



Minutes of 110th SANCOLD Meeting

18 September 2008

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at 10:00 on Thursday, 18 September 2008

Stellenbosch, Protea Hotel Technopark



Note: Matters arising from previous meetings are listed under the various headings as Resolutions. The numbers in parenthesis after headings refer to the numbering where different from previous minutes.

SANCOLD

1 WELCOME

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the 110th SANCOLD meeting

2 CONSTITUTION

Attendance

Mr J R G Williamson(RW)	Chairperson, Member (SAACE)
Mr D B Badenhorst (DB)	Co-opted Member
Prof C Oosthuizen (CO)	Secretary, Member (DWAF)
Dr A Bester (AB)	Webmaster, Co-opted Member
Mr A J Shelly (AS)	Member (IMESA)
Mr I C Segers (IS)	Assistant Secretary, Co-opted Member
Dr C P R Roberts (PR)	Co-opted Member
Prof G R Basson (GB)	Member (SAUVCA, SAICE – Water)
Mr L S Mabuda (SM)	Member (DWAF)
Mr J Moes (HM)	Member (CSIR)
Mr L Furstenburg (MRLF)	Alternate Member (SAACE)
Mr T van Robbroeck (TvR)	Member (Ex Officio)

2.2 Apologies

Dr C Ruiters (CR)	Co-opted Member (DWAF)
Mr P D Pyke (PP)	Vice-chairperson, Member (DWAF)
Dr B Mwaka (BM)	Treasurer (DWAF)

2.3 Resignations

PR noted that no alternative is available for F.Venter who was representing SAFCEC.

2.4 Quorum

The meeting was fully constituted

2.5 Office Bearers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary

Resolution 105 / 1

The office bearers will remain unchanged until the restructuring has been completed and the first elections have been conducted.

Action: All

Status: No change



3 AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

3.1 Amendments

None

3.2 Acceptance

Agenda for the 110th SANCOLD meeting was accepted.

3.3 Documents tabled

ICOLD Circular Letters 1769 – 1777
SANCOLD Restructuring Progress Report 3
Potential Corporate and Individual SANCOLD members

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Amendments

The following amendments were made to the minutes of the previous meeting:

6. Improving public awareness – PR should be replaced with PP.

8.1.1 Circ No.1760 – PR should be replaced with PP

10.2 Resolution 107/9 N. Adama be replaced with Adama Nombre.

4.2 Acceptance

The minutes of the 109th SANCOLD meeting were accepted with the above-mentioned amendments.

5 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ACTIONS PROGRESS

5.1 Action Plan

Resolution 108 / 2

The DG resigned and there is currently an Acting DG at DWAF. A new letter must be drafted to the DDG: P&R and DDG: NWRI and a meeting must be arranged by PP. The Short term and long term scenarios must be explained relating to payment of ICOLD subscription fees.

Action: PP

Status The new DG, Ms Pam Yako, was since appointed and must be briefed by SANCOLD. The meeting proposed that a formal letter be drafted to CR and that he can then inform the DG. DB proposed that the DG be invited to Brazil for the next ICOLD meeting

Action: RW/CR

5.2 SANCOLD Constitution

Resolution 108 / 3

The latest constitution must be amended and distributed for comments.

Action: RW



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Status: The constitution was adopted and a 1 week extension period was approved for late amendments. Relevant members approved the document.

PR distributed a List of Signatories that was approved by the Corporate Members.

Resolution 109 / 1

PP and RW to form steering Committee to oversee the implementation of the Restructuring. PR to be approached for his availability to lead Restructuring process on a consulting fee basis. PR can appoint a Secretary of his own choice to help with this function.

Action: RW / PP

Status: PR accepted the position. PR tabled a progress report on SANCOLD restructuring.

Discussion of SANCOLD Restructuring Progress Report 3

Task 1: Discussions and proposals were presented on who will be representing the different organisations in the restructured SANCOLD.

Task 3: Members were once again urged to use the website.

Task 4: PR mentioned that the target was to recruit 30 corporate members and 50 individuals to join SANCOLD. A list of possible members was distributed.

RW mentioned that Corporate membership is preferred where there are more than 5 professionals in a company.

The meeting suggested that the media be used e.g. SAICE, SAFCEC, WRC and Engineering News and discussed the costs of the different alternatives.

Resolution 110 / 1

PR indicated that he will communicate with Dawie Botha of SAICE for an article in the magazine. AS to host a Powerpoint presentation at IMIESA's conference.

Action: PR / AS

PR enquired whether foreigners can be allowed to join SANCOLD as interest was shown by individuals and corporate members from Botswana and Lesotho. CO replied that he is an ANCOLD member and the decision was reached that foreigners may join SANCOLD.

Task 5:

Resolution 110 / 2

The Secretariat to inform ICOLD of the change in the Constitution

Action: Secretariat

Task 6: PR mentioned that an election is required for an Interim Management Committee to expand membership. A date of early November 2008 was proposed for the elections.

Formal elections are scheduled for either the Annual Event or the Annual Meeting.

RW mentioned that the Current Office Bearers are to phase out by September 2009 and that perhaps more disciplines other than Civil Engineering be invited.

PR mentioned that Institutional memory should not be discarded and we should also get members from the Socio-Environmental fields.



SM noted that for the next symposium we should have a topic covering socio-environmental field in order to attract members from this field.

LF reiterated that each event be used to promote SANCOLD and that this committee should continue till September 2009.

PR indicated that he is willing to continue in his current role till September 2009 but that SANCOLD only budgeted till November 2008. The meeting proposed that a new budget be put forward to extend his services.

Task 7: PR mentioned that we are currently below the proposed hours due to the website changes RW questioned whether the position of Secretary and Treasurer should be paid or voluntary positions.

CO suggested that a proper Secretariat be established that is divorced from DWAF. He also mentioned that ANCOLD has 3-yearly terms.

TvR questioned the acceptability of the Springbok on the SANCOLD emblem. SM proposed that a competition could be launched for a new SANCOLD emblem.

Resolution 109 / 2

PP to check on correct definition for Large Dams.

Action: PP

Status: Done and corrected

5.3 Feedback on SANCOLD Meeting
See 5.1

5.4 SANCOLD Website

Resolution 106/4

That SANCOLD website obtain functionality to allow placement of advertisements. AB will formulate a disclaimer for SANCOLD stating that the advertisements are not endorsed by SANCOLD or similar.

Action: AB

Status: Done

Resolution 107 / 3

That the website be promoted using various mailing lists including the University of Stellenbosch mailing list for the purpose of selling advertising space, e.g. company name, logo, contact details with SANCOLD disclaimer.

Action: AB, GB

Status: Ongoing

Resolution 106 / 5

That SANCOLD aim for target date of June 2007 for restructuring to be completed. Steps include the finalization of the new constitution, advising corporate members of restructuring process, informing the DG, bringing it to the public's attention via corporate members. RW to draft a programme or schedule to this end.

Action: RW + restructuring sub-committee

Status: Ongoing for target date end 2008.



AB indicated that the website can be used to promote the membership drive.

RW enquired about the functionality of the member login on the website.

AB explained that this allows access of future minutes and agendas for the members.

AB explained that the website also allows for news and archived news to be stored as well as links to ICOLD publications.

AS enquired whether advertising will be allowed on the website.

AB indicated that there is scope to include this and that an advert will be placed on the website to promote this. The cost of this was decided in the meeting at R2500 p.a for members and R3000 p.a. for non-members.

PR enquired if the number of hits on the website can be monitored at each meeting.

AB responded that he will follow this up.

Action: AB

HM enquired whether a Google link to keywords like water SA will include SANCOLD in the results page.

AB replied that upon entering "SA Dams" in a search engine it will report SANCOLD and that it would be possible to move the result up on the Search Results list.

6 IMPROVING PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

PR stated that the World Atlas of Hydropower and Dams had been updated.

Action: IS

Status: Ongoing

7 WORLD COMMISSION ON DAMS

Resolution 108 / 4

A link should be made to the World Commission on Dams Website from the SANCOLD website.

Action: AB

Status: AB mentioned that due to cost involved to unlock the website, all changes will be done at fixed periods.

8 ICOLD DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Resolutions following from previous meeting

8.1.1 Circ. No. 1760 – Circulation of the booklet Dams and The World's Water

Resolution 108 / 5

RW to enquire about the cost of this booklet.

Action: RW

Status: Done. GB suggested that a copy of this booklet be made available on the SANCOLD website. PR to enquire if possible

Action: PR



8.2 Documentation Received

8.2.1 Circ Letter No.1769

76th Annual Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria), June 2008
Election of Vice-Presidents – Zone Africa-Australasia
Peter Mulvihill was elected as Vice-President Zone Africa-Australasia

8.2.2 Circ Letter No. 1770

Reports submitted by ICOLD committees (Committee on Concrete Dams) to the 76th Executive Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria), June 2008

8.2.3 Circ Letter No. 1771

Reports submitted by ICOLD committees (Committee on Seismic Aspects of Dam Design) to the 76th Executive Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria), June 2008

8.2.4 Circ Letter No. 1772

Reports submitted by ICOLD committees (Ad Hoc Committee on Small Dams) to the 76th Executive Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria), June 2008

8.2.5 Circ Letter No. 1773

76th Annual Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria), June 2008
Election of Vice-Presidents – Zone Africa-Australasia

8.2.6 Circ Letter No. 1774

2008 Annual Meeting, Sofia (Bulgaria)
Final Agenda

8.2.7 Circ Letter No. 1775

ICOLD 80th Anniversary
*RW suggested that SANCOLD send a congratulatory letter.
It was proposed that TvR attend the 80th Anniversary gathering as the Chairman was not available. TvR was uncertain of his availability. The amount of R15000 was offered to fund the trip.
Post Meeting Note: TvR accepted the offer to attend.*

8.2.8 Circ Letter No. 1776

23rd Congress Officers – Preparation of Papers
Brasilia (Brazil) May 2009
CO noted that the final extended date to submit papers ended in October 2008

8.2.9 Circular Letter No. 1777

76th Annual Meeting, Sofia, (Bulgaria), June 2008
Minutes and Committee Progress Reports

9 FINANCE

In the absence of the Treasurer (BM) the meeting proposed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.



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9.1 Income Tax

See 9. Finance

9.2 2007 Financial Year

9.2.1 Statements of Income and Expenses

See 9. Finance

9.2.2 Bursary Advertisement

Resolution 105 / 10

The SANCOLD bursary will only be for postgraduate students specialising in the dam related fields.

Action: SANCOLD

Status: GB noted that R60 000 per annum for two years be allocated for the bursary. The Treasurer must be informed of this arrangement.

9.2.3 Membership Fees

See 9. Finance.

9.3 Other Financial Matters

See 9. Finance

10 CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

10.1 ICOLD Technical Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Hydraulics for Dams	Prof G R Basson
Committee on Concrete for Dams	J Kroon*
Committee on Materials for Fill Dams	H F W K Elges*
Committee on Dam Safety	Dr C Oosthuizen*
Committee on Sedimentation of Reservoirs	Prof G R Basson (Chairman)
Committee on Tailings Dams	J R G Williamson (Chairman)
Committee on Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Dams	P D Pyke
Committee on the World Register of Dams and Documentation	Contributions to register for Southern Africa – SANCOLD H Anderson*
Committee on Dam Surveillance	Dr C Oosthuizen
Committee on Small Dams	D B Badenhorst
Committee on Engineering Activities in the Planning Process	S Mabuda
Ad Hoc Constitutional Committee	Dr P Roberts*
Committee on Dams for Hydroelectric Energy	L Furstenburg
Committee on Geosynthetics	K Legge*

* Corresponding members

Resolution 101 / 10

That the list of SANCOLD representatives serving on technical committees be updated at ICOLD.

Action: Secretariat



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Status: CO noted that Kelvin Legge resigned from the Hydraulics committee and joined the Committee on Geosynthetics.

10.2 Africa-Australasia Association of ICOLD National Committees

CO indicated that he attended the meeting for a short while in Bulgaria and Adama Nombre has been replaced with Peter Mulvihill as the Vice-President.

11 76TH ANNUAL MEETING, SOFIA, BULGARIA 02-06 JUNE 2008

11.1 Attendance and SANCOLD Representation at Committee Meetings

No report

11.2 Funding of Conference Attendees

No report

11.3 Election of the ICOLD President/Vice-Presidents

No report

11.4 23rd ICOLD Congress; 77th Annual Meeting Brasilia 2009

The meeting decided that the list of people to attend be finalized at March 2009 meeting

12 DAM SAFETY

12.1 Regulations

No report

12.2 New WRC Project on Reviewing the Dam Safety Guidelines in Terms of Floods and Associated Research into Combined Probability Analysis of Flood Peak and Volume (12.2)

A study was done by Ninham Shand and but no conclusion reached at this time.

13 SANCOLD ACTIVITIES

13.1 2009 Symposium

GB reported that a symposium was planned for September 2009 to combine with the SANCOLD meeting. The theme would cover topics like Dam Engineering, Planning, Design, Rehabilitation and Environment.

Action: GB

13.2 SANCOLD Guidelines

GB reported that a workshop is planned for before the end of March 2009 and CO, A Chemaly and GB will have further discussions.

Action: GB

CO stated that SANCOLD should be informed of any updating of SANCOLD Guidelines beforehand.

Resolution 109 / 3

The Secretariat to write a letter signed by the Chairman to address this issue.

Action: GB

Status: GB reported that he will write this letter.

14 GENERAL

14.1 PP stated that a Hydro conference bearing the ICOLD logo was held in Johannesburg. He enquired whether ICOLD is aware that the logo was used.



Resolution 109 / 4

RW to follow-up with ICOLD if they are aware that the ICOLD logo was used in the Hydro conference.

Action: RW

Status: Done – RW to follow up with PP.

14.2 The Chairman thanked CO and GB for arranging the 2008 Course on Dam Safety Surveillance and monitoring.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was scheduled for March 2009 in conjunction with the *Update of the SANCOLD guidelines for the design of freeboard of dams* group session.

Post Meeting Note: The date was confirmed for 13 March 2009 at 09:00 at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies (US).

16 CLOSURE

CHAIRPERSON
Date 13.3.2009

SECRETARY
Date 13.3.2009