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To the Hon Secretary,

Dear Secretary,

The Board does thank QSMEE which hosted this year's 2013 Convention for a job well done. The society was able to have two model engineering trade stands support the event.

Next year will be at Tullamarine Live Steamers, Bulla, Victoria, and you should have the information and registration form in your club now if you were unable to attend this year. The matter of last minute registrations was discussed by the Board. Tullamarine will charge a higher fee for late registration in 2014 and the Board fully supports this position. Late registration is a hindrance to the Convention planners. Therefore, pre-register for future Conventions to avoid paying higher fees.

At the AGM, the nominations for Board positions and the State Representative for Victoria were confirmed. There are no changes in personnel this time.

The AGM was at the usual Saturday 7.30pm time slot; the safety meeting and the boiler meeting followed. This alteration in the schedule was discussed by the Board following the AGM at its meeting. Positive feedback from attendees that it made it possible for them to attend all three meetings since they were on the same evening outweighed any drawbacks and this will continue.

The full details of the motions are in the AGM Minutes. Except for one, they were approved. The only motion not so was from SLSLS for the Hon Treasurer to compile a report on the impact on AALS finances if Boiler Codes were not sold by AALS. The sale of Boiler Codes and Certificates is by sending your orders to Ben, the Hon Treasurer.

As was the case last year, have someone in your Society 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'.

Send any matters regarding the Code of Practice to ALSSC, the Safety Committee, via the Consultation process outlined by letter in this mail. Those who wish to be advised by e-mail of

updates to the website can forward their e-mail address and the club they represent to Alf Grigg at aagricon@bigpond.com and an e-mail will be sent to advise of significant updates to the website. This service is also open to individuals.

Also in this mail is the business of the AMBSC meeting. The three motions from SLSLS regarding the Copper Code were not successful; the Copper Code continues unchanged.

Dennis is reminding all 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.

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). Additionally, the proxy form must arrive before the AGM – one arrived on the Tuesday after the AGM this year.

All the awards from the Convention are on the website: click on 'convention' in the left-hand directory list and then find what you want. Most awards were presented this year. Wayne Roberts, the Victorian State Representative, was the recipient of the Southern Federation Trophy.

Members approved of the re-affiliation of Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society, Victoria. After an application that arrived after the agenda mail was posted, the Board granted affiliation to Beaconsfield Miniature Railway and Model Club in Tasmania: at the 2014 AGM, members will be asked to ratify that affiliation. Therefore, the number of affiliated members is now eighty-seven.

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. The returns improve the accuracy of AALS records.

Yours in steam and model engineering,

Hugh Elsol, Hon Secretary, AALS.