Committee Description
The ICOLD Congress Papers Committee coordinates USSD participation in ICOLD Congresses and the selection of USSD papers for submittal to ICOLD for publication in the Congress Proceedings.

Terms of Reference
The committee’s work to coordinate USSD participation in ICOLD Congresses (normally held every 3 years) includes the following:

• Providing recommendations for Congress question topics
• Dissemination of Call for Papers and other pertinent communication to USSD members.
• Review and selection of proposed paper abstracts
• Coordination of technical and formatting review of draft papers
• Assisting authors in addressing comments and adhering to ICOLD formatting guidelines
• Assisting authors with required translations

Background and History
USCOLD (the predecessor to USSD) submitted papers that were included and published in the proceedings of the 1st and 2nd ICOLD Congresses in 1933 and 1936, respectively. That early group charged with reviewing and accepting proposed papers can be noted as being the origins of the current ICOLD Congress Papers Committee. In 2002, the Board of Directors of USSD created the ICOLD Congress Papers Committee from its predecessor, the Technical Activities Committee. The committee has submitted papers to the 21st through the 26th Congresses as of 2018.

Responsibilities
See Committee Description above.

Chair, and Vice Chairs and Related Responsibilities
Chair: Grady Hillhouse, P.E. (Freese and Nichols, Inc.)
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Goals and Objectives
The following are the ICOLD Congress Papers Committee’s specific goals and objectives.

Advocate
Communicate with committee members about relevant outreach information and activities.

Educate
Publish technical papers within ICOLD Congress proceedings and enable presentations by USSD members.

Collaborate
Collaboration within USSD to generate more USSD papers in the ICOLD Congress proceedings.
Strategically collaborate with ICOLD.

Cultivate
Improve ICOLD Congress Papers Committee operations.

Membership
Current members of the ICOLD Congress Papers Committee are:
Grady Hillhouse, Chair
Arun Parsons, Vice-Chair
Richard L. Wiltshire
William Christman
Dustin Mortensen