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**Recent activities of the ASA Collision Division
Operations Committee ...**

**COC Planning Sessions
for NACE | Automechanika**

The COC continues to be actively involved in planning for the collision educational sessions at NACE | Automechanika Chicago with a focus on pre- and post-scanning and telematics issues to help collision shops get the latest information on the tooling necessary to cope with this new technology. The COC is actively working with the Mechanical Operations Committee (MOC) to evaluate various scanning methods and equipment as part of the research process and is working with Mike Anderson to put together another panel discussion on the pre- and post-repair scanning topic during the show in Chicago this summer.

**CCC Representative Provides
Info on BMS Standards**

One of the hottest topics in the collision industry is the switch to BMS standards for file transfers. To look into this more deeply, the COC recently hosted Mark Fincher, from CCC Information Systems, to provide an overview of the BMS system and explore the differences and benefits over the existing EMS standards, which are being phased out.

Fincher explained that the BMS standards are basically designed to help better share data. According to Fincher, the current EMS data does not provide for security, mobility and scale. Originally designed by CIECA, EMS data is not encrypted and stored locally on a shop hard drive with no inherent cloud capability. To address these issues, CIECA designed BMS in 2002 to give users the ability to send components of that data and better secure and control the data being shared. BMS is also mobile-friendly and uses the cloud for data storage/access.

Fincher also outlined the new CCC Secure Share,

which allows connection with third-party apps and secure data sharing via the cloud. "The collision industry has been calling for more secure data handling for some time now," Fincher said. "Implementation of BMS addresses this need."

Timing for CCC Secure Share implementation runs through 2017, with a target of April 3, 2018, to shut down EMS data sharing completely. CCC will provide BMS free for the first year to roll it out to the industry, and, according to Fincher, both EMS and BMS can be used during the transition.

**Members Set Dates to Attend
Fly-In and Board Meeting**

As with the MOC, plans are underway for the COC 2017 Legislative Fly-In to Washington, D.C. The timing will be different for the COC visit to allow a full day of business on Capitol Hill visiting legislators to provide focused input on various legislative initiatives on behalf of collision repair shops.

The COC also will have a full, face-to-face meeting planned with ASA Washington Representative Bob Redding to discuss progress on such issues as most favored nation clauses in the insurance industry and other existing or proposed legislation with the potential to impact the collision repair industry. In addition to the Fly-In, the COC will hold a half-day meeting at the 2017 ASA Board Meeting April 24-26, in Denver, Colo.

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