

**Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, Minnesota (AASP-MN)**  
**Joint Meeting of the Collision Advisory & Government & Regulatory Affairs Committees**  
**Meeting Recap**  
**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

Present: Aaron Rolfsrud, Travis Doyle, Matt Feehan, Andrea Ossowski, Chad Bijou, Jesse Jacobson, Bruce Tschida, Will Latuff, Mike Matteson, Ramin Hakimi, Darrell Amberson, Jim Siegfried, Dale Feste, Roger Bonn, Carol Keyes, Dan Sjolseth, John Ritter, Jr., Judell Anderson, Tom Kluver, Kevin Walli

### **Welcome & Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Feehan. Participants introduced themselves.

### **2019 Legislative Session**

- OEM Procedure Language

As determined by members at the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff presented a draft of proposed legislation that would define “satisfactory repair” of damaged vehicles. The approach has been developed with the automobile manufacturers. The proposed definition states that satisfactory repair includes completion of vehicle repairs in accordance with original equipment manufacturer repair procedures and specifications.

Members discussed whether to make specific reference to pre- and post-repair scans. Members expressed concern that making reference to the scans might narrow the application of the law. Ultimately, the Committee determined that they would remove specific reference to scans.

AASP-MN staff has met with Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association representatives and the lobbyists for the manufacturers. AASP-MN will seek input and support from both organizations as we prepare final language for “satisfactory repair”.

Participants were asked whether there were members who would be willing to testify in support of the measure. Darrell Amberson and Will Latuff indicated a willingness to do so – subject to concurrence from their respective companies. Ideally, Darrell and/or Will will provide the repairer perspective *after* manufacturer representatives make the case – from an engineering and technical perspective – that OEM procedures must be followed to ensure the safe and proper repair and operation of the vehicle after a collision.

An overriding issue for the repair industry is the Texas lawsuit which established liability on a repair shop which did not follow specific OEM procedures and their customer was severely injured in a subsequent accident.

AASP-MN will work to set up meetings with key legislators including House Commerce Committee Chair Representative Laurie Halverson. We will seek authority to have the bill prepared for introduction and set up meetings with legislators who we would ask to author/co-author the measure.

- Department of Commerce

The new Commerce Commissioner is former State Representative and State Senator Steve Kelley.

We will request a meeting with the Commissioner so that we can brief him on auto repair industry issues/concerns.

- Salvage Title

Participants in the meeting discussed the LKQ salvage title bill that was introduced in 2018. The bill would eliminate reference to late-model and high-value vehicles in the salvage title statute. LKQ who initiated this legislation in 2018 proposes to do so again in 2019. A preliminary meeting with LKQ lobbyists was scheduled for the afternoon of January 24. (LKQ officials indicated their intention to proceed with the bill but indicated a willingness to find “compromise” which might allay the concerns of organizations such as AASP-MN.)

A meeting will be set up with LKQ, lobbyists for the Auto Auctions, AASP-MN and the Department of Public Safety – Driver and Vehicle Services Division.

### **Leadership Conference Roundtables**

Participants discussed a number of topics to be addressed at conference roundtables. They also identified facilitators for the roundtables who could provide mechanical or collision repair perspectives on the topics to be discussed.

### **Old/New Business**

- Suburban Chev has offered to sponsor a GM technical clinic(s) for AASP-MN members. Committee members will review the options and reply to Judell with their top 3 choices of subject matter. There was also interest in an A/C clinic, including 1234yf update, similar to what Bosch presented for AASP-MO.
- Judell inquired as to committee member interest in the association conducting a survey of members asking them to rate insurance companies. Other state industry associations do this. Committee members indicated that they saw little value in such an effort.
- The new logo and other branding elements have been launched.
- Nominations are being accepted for the open collision and mechanical seats on the Board of Directors for the 4/1/19 – 3/31/22 term. Interested members should contact the AASP-MN office or Wayne Watson, who is chairing the Nominating Committee.

### **Upcoming Events**

- MNCARS events: 3 upcoming events, all on January 31<sup>st</sup>. A doodle poll will be sent seeking volunteers.
- Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference: April 11
- SkillsUSA contest at Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park: April 13<sup>th</sup> (planning meeting immediately follows)
- Golf Outing: June 18

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the combined Collision Advisory and Government and Regulatory Affairs Committees is scheduled for March 7, 1:00 p.m. at the AASP-MN office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.