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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009 – 2010

As the 2010 AGM approaches, it is time again to reflect upon the last year. I trust that it has been a productive year in your workshop.

Our new President, Roger Kershaw, is very much a team man who has quietly reminded all at any opportunity that the Association works by having all its members, ie *all clubs*, operate as autonomous units following the Code of Practice and the Boiler Codes.

In this vein, The Code of Practice is now easier to read after the sterling efforts of Warwick Allison and Alf Grigg in the Safety Committee with their tireless assistants, Mick Murray and David Archibald, to reformat it. Approval of the revision is one of the AGM items: it will be on the web for your committee and Competent Person's use.

On the future of Conventions questionnaire, ten options were included. Thank you to those clubs that made the effort to give the problem consideration. The replies gave a firm 'yes' to the continuance of them annually and useful suggestions. The Board will have to decide upon a trial system, details of which your club will have received not long before this mail.

Nominations closed on 31st December, 2009, for AALS Board positions and it was the close for receipt of any motions, too. The agenda and proxy voting forms will have the details. The Proxy Form is how your society takes part in the meeting, even if a delegate is unable to attend.

Again, I do thank those Board members and State Representatives who have provided assistance in the past year. My thanks go as well to the club honorary secretaries who have kept me up to date with their society's personnel. *Those e-mails or written letters with office bearer's names, 'phone numbers and e-mails are sincerely appreciated.*

This is the first time for some years that no new societies are applying for affiliation. Currently, there are eighty-two affiliated with the Association.

I look forward to seeing you at Warner in Brisbane.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.