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SCRS Announces 2005-2006 Board of Directors

Prosser, Washington, April 27, 2005 — The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) is pleased to announce their 2005-2006 Board of Directors. The new officers were sworn in at SCRS Annual Corporate Awards Luncheon, which took place on April 13th at the Westin Charlotte Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Tom Moreland, Director of Industry Relations and National Accounts for Akzo Nobel (Georgia), will lead the organization over the course of the next year as Chairman. Completing the Executive Board are Vice Chairman Gary Wano (Oklahoma), Secretary Barry Dorn (Virginia), Treasurer Chad Sulkala (Massachusetts), Director at Large Stacy Bartnik (Illinois) and Immediate Past Chairman Lou DiLisio (Illinois).

Rounding out the Board are National Directors Farzam Afshar (California), Dan Bailey (Missouri), Toby Chess (California), Craig Griffin (Arkansas), Bob Smith (Missouri), March Taylor (Hawaii), and Tim Waldren (Nevada).

“This Board is very diverse as there are individuals with many years of industry experience and knowledge complemented by several that are young to the industry, although leaders in their own right,” says Vice Chairman Wano. “The mix of youthful enthusiasm and tempered wisdom will be valuable to SCRS and our membership.”

Moreland’s election to Chairman is a change for SCRS, and perhaps ground breaking. This is the first time in their history that a vendor from the collision repair industry is at the helm. “Although having Tom as Chairman may come as a surprise to some, it doesn’t to those closely affiliated with SCRS. We’ve had the opportunity to witness his leadership skills and the value he lends to our organization over the past two years as he served as Vice Chairman,” explains SCRS Executive Director Dan Risley. “He’s an independent but measured thinker that never loses sight of the implications of his decisions— he will work on behalf of SCRS and the best interests of the collision repair industry in the same fashion as his predecessors.”

Moreland further commented, “I believe the success I’ve had at Akzo Nobel can be translated to my duties as SCRS Chairman. Any action or decision the association makes needs to consider the short and long term implications to the industry at large, as well as our individual members. I am thankful for this opportunity, and look forward to continuing the strong SCRS tradition of being the voice of the collision repair industry.”

SCRS is already at work helping the industry face the challenges of the new year. High on its’ agenda is the Database Task Force, an effort spearheaded by the national collision repair associations (SCRS, ASA, and AASP) to work with ADP, CCC/MOTOR and Mitchell in addressing macro level issues. Immediate Past Chairman Lou DiLisio will continue to head up this project to help ensure a smooth transition into the new year.

SCRS National Director Stacy Bartnik, who will serve on the Executive Committee as the Director at Large commented, “SCRS is a strong group of industry leaders that has built a solid foundation of achievement over the past 20-plus years. It’s an honor to able to help carry on the tradition, and from a personal growth standpoint, it’s a great chance to learn from some of the best leaders in the industry.”

Other SCRS priorities include continued progress toward a two-way communication resolution—which looks especially promising with the industry information providers agreeing to become more active in discussions. The Society and its Board is currently in discussions on how to best address legislation under consideration by the National Coalition of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), which claims that certified aftermarket parts are equal to or better than those supplied by OEMs.

“In the upcoming year, SCRS plans to advance its philosophy of reaching out to share thoughts and collaborate on solutions to issues important to the collision industry,” Moreland states. “Whether these joint efforts take place with ASA, AASP, the OEMs, the insurance companies or any other industry segment, open dialog has proven to be very productive and remains the best evidence that ‘Working Together Is The Most Important Work We Do.’”

Through its direct members and 29 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 5,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS including news releases is available at the SCRS web site: www.scrs.com. You can e-mail SCRS at the following address: scrs1@aol.com.

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