



MINUTES OF 124th SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 15:00 on Monday 19 February 2018 at the ARQ Offices, Lynnwood Manor Pretoria.

Action

1. **OPENING and WELCOME**
The Chairperson, Dr Quentin Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. **ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and QUORUM**
 - 2.1 **Attendance**

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| Quentin Shaw | Chairperson | QS |
| David Cameron-Ellis | | DCE |
| Dr Beason Mwaka | DWS P&I | BW |
| Fanie van Vuuren | HESA | FvV |
| Henry-John Wright | | HJW |
| Deon van der Merwe | | DvdM |
| Jaretha Lombaard | | JL |
| Louis Hattingh | | LH |
| Michelle Blaeser | | MB |
| Robert Greyling | by conference call | RG |
| Vicci Schoeman | | VS |
| Peter Pyke | Secretary | Sec |
| Duncan Grant-Stuart | | DGS |
| Gerald de Jager | | GdJ |
 - 2.2 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Gerrit Basson, Xolani Mdleshe, Wally Ramokopa and at the last minute due to work commitments, Marco van Dijk. Concern was expressed at the absence of DWS representatives.
 - 2.3 **Quorum**
A quorum was present.

3. **AGENDA** (Amendments and adoption)
The Agenda was approved with addition of Item 9.1 SANCOLD co-operation with WISA.

4. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS:**
 - 4.1 **Management Committee elections 2017.**
The results of the Management Committee Election 2017 were noted.
 - 4.2 **Co-option of additional Management Committee Members**
The following were co-opted with portfolios:
Duncan Grant-Stuart – Tailings dams
Gerald de Jager – Instream flow requirements
Wally Ramokopa – APP Training/Legislation changes
The candidate for the fourth co-option position for NFSP declined. Fanie van Vuuren accepted this position and because he already was a member of Manco, freed up the

fourth co-option position. Danie Badenhorst (DB) was proposed for his Institutional and ICOLD knowledge - Secretary to contact DB to confirm. **(Sec)**

4.3 Election of Vice-Chairperson and YPF-Chairperson

Louis Hattingh was elected unopposed as SANCOLD Vice-Chairperson.
Jaretha Lombaard and Vicci Schoeman were nominated for YFP Chair.
After elections, Jaretha was duly elected as YPF Chairperson.

4.4 Appointment of SANCOLD Secretary

The advertising and selection process for the new Secretary position was outlined – more than 6 applications were received. Peter Pyke was selected and appointed as SANCOLD Secretary for 3 years on terms as set out in the advert.

4.5 Election of Executive Committee Members for 2018

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, YPF Chairperson and Secretary are *ex officio* EXCO posts. Henry-John Wright, Vicci Schoeman and Wally Ramokopa were elected to EXCO. Secretary to check availability with Wally Ramokopa. **(Sec)**

4.6 Proposed portfolios for SANCOLD Management

To spread workload more evenly amongst Manco members:

| | Portfolio | Responsible Person | Support Persons |
|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Membership | Secretary | Treasurer |
| 2 | Finance/Treasurer | David Cameron-Ellis | |
| 3 | Institutional | Secretary | Danie Badenhorst |
| 4 | ICOLD | Secretary | Danie Badenhorst |
| 5 | Website | Henry-John Wright | |
| 6 | Young Persons | YPF Chairperson | Sub-committee, Louis Hattingh, Fanie van Vuuren, Deon vd Merwe |
| 7 | Training / Lectures | YPF Chair & Sub-committee | Sub-Committee |
| 8 | Annual conference | Louis Hattingh & Sub Committee | Secretary |
| 9 | Marketing – increasing visibility | Quentin Shaw | Robert Greyling |
| 10 | Associated Studies | See listing on Guidelines & Publications NFSP – Fanie van Vuuren | |
| 11 | Working groups | Secretary | |
| 12 | Publications | Treasurer | Secretary |

5. MINUTES OF MC 123

5.1 Amendments

Paragraph 4.3.7 insert comma to correct amount to read R2,923 million.
Paragraph 12.2 Correct spelling of Hattingh.

5.2 Approval

After corrections, minutes were approved proposed HJW seconded DGS.

5.3 Matters arising from previous minutes

4.3.1 Committee W: Selection of Dam Type - Sec to follow up with Beyers Havenga and Alan Chemaly on availability and confirm committee status to see if replacement representative was viable. **(Sec)**

4.3.3 Budget for NFSP: FvV confirmed that the National Research Foundation would match research funding procured overseas at a ratio of 2:1. Funding for NFSP had always been a problem, consequently other international funding options should also be checked. There were serious gaps in the knowledge base which affected the safety of dams. The programme needed an update of its master programme with a clear budget to plan future. **(NFSP Team)**

4.3.4 CSIR membership: The original champion of CSIR membership had left the CSIR and there was nobody willing to support its continued membership internally. Sec and Treasurer to investigate and finalise issue. **(Sec, DCE)**

4.3.5 Your Tailings Dam. Still work in progress. To be completed end June 2018. **(DGS)**

4.3.6 Training and Mentorship: Ongoing. **(QS/DB/DvdM)**

4.3.7 Letter of appreciation to DWS for ICOLD 2016 Grant: Awaiting finalisation of outstanding fees **(Sec)**

Other outstanding sponsorship and fees being pursued. **(Sec)**

Issue of levies of 20% imposed by ICOLD CO on Annual Meetings to be taken up with ICOLD. **(QS/Sec)**

10 Proposed portfolios for Manco. Expanded on at meeting. **(All)**

Marketing Strategy to be developed. **(QS/RG)**

SA Working Groups to be restructured and review ICOLD Committee representatives. **(Sec)**

Investigate dissemination of information after ICOLD meetings by webinar.

(Sec)

6. SANCOLD ACTIVITIES

6.1 Programme 2018

The National Flood Studies Programme (NFSP) to be emphasised. **(Sec)**

6.2 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2018

November in the Western Cape was identified as the possible venue with a study tour of one day. ASR problems and small dam construction and related issues identified as preferred study tour. DJ Hagen volunteered to help identify suitable sites as they are involved in construction of many small dams in the area. The PCO had sent the Treasurer a comparative analysis of Cape venues vs Gauteng venues with lesser budgetary implications for Departmental attendees. DCE to provide to LH and Sec with a copy. An ASR training session should form part of the activities. Need to include a 2 hour session on NFSP issues. Parallel sessions not favoured, perhaps single sessions with fewer papers of better quality. **(LH, DH, DCE, Sec)**

For transparency, a new PCO should be considered but not for this year due to a new Secretary. Treasurer will do a benchmarking of PCO rates. No clash with WISA conference dates which is held in June. **(LH, Sec, DCE)**

6.3 National Flood Studies Programme (NFSP)

Andre Görgens declined leadership for this programme, Fanie van Vuuren offered to take over the leadership. He will prepare a strategy with timelines and expected deliverables for circulation and comment. Jeff Smithers and his group is only people currently active with funding. There is a need to preserve corporate memory in DWS, document procedures, structure and operation due to retirement of experienced staff.

(FvV)

6.4 SANCOLD Training, development & dam safety initiatives

(Agenda item added by request but no supporting document supplied to Secretary). General discussion on how to get from ideas and concepts to concrete proposals. US Association of Dam Safety Officials is a Federal body presenting many regular and practical courses and could serve as a useful template. Two issues: offering training courses and how to handle macro issues (possible SANCOLD position paper to DWS setting out sustainability issues around dam safety inspections).

YPF sub-committee of Jaretha, Vicci and Robert working at introducing after hours lectures for skills transfer. Offer from Alan Chemaly who already has a presentation available. Short lectures financially viable but longer on site hands-on training more difficult. Sub-committee to report back by mid-May. **(JL, VS, RG)**

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 SANCOLD Scholarship 2018

There is still time to circulate the Scholarship for this year. There could be two awards with maximum value increased to R140 000 per annum per scholarship per year for two years. We need to target proposals supporting the NFSP to help build relevant capacity in institutions but be open to other innovative proposals. A supervisory committee from SANCOLD is to monitor recipient progress. Studies output to be written up for a suitable publication and our conference. Some restrictive clauses needed amending, Fanie would provide comments. To be widely circulated to relevant institutions after amending text. **(FvV, Sec)**

7.2 Membership Matters

7.2.1 Membership Fees for 2018/19

Some 15% of Individual and 25% of Corporate membership outstanding for 2017/8. Various members identified acquaintances on the outstanding list and offered to prompt them to pay. **(All)**

Membership fees were set at R475 for Individual membership with 50% of fees for above 65 years old and no charge for above 75 with 10 or more years membership. Corporate fees set at R7 500. There would also be discounted fees for above 65's at the annual event. Webmaster investigating payment by credit card which would simplify payment for some members. **(HJW, DCE, Sec)**

7.3 Expenditure/ Income Statement 2017/18 and Budget 2018/19

Expenditure estimates reflect uncertainty of outstanding attendance fees at ICOLD 2016 and the SANCOLD 2017 Annual Event (some R250 000). Being actively pursued and to be finalised before end of March 2018 to enable auditing of ICOLD 2016 and SANCOLD 2017. **(DCE)**

It was decided that SANCOLD should not sit on accumulated funds unnecessarily and therefore the training budget was increased to allow R200 000 for speaker fees and R15 000 for enabling credit card payments. R20 000 added for YPF training support. **(DCE)**

7.4 Audit of books 2017 (SANCOLD and ICOLD 2016)

Issues to be finalised and books audited at the end of March 2018. **(DCE)**

7.5 Constitutional changes required by SARS

Changes submitted were approved. Website to be updated and circulated to SARS **(DCE,Sec, HJW)**

8. ICOLD ACTIVITIES

8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters

CL's have been sent to MC Members [no discussion].

8.2 ICOLD Vienna Congress 2018

8.2.1 Papers from SA (For noting).

8.2.2 Representation on ICOLD Committees

SANCOLD to apply for membership to Committee A - Computational Aspects of Analysis and Design of Dams (2017-20) with Graham Roberts as representative. **(Sec)**

Gerrit Basson requests to be member of Committee J – Sedimentation of Reservoirs (*Already on Agenda for GA approval in Vienna- Sec*). List approved as set out in (124-8.2.2). Need to get working groups in support of representatives. Need to define support required and request volunteers to indicate interest through website. Zandile Mathe has not attended Committee I – Public Safety. Secretary to check with DWS if she still intends to participate and advise ICOLD if we withdraw from committee **(Sec)**

8.2.3 Financial support for ICOLD 2018

Approved as set out in [124-8.2.3]. Secretary to advise members. **(Sec)**

8.2.4 SA delegation to General Assembly

Quentin (voting), Henry-John and Secretary. Sec to advise CO. **(Sec)**

8.2.5 Filling of two VP Posts (2018-2021)

SANCOLD to nominate Michel Abebe of Ethiopia to take over from Ahmed Chraibi (Morocco) - **(Sec)**

To take over from M Rogers(USA) 6th Post – No nominations from SANCOLD.

8.2.6 Submission of additional items by NC for inclusion in Agenda.
Only issues covered in these minutes (Sec)

8.2.7 Nomination for post of President
SANCOLD to support Michael Rogers of USA for President.

8.2.8 Invitation to host the General Assembly in 2022.
No invitation from SANCOLD.

8.2.9 Applications for membership.
No nomination from SANCOLD.

8.2.10 Reports from Technical or other Committees if they wish to raise any matter of importance affecting their work. No issues to be raised.

8.2.11 Final date for submission of additional items by NC's for inclusion in the Agenda, for consideration by President and Secretary General. Issues raised on programme for events where first Registration only starts Sunday morning 07:00 while Technical Committees start at 08:00. Also programme precludes many participants from the City Tour and Technical Tour due to overlaps. We can submit request for earlier opportunity for Registration. (Sec)

8.3 The Development of a Regional Initiative to address sub-Saharan Africa-specific topics

Proposed to take the ETCOLD/SANCOLD document as circulated to the ICOLD Africa Regional Club for consideration with intention to get a core group of regional African participants who can drive initiative forward. Possibly approach Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique together with ETCOLD and SANCOLD. Much interest shown by African countries for local expertise and appropriate technological solutions. Quentin, Robert and Gerald to drive forward. Comments from all invited. (All, QS, RG & GdJ)

9. GENERAL

9.1 Co-operation with WISA

Quentin will meet Dr Eldidy to consider goals of two organisations to explore possible co-operation with WISA. (QS)

10. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Set as 15:00 on 11 June 2018 at ARQ offices.

11. CLOSURE

After 18:15.