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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2010 – 2011

Suddenly, it seems, it is 2011. Just as suddenly four new applications for affiliation are in this year's agenda for your consideration. Eighty-two clubs were affiliated as of December, 2010.

Nominations closed on 31st December, 2010, for the three AALS Board positions and it was the cut off for the receipt of 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. I trust you will find the instructions straightforward (as will the member whom you wish to nominate as your Proxy) to decide how to cast your vote either during the meeting or prior to the meeting. Do not forget that if you have no Proxy you have no participation in the meeting and no vote. With such vast distances among the states and territories it gives you the opportunity for a say.

Again, I do thank those Board members and State Representatives who have provided assistance in the past year. It is remembered. The Board's work is a team effort.

My thanks go as well to the club honorary secretaries who have kept me up to date with their society's personnel. Three more societies sought your approval for affiliation as I wrote this report at the end of December and then a fourth in early January. *Keep sending the e-mails or written letters with office bearer's names, 'phone numbers and e-mails – it is sincerely appreciated.* More clubs are in contact electronically, so in the time I have been your secretary, this means is now more frequently used; therefore, include e-mail if possible as well as the traditional means of contact.

Amongst the trophies and awards at Convention time, one I usually mention in this report is the **Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies (England) Trophy**. It has been awarded since 1991 – if there is a model engineer in your club you feel is deserving of the trophy, write a nomination. The committee formed to assess the nominations is composed of a representative from each State (AALS State Rep. or similar); it is convened at the Convention and sits for a very brief period. Check the details in the agenda mail.

This year's financial records may be ready for the agenda mail this year; if, as usually occurs when the Easter weekend is earlier, they are not, they will follow as soon as it is possible.

I look forward to seeing you at Edgeworth.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol,
Hon Secretary, AALS.