for Corporate and Individual members.

5. Discussion

The following issues were raised:

- A separate banking account is being opened to ring-fence the financial transactions for ICOLD 2016 which is important because of the grant from the State;
- The benefits of the ECSA Voluntary Association (VA) were highlighted and will be explored further to ascertain if such benefit accrues if a person is a member of more than one VA;
- The allocated presentation time was discussed and opinions varied as to the optimal time. It is a compromise as the number of presentation opportunities relates to attendance. The possibility of parallel sessions was raised;
- The need for printed Proceedings was raised and is an item on the Conference Evaluation Form;
- The need for sponsorships for ICOLD 2016 was discussed and probable sources identified.

6. SANCOLD Awards

The SANCOLD Award Certificates would be made at the Conference Dinner that evening.

7. Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 18h00 and stated that the meeting would be followed by the SANCOLD Young Engineers' Forum.

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Chairperson

Paul Roberts

Secretary