

## **International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) Australia National Committee Charter (IACID)**

The Australian National Committee of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (IACID) is established under the auspices of Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) and is a sub-committee established by the IAL Board to focus on ICID issues and objectives in Australia.

### **1. Mission and Purpose of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage**

The mission of ICID is to stimulate and promote the development and application of the arts, sciences and techniques of engineering, agriculture, economics, ecological and social sciences in managing water and land resources for irrigation, drainage, flood management, for achieving sustainable agriculture water management.

ICID is dedicated to enhancing the world-wide supply of food and fibre for all people and believes that food security at various levels: global, national, local and household, and provision of assured livelihood starts with stable agriculture production. ICID encourages public private partnership in development and management of water resources.

### **2. Mission and Purpose of the ICID Australian National Committee (IACID)**

The purpose of the Australian National Committee of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage is to act on behalf of Irrigation Australia to implement the objects of ICID in Australia for the benefit of the broader public, advancing education in matters relating to irrigation and drainage and to foster Australian support for the activities of the International Commission in Irrigation and Drainage. The Australian National Committee will also have responsibility for management of the relationship with the ICID Central Office and ICID generally including the submissions of various award and heritage nominations from time-to-time and the arrangements for the review of abstract and technical poster submissions for ICID events held in Australia.

The Australian National Committee may also make recommendations to the IAL Board from time-to-time on the adoption of any policy matters considered appropriate by the committee.

The Australian National Committee will also collaborate with other ICID National Committees as appropriate and make recommendations to the IAL Board on relevant ICID issues, such as the attendance of Australian representatives to ICID international events.

### **3. Membership of the Australian National Committee**

#### **3.1 Classes of Membership**

There shall be two classes of members of the Australia National Committee

- Irrigation Australia Ltd Members – Members appointed by the IAL Board in accordance with sub-clause 3.2
- Affiliated Members – Others that have an interest in the objects of ICID bringing particular expertise and knowledge to the Australian National Committee in accordance with sub-clause 3.2

### **3.2 Composition**

- (i) Six representatives either from or appointed by the IAL Board.
- (ii) Up to two representatives of IAL Management.
- (iii) Up to a further four affiliated members chosen for their expertise or skill in a discipline at the time of appointment.

### **3.3 Term of the Committee**

Members of the committee will serve for a minimum period of two years from the date of their appointment, at the Board's discretion.

### **3.4 Applications for Affiliated membership**

Applications for Affiliated Membership shall be made to the Chair of the Australian National Committee. The Committee has the right to approve or reject any such application without giving reason.

### **3.5 Resignation/Termination of Affiliated Membership**

An affiliated member may resign at any-time on written notification to the Chair

The Australian National Committee may at any-time by resolution terminate the membership of any affiliated member, and upon despatch to the member in question of the resolution passed that person shall thereupon cease to be a member provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Committee before a final decision is made.

### **3.6 Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the committee to hold office for a minimum of two years, at the Board's discretion.

## **4. Power and Responsibilities of the Australian National Committee**

### **4.1 Administrative Authority as delegated by the Board of Irrigation Australia**

The committee shall administer this Charter as follows:

### **4.2 Meetings**

The Committee shall meet for a minimum of two times each year and as many times as it shall so decide. The Chair or not less than three members of the Committee may require the Chair to:

- (a) to call a meeting of the Committee,
- (b) to conduct a postal vote of the members of the Committee.

Meetings will be generally held by teleconference but on occasions, such as the Irrigation Australia Conference may be held on a face-to-face basis.

The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair shall preside at meetings of the Committee or, if neither is present, the Committee shall appoint one of its number to preside. The Committee shall cause proper minutes to be made of the proceedings of all meetings and meetings of the Committee. The minutes of any such meeting, if having been signed by the Chair of such or the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated. Minutes will be tabled at the next scheduled Irrigation Australia Board meeting.

### **4.3 Sub-Committees**

The Australian National Committee may set up Sub-Committees to deal with any business of the Australian National Committee, with such terms of reference as, subject to the limits of the Committee's own authority, the Committee shall decide, including powers of delegation and co-option. The continuation and composition of these Sub-Committees shall be reviewed annually.

### **4.4 Screening of Technical Papers**

All technical and general papers written for submission from IAL to congresses and committees of the International Commission shall first be screened by the Australian National Committee before being forwarded to the ICID Secretary-General. The Committee may decline to forward a paper without being bound to give any reasons or may request modifications to be made before forwarding a paper.

### **4.5 Quorum**

The quorum at a meeting of the Committee or of any Sub-Committee appointed under the provisions of Clause 3 shall be one-third of the total number of members of the Committee or Sub-Committee.

## **5. Annual Report to Irrigation Australia**

Once in every calendar year a report will be included in either / or the Chair's report or the CEO's report to Members of Irrigation Australia at the annual general meeting.

## **6. Secretary and Financial Arrangements**

By agreement with the Irrigation Australia Board, secretarial and financial arrangements for the operation of the Australian National Committee will be provided by Irrigation Australia. Any financial transactions will be reported to the committee at each meeting.

## **7. Review of Charter**

This Charter will be reviewed biennially by the Irrigation Australia Board. The IACID Committee may refer any amendments they see fit to the Irrigation Australia Board for consideration.