

Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, Minnesota (AASP-MN)
Joint Meeting of the Collision Advisory & Government & Regulatory Affairs Committees
Meeting Recap
Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Present: Aaron Rolfsrud, Travis Doyle, Matt Feehan, Andrea Ossowski, Chad Bijou, Jake Moser, Jesse Jacobson, Bruce Tschida, Will Latuff, Lee Schlosser, Judell Anderson, Kevin Walli, Sam Richie

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

LEGISLATIVE PLANNING

◆ **Election Results & Ramifications**

Kevin Walli presented information regarding the 2018 Election results and ramifications for AASP-MN. Participants were informed of the pending changes to leadership of the various State Agencies. New House Leadership was identified – specifically Speaker-Designate Melissa Hortman and new Committee Chairs – Representative Laurie Halverson, Chairing the House Commerce Committee and Representative Carlos Mariani, Chairing the Public Safety Committee. With Republicans retaining control of the Senate, no significant changes are expected there.

◆ **Issues Survey Results**

Judell Anderson presented information regarding the results of an Issues Survey which was transmitted to Committee Members. The four items that received the most attention in the survey were steering, insurance company mandates, need for clarification of certain existing statutory language and OEM repair procedures.

Members of the Committee discussed what the “biggest pain point” is for members. Several members discussed ongoing concerns with parts ordering – particularly concerns regarding being pressured to order parts from long distances – from companies with whom the repair shop has no relationship. The prospect of defining “reasonable market price” or “local market area” was identified as a possible legislative solution to help mitigate these challenges.

The difficulty of effectively enforcing statutes that prohibit insurer steering was acknowledged.

Members of the Governmental & Regulatory Affairs Committee joined the meeting: McKenzie Spalding, Darrell Amberson, Jim Siegfried, Dan Swenson, Roger Bonn, Bob Auman, Brittany Reilly, Dan Sjolseth and John Ritter, Jr.

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY – STATUS OF AIR EMISSIONS RULES

Hassan Bouchareb and Mike Nelson from the MPCA provided an update regarding the status of the rulemaking relating to air emission standards. The focus of the presentation was on the treatment of most shops as conditionally-exempt sources.

Timeframes for issuance of the proposed rule changes were presented.

The role of AASP-MN and CHES in helping to shape the new approach was discussed and AASP-MN specifically thanked the Agency staff for taking into account industry concerns.

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- ◆ **Election Results & Ramifications** – reviewed, as noted above.
- ◆ **Continued Discussion on Legislative Priorities/Initiatives**

After extensive discussion, committee members concurred that working to clarify existing language – terms such as “Satisfactory Repair” or “Local Market Area” – would provide significant relief to the repair industry and should be considered as a legislative priority in the coming Session. Requiring insurers to compensate shops for performing OEM-required repair procedures will also be a priority.

Based on the input provided by members, AASP-MN staff and lobbyists will refine proposals for consideration in the 2019 Legislative Session.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Members were asked to consider colleagues who might be willing to serve on the Governmental & Regulatory Affairs Committee – noting that it’s typical to rotate in new participants at the conclusion of the Legislative Session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Members were provided information regarding the upcoming Race for Automotive Education scheduled for January 8, 9 and 10.
- ◆ Members were also reminded of the April 11, 2019 Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 24, noon, at the AASP-MN office. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.