



**MINUTES OF THE
126th SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Tuesday 06 November 2018 at 15:30 at the Lord Charles NH Hotel,
Somerset West.**

Action

1. OPENING and WELCOME

The Chairperson, Dr Quentin Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and QUORUM

Attendance.

Quentin Shaw	Chairperson	QS
Louis Hattingh	Vice-chairperson	LH
David Cameron-Ellis	Treasurer	DCE
Henry-John Wright	Webmaster	HJW
Jaretha Lombaard	YPF Chair	JL
Gerrit Basson	HES	GB
Michelle Blaeser		MB
Gerald de Jager	(by conference call)	GdeJ
Robert Greyling	(by conference call)	RG
Vicci Schoeman		VS
Duncan Grant-Stuart		DGS
Danie Badenhorst		DB
Peter Pyke	Secretary	Sec

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Xolani Mdletshe, Wally Ramokopa, Beason Mwaka and Gerald de Jager

Quorum.

A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA (Amendments and adoption)

Point 9.3 added SANCOLD/ECSA discussions

Point 9.4 added Other organisations

The agenda was adopted.

4. MINUTES OF MC 125

4.1 Amendments

No further amendments.

4.2 Approval

Approved – Proposed DB, seconded DCE

4.3 Matters arising from previous minutes

5.3 Your Tailings Dam – DGS reported that comments received were being incorporated and the brochure should be completed by Feb 2019.

Marketing Strategy – still needs a concerted effort but not to be considered further at this stage.

Information dissemination on ICOLD committee work by webinar was not considered feasible and verbal presentations at the annual conference was the preferred feedback method.

8.2 Kelvin Legge – Your Dam brochure. Some confusion over responsibility for this brochure. Sec to clarify what the current state of development is and thereafter SANCOLD to consider whether the need exists to complete

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS:**5.1 Management Committee Election 2018**

The draft call for nominations was tabled. The elections were discussed and implications of the Constitutional limit on Exco members to two consecutive 3 year terms (CI 7.2.3). It was resolved that for continuity it was important that DCE remained Treasurer and that he will not stand for re-election this year, but be appointed Treasurer in terms of CI 7.2.2 for 2019, thereafter he could again stand for election. The letter of appointment for DCE as Treasurer for 2018 to be drafted for signature by the Chairman. **(Sec)**

5.2 Portfolios for SANCOLD Management

There was no change to portfolios circulated for MC 125.

5.3 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

The proposed Constitutional change to allow for terminating membership without having to introduce disciplinary proceedings was discussed. The draft as circulated was approved. Updated document to be sent to SARS. **(Sec, Treasurer)**

6. SANCOLD ACTIVITIES**6.1 Programme 2019**

The programme circulated is more of a checklist of our priorities extending from the current programme.

6.2 SANCOLD Events**6.2.1 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2018**

- There had been a slow start to Conference organisation by the new Cape Town Tourvest team but arrangements were now well in place for a successful event. It was agreed that there was a need to spread the workload for conference organisation from the SANCOLD side by a small subcommittee with individuals delegated with specific tasks. LH (facilitator), JL, VS, MB and DCE volunteered with a suggestion to include DvdM. **(LH & team)**
- This year sponsorships had been overlooked and it was resolved to develop a guideline/check list for future events to facilitate the organisers task. **(Sec & Team)**
- Programme
Prof Pilate Moyo our keynote speaker was in hospital and won't make the conference. QS will stand in and give a presentation on their new ICOLD RCC Bulletin. There are two DWS speakers who cannot attend and the programme will be adjusted to cover the gaps.
- Registrations
There were some 126 registrations for the conference until the previous day which was somewhat above the financial break-even point even with so few DWS registrations.
- Young Person's Forum
The YPF had an active programme and was functioning well. The YPF Best Paper award would be free registration for the 2019 Conference
- AGM (Annual and Financial Reports)
An Agenda was circulated with some notes for the Chairman's report.
- Awards
There were no SANCOLD Awards for 2018 and no suggestions yet for any awards for 2019.

6.2.2 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2019.

- We need to publicise the event as early as possible in the new year with earlier deadlines on abstract and paper submission. **(LH & Team)**
- Dates were discussed where the window September – November appeared best but possibly late October. Avoiding clashes with WISA favours the later date. Problems around working with a new PCO team were discussed and specifically the strength of the Tourvest IT support for dealing with conference papers and registrations which had functioned well since before ICOLD 2016.

The possibility of having an open tender and associated disadvantages of a completely new PCO were discussed. Developing a new specification was a major task and the idea of using benchmarking of prices to ensure competitive pricing for the 2020 event was preferred, Tourvest to be used in the interim providing their proven team be available.

- The problem of DWS not attending due to budgetary constraints was discussed. Even if the conference was held in Gauteng the budgetary problems would have prevented attendance. Various options were considered. The lack of new construction projects to visit was an issue. Addressing mechanical issues and gates could be considered. A KZN venue such as Umhlanga was favoured with Umgeni Water as a potential partner.

(LH and team)

6.3 National Flood Studies Programme (NFSP)

Initiating the NFSP programme has proved difficult. After discussing the use of paid professionals to undertake modules of the work, it was resolved that A Görgens be approached to provide a proposal for the scope and methodology which could lead to short practical guidelines (max 50 pages). A subcommittee of GB, LH and DCE would address this after an initial approach to Prof Görgens by GB.

(GB & team)

6.4 SANCOLD Training, APP development & dam safety initiatives

6.4.1 Training Workshops

- LH had organised two successful workshops: (i) "Dam Safety in the mining environment" in October, including a training module on "Water Balance Concepts" presented by GdJ, which was supported by Exxaro but widely attended by others; and (ii) "Dam surveillance" immediately prior to the conference. There was a need to co-ordinate training initiatives and a training sub group was formed to align any new proposals. GdJ volunteered to lead the co-ordination. .

(GdJ and team)

6.5 Young Person's Forum

6.5.1 Monthly Lectures

- The training strategy was to be presented at the YPF Forum later in the day. A budget had been provided but would not all be used in the current year. Lectures by A Chemaly and G de Jager were available for early 2019. GdJ provided the SANCOLD secretary and YPF Chair with a draft agenda for this purpose.

6.6 Regional Initiative

- The Development of a Regional Initiative to address sub-Saharan Africa-specific topics.
- The ICOLD VP for Africa, Michael Abebe, has been supporting the initiative.
- Opportunities could be created to promote the initiative in a workshop format. Alison Bartle of Hydropower and Dams Magazine has shown interest as well. She could possibly be approached to include a session at the Regional Conference in Windhoek in April 2019. There was also a possibility to showcase the SA water resource models which were being supported by Adama Nombre for use in West Africa. GdJ to make an agenda for a proposal. .

(GdJ, LH)

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 SANCOLD Scholarship 2019

It was agreed that the Scholarship should be advertised for 2019 as the allocated budget was not being spent. We had recently pushed for research around the NFSP but should perhaps include wider research proposals again. It was felt that topics for research were generally hydraulic whereas the scope of dam engineering covered much wider disciplines. There was a need to be more focussed with the scope of studies required and that we should select innovative and research based subjects. The Secretary needed guidance on wording of the advert.

(LH, QS, DB & DC-E)

7.2 Membership Matters

Non-payment by members was discussed and concern at the number of prominent members included. The Constitutional change would facilitate terminating membership but we would prefer not to lose valuable members so the matter would be handled with care. The Treasurer is to provide a list of outstanding members to the Sec. **(Treasurer)**

- Current status (including arrears):
- Corporate increased from 56 to 58 during 2018.
- Individuals increased from 219 to 245.

7.3 Expenditure/ Income Statement 2018/19 and Budget 2019/20

- Not tabled.
- Treasurer raised problems being experienced with Absa and lack of response to enquiries and high charges. Approved that Treasurer investigate moving account to other existing SANCOLD bank accounts. **(Treasurer)**

7.4 Audit of books 2017 (SANCOLD and ICOLD 2016)

- The ICOLD 2016 audit has been finalised and signed off. The letter of appreciation could now be sent to DWS. **(Sec)**
- The SANCOLD 2017 audit still has issues mainly around the Conference accounts. An indicative profit of some R700 000 is shown but doesn't appear correct. Auditors have not been giving good service and prioritise their bigger clients. Current balances are approximately:
 - ICOLD 2016 account - R2 500 000
 - 1994 account - R900 000
 - Current Account - R700 000

7.5 Guidelines for SANCOLD support for ICOLD attendance

- The new clause added covering report back was approved.

7.6 Financial support for ICOLD 2019

- Support for ICOLD 2018 had been for 15 Technical Committee members costing some R257k. There had been a steady increase in support from R150k in 2015, R100k in 2016 (Jhb) and R200k in 2017. This is partially due to reduced participation by DWS in Committee work where DWS carried cost of attendance by own employees. Amend the support criteria to include "recipients will be expected to attend the SANCOLD annual event and give a verbal presentation." We need to finalise list of those supported at next meeting. DB and DC-E to draw up proposal for 2019 support for next meeting. **(DB, DC-E)**

8. ICOLD ACTIVITIES

8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters

Circulars had been distributed except two that had just arrived.

- CL 1940 Choice of Congress Questions for 2021 (Deadline 13th Feb 2019).
- CL 1941 Invitation to ICOLD Anniversary
The Chairman would be in France and intended to attend the ICOLD celebration so would not need to supply the short video. **(QS)**
The right Congress Questions are important and all to consider. Input to be coordinated by Sec and sent to CO. **(All, Sec)**
- CL1939 – List of important dates was discussed. See 8.3 below

8.2 ICOLD Issues

8.2.1 Attendance at ICOLD Vienna

- Some 28 SA delegates and spouses registered for the Vienna meeting. No delegates from DWS attended. Serious concern was expressed by the gradual withdrawal from SANCOLD and ICOLD affairs by DWS and their inability to obtain approval to attend these events. As the largest custodian of large dams in SA, they had the most to gain by active participation. There was a need to meet and brief the new DWS Minister on pending problems and the potential benefits available through active participation in SANCOLD/ICOLD affairs. Previous direct approaches to previous Ministers had not been successful. Secretary to contact Verena Meyer of DWS on best way to initiate the contact. **(Sec)**

8.2.2 Representation on ICOLD Committees

- For Committee V, Hydromechanical Equipment, Rudolf van Wyk and Michael Ellis had been proposed but not yet approached. **(Sec, DB)**
(Subsequent to meeting both agreed to participate with RvW as ICOLD rep) Sec to apply for approval at ICOLD AGM and to inform the Chairperson of the Committee and to put the Chairperson and Rudolf into contact.
- *Bertrand Collet* was confirmed for Committee on Register of Dams.
Zandile Mathe of DWS to be removed from Committee on Public Safety which is then vacant.
- No representative for the new Committee on Resettlement due to Reservoirs was nominated by DWS in spite of repeated requests. Alternates from other organisations like TCTA and LHDA to be considered. **(Sec)**
(Subsequently Kogi Naidoo of TCTA offered to fill the position subject to approval by her Management).
- *Secretary* to advise Central Office of any changes. **(Sec)**

8.3 Important Dates

By 13th February 2019

- Final date for receipt at CO of proposed Questions for 27th Congress in Marseilles in 2021.

By 13th March 2019

- Nominations for filling of two VP Posts (2019-2021)
- To take over from M Lino (France) - Nominations from Europe
- To take over from J Zhou (China) 6th Post - Nominations all zones except Europe.

By 31 May 2019

- Final date for submission of additional items by NC's for inclusion in the Agenda, for consideration by President and Secretary General

9. GENERAL

9.1 Co-operation with WISA

The approach by Dr Eldidy of WISA had been for the water sector to co-operate in the face of deterioration of infrastructure. There had been no follow-up approaches to SANCOLD.

9.2 Seismic loadings for the design and safety evaluation of dams.

Currently being driven by Anglo American – SANCOLD to remain involved but awaiting progress.

9.3 ECSA/SANCOLD Discussions

ECSA had approached SANCOLD for a meeting. DB had agreed to meet and had supplied possible dates but there was no follow-up by ECSA.

9.4 SACNASP Accreditation

SANCOLD members registered with SACNASP had approached SANCOLD to become recognised for training for CPD points at SACNASP. Application to SACNASP had resulted in much correspondence with little success but it appeared as if a solution for recognition was possible. Sec to pursue. **(Sec)**

10. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

15:00 on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at ARQ Offices, Lynnwood Manor, Pretoria

11. CLOSURE