



# MINUTES OF THE SANCOLD ANNUAL MEETING 8

**16h30 Monday 14 November 2016**  
**Schoongezich Guest House, Pretoria**

## 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 41 members and 8 observers. The SANCOLD Treasurer, Mr David Cameron-Ellis had sent in his apologies.

## 2. **Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting** (Approval and matters arising)

The minutes of the 2015 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.

## 3. **SANCOLD Chairperson's Annual Report 2016**

The Chairperson presented the SANCOLD Annual Report for 2016 (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. The Chairperson paid tribute to the late Prof Albert Rooseboom who had played such an important role in both SANCOLD and ICOLD. SANCOLD was experiencing problems with bulk e-mails. Mention was made again of the SANCOLD Management Committee decision to extend the term of office of the Committee to ensure continuity for the ICOLD Annual Meeting in 2016 in South Africa. The next election will thus be towards the end of 2016. The attendees **supported** the decision.

## 4. **Financial Statements**

The SANCOLD Treasurer, Mr David Cameron-Ellis could not be present and the Secretary gave an overview of the financial statements for 2015. The accounts which include ICOLD 2016 are complex and are still being finalised.

## 5. **Discussion**

The following major issues were raised in discussion:

- The SANCOLD Guideline on *Your Dam* has received some attention from the Dam Safety Office;
- The draft bulletin which includes the inputs on geofabrics by Kelvin Legge will be considered by ICOLD at its meeting in Prague in 2017;
- The publication on ecological water reserve has made progress following the recent Workshop at ICOLD 2016. Mr Gerald de Jager is the Guideline Convener;
- The Minister had been contacted in connection with funding for the NFSP and the issue of APP Mentoring. Concern was expressed about the aging group of APP's and the need to mentor younger persons.
- SANCOLD needs to review its membership on ICOLD Technical Committees as well as the composition of the South African Working Groups. An appeal was made to become involved in the Working Groups;
- SANCOLD needs to hold more short-duration local activities for capacity building.

## 6. **SANCOLD Awards**

No SANCOLD Award would be made this year as the selected recipient could not attend the Conference.

## 7. **Closure**

The Chairperson in conclusion mentioned that SANCOLD has been active and has just over 200 members. Mr Badenhorst was thanked for completing two successful terms as SANCOLD Chairperson. The Chairperson closed the meeting at 17h55.

**Chairperson**

**Secretary**