



**Executive Director's Report
April 2005**

Two Way Communications

We have issued several press releases since NACE that illustrated the many endorsers of this technology (members and non members alike). We continue to receive e-mails and phone calls from repairers asking to have their name added to our list of two-way communication supporters. If you would like your name added, please send an e-mail to SCRS Executive Director, Dan Risley at drisley7@comcast.net with your name, company name, city and state. We are pleased to report that CCC Information Services announced during the National Industry Issues Forum in Charlotte, N.C., that they will offer two-way communication between like estimating systems in July of this year. Your support has helped make two-way communication a reality.

Recently a task force was created with participants from SCRS, ASA, and AASP to work with a group of insurance company representatives to document the workflow from a repairer and insurance perspective to provide to the information providers on how it would work best for the industry. The end result was an agreed upon process that was simple, yet ensured the privacy of the consumers information would remain intact.

CIC Database Task Force

The Database Task Force, spearheaded by SCRS, AASP and ASA, have met by conference call several times since our January meeting. We have been in contact with the information providers and have scheduled meetings with them to discuss the "macro" level issues identified during the Collision Industry Conference (CIC) Planning Meeting. These "macro" level issues include things such as disclosure when changes are made to the database that effect labor times or calculations. The first meeting is to be held in advance of the April CIC meeting, further information will be reported upon as it becomes available.

NCOIL Meeting

July 7-10th in Newport, Rhode Island, the National Coalition of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) will be considering legislation regarding certified aftermarket parts. This legislation states that certified aftermarket parts are equal to or better than OEM, among other things. This obviously raises serious concerns as to the reason for the legislation, as well as the validity. (As a side note, it was recently introduced in California as a state bill). The use of certified aftermarket parts should be market driven according to quality and value, not legislation. The SCRS Board of Directors will be drafting a letter in opposition of this legislation as proposed.

Northeast Leadership Meeting

SCRS co-hosted the East Coast Resolution Forum and Leadership Meeting in Suffern, New York prior to the Northeast Trade Show. This annual event is an opportunity for the leadership within the various state associations in the Northeast to give an update as to the issues impacting their members, as well as what the association is currently working on that might be useful for other states to learn from.

Affiliate Association Meetings

SCRS is frequently asked to speak at various affiliate association meetings. We recently participated at the Iowa Auto Body Association, Montana Collision Repairer Specialists and Nevada Collision Industry Association meetings. If your association is interested in having Dan Risley or another SCRS representative one of your upcoming meetings, please contact Dan at (708) 598-3384 or e-mail at drisley7@comcast.net.

CIECA - Collision Repairer Involvement

Paul Krauss (SCRS representative and current CIECA Chairman) recently discussed with SCRS the lack of repairer involvement in CIECA. Paul shared his concerns regarding the direction of CIECA and the lack of consistent repairer direction. He believes that the industry is missing an opportunity to provide input and future direction. He is requesting that we identify repairers that can consistently participate and represent the best interests of the collision repair industry. If you are interested in participating, please contact SCRS immediately.

April 2005 SCRS Board of Directors Meeting

On April 13th, SCRS held its' Annual Meeting and election of officers. Your 2005-2006 Board of Directors are as follows:

Executive Board

Chairman - Tom Moreland (Georgia)
Vice Chairman - Gary Wano (Oklahoma)
Secretary – Barry Dorn (Virginia)
Treasurer – Chad Sulkala (Massachusetts)
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Bob Smith (Missouri)	Tim Waldron (Nevada)	Craig Griffin (Arkansas)
Farzam Afshar (California)	March Taylor (Hawaii)	Toby Chess (California)
Dan Bailey (Missouri)		

We would like to offer a special thank you to Lou DiLisio for serving two years as Chairman of SCRS. His leadership skills and industry knowledge was a valuable asset to the association during his tenure. We wish Lou all the best as he looks forward to focusing more of his time and energy on his business as President of Automotive Industry Consulting.

SCRS Window Decal

Enclosed is a newly produced SCRS member window decal for your proud display.