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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2012-2013.

As we approach another convention it is time to look back on the last year. By comparison to years past, 2012, like 2011 has been a calm year devoid of dramas, politics and angst, all of which I believe really have no place in a hobby. That has meant I have received very few phone calls or correspondence, and to me that is a sign of success. My predecessor in this role aimed to lower the profile of the AALS Board and I have worked to continue on that course. If the AALS is invisible in the background and all the procedures are working smoothly, while everyone just goes about enjoying their hobby and doing the right thing, to me that is a sign of success.

Following on from the last convention we saw the release of the revised Copper and Steel boiler codes, which along with last year's release of the Duplex code and the still fairly new Sub-Miniature code, puts us in the position of having a set of four modern boiler codes which are world leaders. The surge in sales of all four Codes in the latter part of 2012 indicates that they have been well received and widely distributed through our hobby, both here and overseas. These codes should now stand for a decent interval of time before further revisions are made and the AMBSC have indicated the expected approximate revision dates on the codes. Well done to the AMBSC leadership and those who helped them in this endeavour.

We have seen very little happen on the Insurance claim front, always a good sign that our safe operating procedures are working effectively, and that everyone is enjoying their hobby responsibly.

When you read the material accompanying this report you may notice that we are trying something a little different at the upcoming Convention. You will note that there has been a bit of a change with the scheduling of meetings so as to allow you all less time in meetings and more time socialising and playing. Comments made to myself and others over the years have indicated that this is what the majority want so we are trying this idea to give you that while at the same time meeting our legal obligations as a company. Let's see how it goes.

I would like to thank the members of the Board for the great effort they have put in over the last year to keep things running like clockwork. Two people I would like to mention in particular are our hard-working secretary Hugh, who does more work than any of us to keep us on a straight course, and Ross, our previous treasurer who retired after the last Convention. Ross held the purse strings of the organisation for around 12 years and very competently steered us through the process of becoming a company. He continues as Company Secretary, and Ben, his replacement appointed by the board for the interim period, has picked up the financial reins very competently in a short time. Thank you all.

Happy steaming.

David Proctor (President AALS).