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AASP-MN Executive Director Announces Retirement

Judell Anderson, executive director of the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) since 1996, announced that she will retire at the end of this year, the association reports.

With Anderson at the helm, AASP-MN enjoyed major legislative victories, created a scholarship program, expanded member benefits and attained record membership. She introduced strategic planning and applied best-practice association management principles into the day-to-day work of the association. Perhaps one of the most important accomplishments during her tenure was the founding of MNCARS – Minnesota Careers in Auto Repair & Service – in response to the industry's workforce shortage. Judell has also been active in I-CAR, SkillsUSA and a multitude of high school and college auto advisory committees and industry work groups at the national and local level.



"Judell has been our leader, our champion and our ally for 25 years! Her contributions to the automotive industry – most notably her support of automotive education & careers, along with legislative advocacy for independent automotive repair businesses – will be felt for years to come. For those reasons, and many others, we are forever grateful for her leadership of the Alliance and wish her all the best," said AASP-MN President, Tom Archambault.

Anderson said, "I am grateful to have served the members of AASP-MN for 25+ years, loving what I do every day and feeling like it made a difference. The job has always challenged me and the work, the people and the experience have been incredible."

An experienced association management professional, Judell served as assistant executive director at the Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning & Roofing Contractors Association prior to joining AASP-MN. She earned the designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE) in 1995, a credential achieved by just 5% of association professionals.

Anderson plans to continue in her role as administrator for AASP National.

The AASP-MN Board of Directors is committed to ensuring the continuity, stability and stature of AASP-MN into the future. A six-member search committee has been established to oversee the hiring and transition process and will keep the membership informed with updates as the process advances.

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is an association of nearly 700 independently owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving the state's automotive service industry and the success of its members.