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Suddenly, it seems, it is 2012. I trust your model engineering project has progressed during the year. There are no new applications for affiliation this year. Eighty-four clubs were affiliated as of December, 2011.

Nominations closed on 31st December, 2011, for the three AALS Board positions. This year all State Representative's terms expired, too. All such nominations and motions are in the agenda. The Proxy Form is how your society takes part in the meeting, even if a delegate is unable to attend. Do not forget that if you have no Proxy you have no participation in the meeting and no vote. This is your opportunity for a say.

Once again, I do thank those Board members and State Representatives who have provided assistance in the past year. The Board's work is, as always, a team effort.

Thank you also to the club honorary secretaries who have kept me up to date with their society's personnel. *Keep sending the e-mails or written letters with office bearer's names, 'phone numbers and e-mails – it is sincerely appreciated.*

With electronic mail and information increasingly replacing paper mail, the information about trophies is all on the aals.asn.au site, and paper copies will not be mailed. Download them as needed from there. We will judge how that change fared after the Convention.

The only trophy I always 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 to send/give to me. 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 on the website.

I look forward to seeing you at the Penfield Society in Adelaide.
Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.