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To the Hon Secretary,

Dear Secretary,

The Board does thank Lynn Venning and Ray Hall who with their Penfield team provided the venue for the 2012 Convention. Those of us who have organized Conventions know how much work goes on for the two years beforehand, let alone during the Convention week.

At the AGM, Roger Kershaw retired as President; he served the hobby well through some difficult times, firstly as Safety Chairman and then as your President. His sterling efforts were appreciated by the other Board members. David Proctor, formerly the very successful Editor of AME, is now our President. As well, our long-serving Treasurer, Ross Walker, announced he would retire during the Board meeting, whilst Ben De Gabriel offered to take on the Treasurer's post: the Board congratulated Ross on his many years of dedicated service and welcomed Ben to the Board. Please give Ben the support Ross enjoyed. The treasurer's position will be subject to election at the next AGM.

When there was no nomination for the position of Victorian Representative, Tullamarine Live Steamers submitted a nomination of Wayne Roberts upon receipt of the agenda mail. The Board was pleased to be in a position to fill this role in 2012; a call for nominations to elect a Victorian Representative will occur at the year's end, too.

Further news from the Board meeting was the bestowing of Life Membership of AALS on long-serving past AALS office bearers. These were: Len Heaton (Secretary 1991-6); Peter Manning (Secretary 1996-2005 and SA State Representative 2005-present); John Wakefield (V-P 1986-2010); Dave Merrifield (AMBSC Secretary 1986-2008); Eric Evans (V-P 1983-86 and AMBSC Chairman 1986-1998); and Ian Kirby (AMBSC Chairman 1998-2009).

Full details of the motions, all of which were approved, are in the AGM Minutes. Send any matters regarding the Code of Practice to ALSSC, the Safety Committee, via the Consultation process and contacts fully outlined in the ALSSC information in this mail. As usual, boiler matters are included

in this mail. A revised Carbon Steel Code has already been sent to every club and the revised Copper Code will be out soon.

In order to have your proxy vote count, both the president and secretary's signatures are required. This is part of the company law (for your club's proxy to be valid).

Someone in your Society can monitor the website for Code of Practice submissions. The same applies for any other matters such as boiler ones: use the 'news' icon on the left hand directory on the AALS 'home page'.

AMBSC boiler Codes and boiler certificates are still distributed via the Hon Treasurer. Contact Ben De Gabriel with you orders.

Remember that the 'Incident Report Form' is on the AALS website (click on 'resources' and then look for AALS Related Documents). It is there for your club to download; an incident at your Society is subject to a claim up to seven years later. Always send reports to Dennis Hamilton who then forwards them to the AALS Insurance broker...it is extremely difficult if the broker receives a claim where the club involved has not notified our Insurance Officer. Recently, Dennis has changed internet provider. His contact now is steamer38@bigpond.com .

The awards from the Convention are on the website: click on 'convention' in the left-hand directory list and then find what you want. Not every award was possible this year. Notably there was no recipient of the Southern Federation Trophy nor was there for a first attempt.

Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society is no longer affiliated, so the number of affiliated members is eighty-five as this goes to press.

The affiliation Membership Fees return is included. The names of those who serve your club are filled out: there is space for alterations and additions. Send your returns to Ben De Gabriel! (Remember that Dennis Hamilton's e-mail has changed as above, though his previous e-mail is on the Affiliation Fee form). The returns improve the accuracy of AALS records.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.