



MINUTES OF THE SANCOLD ANNUAL MEETING 12

17:00 Wednesday 03 November 2021
The Maslow, Time Square, Pretoria.

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson, Dr Quentin Shaw, welcomed all of the attendees and requested them to sign the attendance register. The meeting was attended by 28 members and 3 observers. No formal apologies had been received.

2. Agenda

A discussion item on issues with the ECSA APP committee was added to Item 7 Discussion

3. Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting (Approval and matters arising)

The draft minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting had been circulated to members of Manco who commented and then placed on the SANCOLD website. No further amendments were proposed. The minutes were approved, (proposed R Greyling, seconded G Robertson) and will be placed on the website. No issues were raised under Matters Arising.

4. SANCOLD Chairperson's Annual Report 2021

The Chairperson verbally presented the SANCOLD Annual Report for 2021. The written report is recorded separately on the website.

He mentioned the investigation of possibly sharing of secretarial services of the SA Institution of Agricultural Engineers which could benefit both organisations. With fewer dams being built, the need for preserving expertise and training new professionals needs to be addressed. SANCOLD must engage with industry and the Regulators to address these issues.

Three positions were available on SANCOLD Manco for elections in 2022 and voting papers had been distributed. ICOLD publications are now distributed through a publisher and new login procedures to access the free electronic publications have been introduced. Please contact the Secretary for details.

The much postponed ICOLD Marseilles Congress has been scheduled for 27 May- 3 June 2022 and will be held in person.

SANCOLD needs to address aspects of Dam Safety legislation and the need for change. For this to happen, we need to work in close collaboration with DWS. SANCOLD has made approaches to DWS so far with no success.

5. SANCOLD Website

The website under Webmaster, Mr Henry-John Wright, was functioning well and any issues could be brought to his attention at webmaster@sancold.org.za.

6. Financial Matters

The SANCOLD Secretary presented the Financial Report which had been prepared by the Treasurer, Mr David Cameron-Ellis. The membership lists are being purged of members with outstanding fees so that some 10 Corporate and 19 Individual Members are due for deletion. There had been a modest increase in fees for 2021 in line with inflation.

SANCOLD banking activity has been moved to Investec, the Absa account was closed and should not be used. Credit card payments through Payfast had been introduced and some 25 members have already used this payment method. Problems are still incurred through insufficient reference detail being supplied on deposit forms preventing crediting of correct members – please ensure sufficient reference details to identify your deposit.

An Income/Expenditure summary was presented. SANCOLD expenditure normally exceeds income – amongst others, some R170k is spent on ICOLD affiliation and R100k - R200k on bursaries while the 2020 Conference had been cancelled incurring a loss. Membership fees and Conference income do not cover costs and SANCOLD needs to host an ICOLD event about every 20 years to bolster the bank account which has accumulated savings of about R5 million.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation for all the work that the Treasurer had spent on SANCOLD financial matters.

7. YPF Issues

Guy Robertson reported that the YPF had been active in presenting webinars by various members which had been well received. These lectures were not limited to YPF members.

8. Discussion

A difference in interpretation of legislation between the Dam Safety Office and the ECSA Committee advising the Minister on appointments as Approved Professional Persons, has developed which has implications on the Safety of Dams, and needs to be addressed. The issue revolves around the separation of the design and supervision responsibilities for APPs which is being promoted by the DSO. Some of the members of the ECSA advisory committee do not support this approach and nor does SANCOLD.

It was resolved that SANCOLD should issue a statement to the effect that SANCOLD does not support the separation of design and supervisory responsibilities for APPs as this could have adverse consequences for the safety of dams.

Danie Badenhorst noted that Quentin Shaw had been nominated as Vice-President for Africa in ICOLD and hoped his bid was successful.

9. Closure

The Chairperson concluded by mentioning that SANCOLD has continued to be active.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 18h35.

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