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

One of the hottest topics in the collision industry is the switch to BMS standards for file transfers. COC approached 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 also outlined the new CCC SecureShare, which allows connection with third-party apps and secure data sharing via the Cloud. The issue of CCC's SecureShare has since become the subject of much debate within the collision industry, and the COC will continue to work with the CIC Committee addressing this issue.

Meetings at NACE Automechanika

COC members in attendance had the opportunity to participate in both the MSO & ATDRF Forums. Both were well attended and provided their respective audiences with insights and information into the latest trends in automotive technology and business outlooks for the collision industry as we move into the second decade of the 21st Century.

COC members also took the opportunity to meet with representatives of I-CAR to discuss the Gold Class program and its impact on insurer relationships. Some COC members have raised questions regarding the loss of Gold Class status when an employee leaves.

In the period of time it takes to replace the employee and get the new hire trained up to requalify for the shop's Gold Class status, concerns were expressed about the potential to lose their DRP relationships.

The I-CAR representatives answered these concerns and assured the COC members present that they have been made aware of this and other issues and are taking steps to address them. In addition, I-CAR invited the COC members to assist with their Industry Segment Advisory Council (ISAC) committees work on technical topics.

Two more significant events COC members found at the show were Mike Anderson's panel discussing vehicle scanning and what was billed as Scan-A-Palooza, where several scan tool manufacturers demonstrated the capabilities of their diagnostic equipment on the show floor. ASA's COC continues its work to help bring collision members up to speed on the need for pre- and post-

repair scans to check for trouble codes. Although there is ongoing discussion within the collision and insurance industries on this topic, with the complexity of modern driver assist systems such as stability control and automatic braking, verifying proper system function is fast becoming the norm when performing repairs.

Washington Fly-in

The 2017 COC legislative Fly-in to Washington, D.C., took place Sept. 5-7 and followed up the successful event for MOC members back in May. The COC Fly-in followed the same format, with town-hall type meetings set for various legislators to discuss issues of high importance to the collision repair industry.

With topics such as potential changes to the Federal Insurance Office and the impact of Dodd-Frank reform, the COC members attending had a busy schedule and all reported it as a great opportunity to make our voices heard at the highest levels of government. The agenda included everything from vehicle safety technologies to parts legislation/policy and even how the telematics issue can impact the collision industry.

Many thanks to ASA Washington representative Bob Redding and Holly Wolfe for setting up this opportunity.

2018 Planning

The planning process for our 2018 agenda includes developing a position statement on the use of welded parts, working more closely with I-CAR through their ISAC committees, and a potential visit to the CAPA testing facilities in Michigan as part of a new project to examine the testing process for the various parts certification programs. This, plus our ongoing projects covering vehicle scanning and updates to our Not Included Charts promises to offer a busy New Year.

From our team to yours, All the Best for the Holidays!

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