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A.M.B.S.C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016 - 2017

The year has rolled around again and will soon be time for our annual get together. This time it will be an interesting exercise and may set future trends. Generally, things have been pretty quiet, or nobody has sent me anything with only a couple of small items of note.

We have accepted 3 new boiler inspectors during the year. Welcome to the fold, and queries, etc. in your new role – my telephone number and email address are as above. This applies to any member of the Association also; get your info and answers from the right place.

The Boiler Inspectors will be asked to vote on a couple of items in Code Part 3 – Sub-Miniature Boilers (see attached). This matter is really to do with a misunderstanding in interpretation of the Code. Code Part 3 is ready for review in 2017. If you have anything you would like altered, etc. in Code Part 3 then please forward to me in writing on club letterhead, signed by the President and Hon. Secretary, and the Boiler Inspector(s) moving the alteration/amendment, prior to the Annual Convention 2017. Remember this is a review, not a rewrite.

At the time of writing we have two nominations for the position of Hon. Secretary AMBSC, namely David Thomas and Phill Gant. David, as you know, has filled the position since the 2016 Convention and his CV is included with this report. Phill Gant has been active in the hobby for many years and you will see his CV also included with this report. On reading Phill's CV I was particularly interested in the part about the classes he has conducted for groups of club members building boilers at the same time. Expert tuition by a competent boiler builder would help the first timers no end, and I believe it is another aspect of the hobby which could be developed.

Remember, any queries, give me a bell, etc. and hopefully I can help to solve your query forthwith.

Happy steaming,



Chairman

AMBSC Code Amendments

The following Amendments to Code Part 3 are to be decided at the AGM in Newcastle 2017.

General

The reasons for these proposals are for clarification of the intent of the document.

1) Part 1.2 Purpose

Para 1.2.1 Remove the word “Voluntary” from line 4.

NOTE: If you wish to run any pressure vessel in public including AALS Club premises, such vessel shall be built and tested by the appropriate AMBSC Code.

FOR AGAINST
(Place an X in the appropriate box)

2) Part 2.2 Design, Approval and Rejection.

Para 2.4 Medium Pressure Boilers. Insert new paragraph 2.4.9:–

2.4.9 “Any medium pressure boiler built to this Code shall be designed so that no area is subject to a stress greater than 26,000 kPa.

NOTE: Required to clarify any argument re staying of small boilers, especially in longitudinal stays. If in doubt carry out the calculations on necessary surfaces before starting to build.

FOR AGAINST
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