

**Associate Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 28, 2019  
AASP-MN Office**

**Meeting Recap**

Present: Dave Bock, Kevin Martin, Scott Lindner, Tony Tucci, Bob Auman, Rick Miller, Brad Schmid, Judell Anderson

**I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

The Associate Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Dave Bock. Cell phone policy was noted and those present introduced themselves.

**II. BRIEFING: ISSUES/INITIATIVES**

**Collision Division**

AASP-MN's legislative initiative this year is a proposal to help shops get paid for OEM repair procedures like scanning, etc. The bill would make it an unfair claims practice for an insurer to deny payment for repair operations and procedures performed in accordance with the original vehicle manufacturer's documented technical procedures. (It would not change current law regarding the types of parts to be used in the repair of a damaged vehicle.) The association is partnering with the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and also has support from the Automotive Service Association and Society of Collision Repair Specialists.

The air quality rulemaking process is complete and AASP-MN has communicated the details to its members. The new regulations establish emission limits that will allow many shops to be considered "conditionally-exempt sources". As such, these shops will be subject to certain recordkeeping requirements in lieu of permits.

AASP-MN also recently had an introductory meeting with the new Commissioner of Commerce – Steve Kelley. This is an ongoing practice to ensure that repair industry concerns are clearly understood by key personnel at the Department of Commerce.

**Mechanical Division**

Enrollment for the 2019 *Get to Know Your Neighborhood Auto Repair Pro™* campaign is currently under way. The program continues to be valued by those who participate.

**MNCARS (Minnesota Careers in Auto Repair & Service) Update**

MNCARS continues to participate in events to promote careers and education in the collision repair and auto service industry. The entire industry is encouraged to utilize the resources found in the MotorMouth toolbox.

**III. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Judell reported that, although AASP-MN achieved a 90% retention rate for 2018 renewals, it ended the year with a net loss of 13 members.

#### **IV. OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference: Delta Hotels by Marriott Minneapolis Northeast on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Those present indicated their willingness to help promote the event to their customer base. Judell will provide a digital file for this use.
- The new logo and other branding elements have been launched.

#### **V. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Discussion included trends in the dealership population and vehicle ownership.

#### **VI. ASSOCIATE DIVISION DIRECTOR**

Dave explained the process for selecting the Associate Division's representative on the AASP-MN Board of Directors. Motion was made and seconded to nominate Loren Feldkamp with LubeTech as the Associate Division Director for the period 4/1/19 – 3/31/22. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Appreciation was extended to Dave for his service to the association the past three years.

#### **VII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference – April 11 @ Delta Hotels by Marriott Mpls Northeast
- SkillsUSA contests – April 13 @ Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park
- Golf Outing – June 18 @ Keller Golf Course

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.