



# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF LIVE STEAMERS

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## 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

### AGM AGENDA

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at 7.30 pm**

**at the grounds of the Tullamarine Live Steam Society, Bulla, Victoria.**

**1. The President of the Tullamarine Live Steam Locomotive Society, Mr Mark Agar, will hand over to the President of AALS, Mr David Proctor.**

The meeting will open at 1930.

**2. APOLOGIES.**

Laurie Fielder, North Queensland State Representative.

(an attendance list will circulate.)

**3. DEPARTED FRIENDS.**

The following friends have departed this life since we were last together:

Bob Kimber, Maryborough Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Inc;

Peter Lukey, Maryborough Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Inc;

Bernie Childs, Tweed Valley Miniature steam Railway Inc;

Ian Fulton, Sunshine Coast Railway Modellers Society Inc;

Robin Scott, Orange Society of Model Engineers;

Reg Harris, Orange Society of Model Engineers;

Barry Tulloch, Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-op Ltd;

Bill Richards, Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-op Ltd;

Hart Brammer, Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-op Ltd;

Colin Booth, Maryborough Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Inc;

Tom Miller, Euroa Steam locomotive & Model Engineering Society Inc;

John Thorpe, Euroa Steam locomotive & Model Engineering Society Inc;

Bill Ferris, Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc;

Joan McQuinn, South Western Model Engineers Inc;

Keith Mears, Highlands Miniature Railway Inc;

Dallas King, Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Co-op Society Ltd;

Bill Jerome, Maryborough Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Inc;

Les Wells, Maryborough Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Inc;

Bill Gillespie, Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers Inc;

Ted O'Brien, Port Augusta Model Engineers Inc.

The Chairman, David Proctor, will call for a minute's silence to remember them.

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**4. MINUTES of 2013 AGM (circulated).**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE.**

**6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (circulated). The President will make a verbal update.**

**7. SECRETARY’S REPORT (circulated).**

**8. ADOPTION of FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and receipt of AUDITOR’S REVIEW REPORT (circulated).**

**9. INSURANCE OFFICER’S REPORT (circulated).**

**10. AMBSC CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (circulated).**

**11. ALSSC CHAIRMAN’S REPORT and CONSULTATION REPORT (circulated).**

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**The Proxy Voting Form will serve the dual purpose of identifying your selected Proxy voter at the meeting and include an abbreviated list of the motions and tick boxes which may be completed with your (society’s) instruction concerning your vote for each of the motions. Voting may be conducted on the Proxy Voting Form enclosed or by your Proxy at the meeting.**

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**12(a) National Secretary of AALS Ltd.**

One nomination was received for the position of National Secretary of AALS Limited. The Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc nominated Hugh Elsol. Hugh Elsol’s CV is attached.

**12(b) National Treasurer of AALS Ltd.**

One nomination was received for the position of National Treasurer of AALS Ltd. The Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers Inc nominated Ben De Gabriel. Ben De Gabriel’s CV is attached.

**12(c) National Secretary of AMBSC:**

One nomination was received for the position of National Secretary of AMBSC. The Penwood Railroad Inc nominated Les Irwin. Les Irwin’s CV is attached.

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### **13. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS**

##### **13(a)**

##### **That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:**

##### **Reasons for the resolution, 13(a):**

##### **Reasons for the following two resolutions resolution:**

The Association no longer has Technical Officers for its two sub-committees. The Standing Orders were altered at the 2013 AGM in special Business 13 (b) to remove those appointed positions, but, inadvertently, the removal of clauses referring to those positions was incomplete with 5.7 (r) and 5.8 (h) still in place and these should be removed. In order to simplify the process, the clauses which follow will retain the same letter because those two clause numbers will have “DELETED” placed next to them.

##### **These proposed amendments correct that error:**

##### **Item 5.7. That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:**

5.7 Delete the following clause: (r) The Technical Adviser of the Australian Miniature Boiler Safety Committee shall advise the standing committee on design and safety matters as required. He need not be a member of an Australian Miniature Boiler Safety Committee Member.

##### **Item 5.8. That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:**

5.8 Delete the following clause: (h) The Technical Officer of the Australian Live Steamers Safety Committee shall advise the committee officers on design and safety matters, and should have appropriate qualifications and experience relevant to design and safety matters, and need not necessarily be a financial member of a Member.

***Comment: The Board supports these changes.***

***Please cast your vote on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.***

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##### **13(b)**

##### **That the following changes be made to the Constitution:**

##### **Reasons for the resolution, 13(b):**

The Association’s Constitution covered only non-payment of fees and breaches of safety standards as grounds for suspension of membership. The extra clause proposed below covers other acts which are detrimental to the Company’s standing and which are not dealt with in the parts 10.1 (a) and (b). It fills out a gap in the protection of the Association and its members from any malicious action by an affiliated society or member of a society.

## **10.1 Suspension of Membership**

1) Membership of the Company and all privileges attaching thereto may be suspended by resolution of the Board in the following circumstances:

*The additional clause is:*

(c) If a member, by any means whether verbal, written, by action or otherwise, takes any action which undermines the reputation or integrity of the Operating Codes of the AALS, the AMBSC Boiler Codes or any other safety standards administered by the Company. If such action is undertaken by a member of a Company member (to wit a member of an affiliated club) the member of the Company will be deemed responsible for that action.

***Comment: The Board supports these changes.***

*Please cast your vote on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.*

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## **14 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION**

There are no applications this year.

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## **15. AFFILIATION FEE 2014 – 2015**

**The Board recommends that the Affiliation Fee remains at \$3.00 (which includes the GST).**

***Comment: The reasons are that the Association's expenses are satisfactory and this figure should maintain a useful level of funds.***

*Please cast your votes on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.*

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## **16. WHEN AND WHERE: 2014 AND BEYOND**

2015: Penfield has offered to host. Ray Hall and Lynn Venning will have information and registration forms for 2015 at the meeting.

2016: Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Co-op Society Ltd has offered to host 2016. Jeff Wakeham will provide information.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SUBMISSIONS FROM YOUR SOCIETY TO HOST ARE WELCOMED BY THE BOARD.**

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## **17. VOTE OF THANKS**

**Close of Meeting.**

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The presentation of annual awards will be at 7.30 pm (1930) on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.