

ICE Reservoirs Committee Minutes

Meeting

Date	Tuesday 21 st February 2023
Time	14.00 - 17.00
Venue	Brassey Room, One Great George Street and MS Teams
Chair	Ed McCann Richard Coackley (ex-Chair) - Chaired meeting on 21 st February 2023

Panel members

Sub-Committee 1	Stuart King Craig Goff Tom Wanner
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Sub-Committee 2	Jeremy Benn (Chair) Andrew Kirby Dave Crook Alan Brown Ian Scholefield
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Alice Baverstock – Defra
Jan Kiernan – Defra
Tony Deakin – Environment Agency
James Ashworth – SEPA
Quinton Campbell - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Ryan Robinson - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Violeta Morosan - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Amy Law - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Dylan McKee – Welsh Government
Matt O’Brien – Natural Resources Wales

By Invite

Apologies	Claire Dodd – Scottish Government Anthea Peters Chris Scott (SC1 Chair)
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Secretariat	Rabinder Phull (ICE) Kerrie McPeake (ICE)
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Summary of Applications in February 2023

New Applications

8 new applications were submitted to the Supervising Engineers Panel this cycle.

3 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England and Wales, 2 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland and 1 Supervising Engineer applicant has been recommended for appointment in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

2 new applications were submitted to the All Reservoirs Panel this cycle.

1 All Reservoirs Panel Engineer applicant has been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Re-applications

5 re-applications were made to the Supervising Engineers Panels and 1 re-application was made to the Service Reservoirs Panel.

5 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment and; 1 of which is re-appointed to England, Wales and Scotland, 3 to England and Wales, 1 to Scotland.

1 Service Reservoirs Panel re-application has been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales and Scotland.

Item no	PART 2
2306	Legislative changes and jurisdictional impacts
	<p>I. Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <p>i. England – Jan Kiernan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is ongoing on whether the existing legislation works and is fit for purpose with views being gathered from the Panel Engineers Committee (PEC), Reservoir owners, EA etc. Possible publication in May. Recommendations are being considered on areas that may be improved. • Expecting to publish the report on future supply of engineers with further communication. <p>TD provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication in the next few weeks. EA have set up a new team in reservoir safety element called standards and incidents. This will be aimed at engineers and owners e.g. engineers will look at S10 and S12 reports to identify where standards can be improved. Also, will identify gaps and training needs so it is relevant to this group and could link in with annual training days and attributes. RC agreed this would help with recent discussions on attributes and the interviewing process, and could also involve the PEC. <p>ii. Scotland - James Ashworth Nothing to report regarding legislation.</p> <p>Enforcement work is being undertaken on the extended use of a fixed penalty.</p> <p>iii. Northern Ireland – Quinton Campbell No change in previous updates, still waiting on NI assembly.</p> <p>iv. Wales - Matt O’Brien</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant changes on the registration side • Changes within team to focus on phases, maintenance and monitoring activities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Defra DK added that there were no legislation changes to note. They are actively considering DBs recommendations. 	
2307	Reports	
	<p>I. British Dam Society (BDS) TW volunteered to be the link between the committee and BDS. He has been in contact with Martin Airey. Martin will be leaving the committee at the end of April but provided an update for the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership numbers are growing and are at their highest, particularly with young professionals AGM will be held in April 2023 Darren Shaw is the vice chair and there will be two more positions SE Forum and Inspecting Engineers Forum will be held in November and there will be a call for papers Ten £5000 bursaries for young. <p>II. Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG) Alan Warren is stepping down as chair of ReSRAG. Darren Shaw will be taking over - he is currently the vice chair. Latest meeting minutes to be forwarded by RP.</p>	
2308	Reservoir Safety Review – 2nd report	
	<p>I. Update on progress In addition to the above, RC raised a note on ICOLD based on previous discussions. BDS is the UK representative on ICOLD and there is a process for nominations for UK representatives on those committees. TD suggested creating a link between the many sub working groups and ICOLD on the BDS website.</p> <p>TD reiterated the work around training needs which will include annual training days and identify gaps etc. He agreed with EMC that if gaps are identified, these can be addressed on training days. These can also be included in mandatory CPD.</p> <p>II. Update from Panel Engineer Committee RC and some members of the PEC attended a site visit to Derwent Valley Reservoirs. This had been arranged as a way of an introduction to Defra. Alan</p>	



	<p>Brown and Paul Farnell gave a reservoirs safety management presentation on ‘Understanding the Issues - Ideas for improving current legislation/processes’.</p> <p>RC thanked AB, PF, JK and Defra colleagues.</p> <p>A visit to a small dam such as that managed by the National Trust would be good to give an insight on the other side of safety and risk management.</p> <p>Further PEC meetings are being arranged and the PEC will start working towards supporting JK and forthcoming work on DB’s recommendations.</p>	
2310	<p>Reservoirs Committee membership EMC, JB and DC left the meeting at 4.30pm.</p> <p>CS and AP are in their 4th year on the committee so the secretariat will arrange a notice of election for replacements. TW, AK and JB will be asked separately if they wish to continue serving on the committee for their 4th year in 2023.</p>	
2311	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check guidance on applications where appointment expires prior to result outcome. • Check that for existing SupEs applying for AR as a new application, they should also apply for SupE reapplication if necessary, in case they are not recommended for AR. • Guidance was suggested so that submissions are attributes based. Check with AP that documents in Live are up-to-date. • RC would like to produce an end of term report as he comes to the end of his tenure as Chairman to continue discussions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Interview intervals – 5/10 years b) Incorporating interview techniques from the ICE into committee processes c) Emergency preparedness of engineers responding to major incidents. Looking at attributes, training and how this can be tested in real life rather than just academically. <p>RC thanked all the committee members, knowing how much voluntary work goes into committee duties.</p>	



	<p>RP thanked Richard Coackley on behalf of the ICE secretariat and committee members for his direction, dedication, expertise, professionalism and support over the last 4 years. The committee wished him well for his future endeavours.</p>	
	<p>Future meeting dates: The next meeting is a physical meeting. For future meetings, one suggestion is to have a face-to-face when new people join the committee.</p> <p>20th June 2023 19th October 2023</p>	

