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Academy elects new president, Bob Brown, to lead AMA

M U N C I E – The membership of the Academy of Model Aeronautics has concluded its balloting for president, executive vice president and three district vice presidents, electing Bob Brown of Bradford PA as the leader of the AMA's 143,000 members and 2,400 clubs.

The newly elected executive vice president is Gary Fitch of Franklinville NY. The new district vice presidents include Tim Jesky of Monroe MI for District VII, serving Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa; Mike Mosbrooker of Oak Harbor WA for District XI, serving Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. All are three-year terms. Districts II and III vice president replacements for Fitch and Brown will be nominated and installed per AMA bylaws to serve until the next scheduled election.

To view results for all of the national and district elections go [here](#).

"I will endeavor to earn the support of all our members," said Brown, who assumes the presidency immediately because it was vacated earlier this year by current AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson. "It's a high honor. I look to continue the governing philosophy and success Dave had as president. There is much to do in 2012, so it's time for all of us in AMA leadership to roll up our sleeves and bring increased value to AMA membership."

On the Academy's near-term agenda are pending federal regulations affecting aeromodeling, something that has been in the works for more than three years and looks to be coming to a conclusion in the next few months. On the positive side, AMA has seen decreasing momentum in its nine-year membership slide with thousands of new youth members, bringing overall membership to 143,201, a rise from the previous membership year.

Fitch takes over the executive vice president position beginning in 2012 from Mark Smith of Arkansas, who had filled in for Mathewson after his transition to AMA staff leader in April. Jesky and Mosbrooker are new members to the Executive Council.

The Academy's mission is to protect and promote aeromodeling as the collective voice for the hobby and sport in the U.S. Founded in 1936, the AMA celebrates its 75th year in 2011.

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