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COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 05.10.2024

COMMITTEE: Education Training & Information (ETI) Committee

CHAIR: Luke Murray

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Luke Murray, Jim Silverman, Lee Chesnin, David Kusa, Tim Chakarian, John Eppstein, Rocky Khamenian, Jimmy Lea, Wendy Lucko, Randy McClure, Rob Morrell, Grant Takikawa, Gilber Rios

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Developed Annual Training Conference (ATC) management and technical training tracks.
- Registration is open for both attendees and exhibitors/sponsors.
- ATC Marketing is underway.
- RFPs sent and proposals received for 2025 ATC location in Sacramento, CA.

Registered Sponsors/Exhibitors

1. AutoTechIQ
2. Digital Financial Group
3. **Impel (Diamond Sponsor)**
4. Kukui Corporation
5. Shopgenie
6. Snap-on PRO-CUT Brake Solutions
7. Tekmetric

Shop Monkey is in the process of signing on as a silver sponsor.

ACTION FOR BOD:

None at this time.

BUDGET REQUESTS:

None at this time.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: May 10, 2024

COMMITTEE: Membership / PR

CHAIR: Angi Roberts

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Lee Chesnin, Andrei Obolenskiy, Daniel Costa, Glenn Davis, John Eppstein, Seiko Nagata

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

Activities and accomplishments towards Board directives since January 2024 reporting

- *We have continued our quarterly all-leader meetings, March 14 and May 2, 2024 being the most recent.*

In March, we held an all-Chapter sample sharing meeting. Chapters shared with each other their great ideas for Chapter management, Chapter events and activities, newsletters, free software and services to support Chapters. It was a great meeting, with members attending from all over the state.

In May, it was all about the 2024 Annual Training Conference. We invited special guests Luke Murray, Jim Silverman, and Natalie Perry to speak about logistics, the training tracks, speaker selection, and more. Our special guests also shared logistics information and some ideas of activities for families during the day while the training is happening. We

learned that Friday night and Saturday night are both going to have special events going on: networking and no host cocktails on Friday, and a giant party with great food, music, and the infamous corn hole tournament on Saturday.

- *The PR side of this Committee has been very active so far this year attending local community events.* We attended the California State Competition of SkillsUSA in Ontario, CA. We staffed an exhibit table there, as well as supported the Chair of the ASCCA-created student testing, Samantha Tracey, Riverside, Chapter 14. It was a very inspiring and rewarding event for all who attended and volunteered.
 - **ACTION REQUEST:** Samantha Tracey is being recommended to the Board for special recognition at EOY 2024 when President's Awards are presented. We request she be honored for her significant contributions to the competition by creating testing in automotive technologies, including the rubric for judges, student hands-on and written tests, and every other detail required for the automotive technologies competitions. Many attendees/instructors commented on not only the thoroughness of the new competition, but also the overall reaction by the students since Samantha developed testing with students using actual vehicles onsite. In the past, they had never done hands-on testing of any kind at the State Competition.

We also attended high school and college career fairs throughout the state in several locations, due to the support of the outstanding volunteers in the Chapters, both in Northern and Southern California.

- *Working with staff, we are implementing a new special program for limited trial members to help them become more engaged with the Association at a deeper level.* These meetings are to be held quarterly. All past and present individuals/shops with trial membership will be invited to attend these meetings.
- *The Membership Committee continues to offer Chapter leaders individually branded recruitment and retention materials, flyers, brochures, graphics, and more.* Just contact Anne in the State office or Angi Roberts

with your requests. All we need is the Chapter logo, the written description of the unique and special attributes of your Chapter, some sample activities from the past several years, and photos of people having fun at your activities and Chapter meetings.

- *We also continue to work very closely with ASCCA Association staff to develop updated marketing content, postcard language, and website updates.* We will also be inviting each ASCCA Committee Chair to review their Committee page to ensure it is as engaging as possible, with the additions of photos on each page, and updating with current activities on each Committee page.

ACTION FOR BOD:

Please consider recognizing Samantha Tracey, Chapter 14 regular member, for her significant contributions and commitment to ASCCA as demonstrated by her over the top support at SkillsUSA.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: May 19, 2024

COMMITTEE: Government Affairs

CHAIR: David Kusa, James Justus, Vice Chair

REPORT WRITTEN BY: Jack Molodanof, Legislative Advocate

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

Vehicle Batteries

SB 615 –Electric Batteries – Concerns. Requires an automotive repair dealer that removes a battery from a vehicle that is still in service to participate in a core exchange program established by the battery supplier and be responsible for either returning a removed battery to the battery supplier or sending it to a qualified facility. Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Employment

AB 518 - Paid Family leave – Concerns. Expands the definition of “family member” for purposes of the Paid Family Leave Program to allow workers to take time off to care for a seriously ill designated person. Status: Senate Inactive File.

AB 1870 – Workers’ Compensation Notice – Watch. This bill would require the existing posted workers’ compensation notice to include information concerning an injured employee ability to consult a licensed attorney to advise them of their rights under workers’ compensation laws. Status: Senate Rules Committee.

AB 2288 – Private Civil Actions – Concerns. Existing law provides that Private Attorney General Act (PAGA) authorizes an aggrieved employee, on behalf of themselves and other current or former employees to bring a civil action pursuant to violation of the Labor Code. This bill would

additionally authorize the award of injunctive and declaratory relief. Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2751 – Employer Communications During Nonworking hours – Concerns. This bill requires employers to establish a workplace policy that provides employees the right to disconnect from communications from employer during nonworking hours. Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1116 – Unemployment Insurance: eligibility of benefits – Concerns – This bill will provide unemployment benefits to workers that go on strike which increases unemployment insurance taxes to all employers: Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Vehicle Emissions

SB 301 - Zero-Emission Aftermarket – Watch. Requires CARB to establish the Zero Emissions Aftermarket project to provide an applicant with a rebate up to \$4,000 for a vehicle that has been converted to a zero-emission vehicle. Status: Assembly Inactive File.

AB 2418 – Vehicular Air Pollution: Heavy Duty Trucks – Watch. This bill would exempt a 2024 and subsequent model heavy duty truck that meets federal emission standards from state regulations governing exhaust emissions. Status: Assembly Transportation Committee.
Career Tech Funding

AB 377- Career Tech Education- Support. Increases Career Technical Education funding from \$300 million each year to \$450 million. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2273 – Career Technical Education – Watch. This bill establishes the California pilot paid internship program to help pupils for higher skill jobs of the future and appropriates \$12 million dollars to the Department of Education to allocate grant funds to school districts for the internship programs. Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1927 – Career Technical Education Instructors – Watch. This bill would expand the Golden State Teacher Grant Program to also award grants to students who commit to work for 4 years as a credentialed career technical education instructor. Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Catalytic Converters

AB 2188 – Vehicles – Support. This bill creates an exemption allowing owners of newer vehicles, no older than five years, to replace a stolen catalytic converter with a similar federal EPA compliant model, rather than a California ARB compliant converter. Status: Assembly Transportation Committee.

AB 2536 – Vehicles; local registration fees. Watch. This bill would define vehicle theft crimes to include the theft of vehicle parts or components such as catalytic converters. By expanding theft crimes to include converters, counties will be able to access funding and allocate resources to address theft of converters. Status: Senate Transportation Committee.

Other Bills of Interest

AB 1901 – Vehicles: Total Loss Claim: Salvage Certificate. Watch. This bill would, if an insurance company requests a salvage pool to take possession of a vehicle that is subject of a total loss claim, and insurance company does not take possession of the vehicle, authorize the insurance company to direct the salvage pool to release the vehicle to the registered and legal owner. Status: Senate Transportation Committee.

AB 2386 – Tobacco: Vehicle Sale Disclosures. Watch. This bill requires preowned vehicle retailers to provide customers with a specified tobacco residue disclosure at the point of sale and prior to transfer of ownership. Status: Assembly Health Committee.

SB 898 – Vehicle Equipment: Windows. Watch. Requires all vehicles sold in California to be equipped with a side window, windshield, back window, and sunroof that allow no more than 2% of ultraviolet A radiation, no more than 2% of ultraviolet B radiation, and no more than 10% of infrared radiation of the incident solar radiation into the vehicle. Status: Senate Floor.

SB 903 – Environmental Health: Product Safety. Concerns. Prohibits a person from distributing, selling or offering for sale in the state a product that contains Polyfluoroalkyl substance, unless currently unavoidable. These substances are used in many products, including automotive products such as gaskets, shock absorbers and bushings. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 961 – Vehicles Safety Equipment. Concerns. This bill requires 50% of certain vehicles, commencing with 2027 model year to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1313 – Vehicle Equipment: Driver Monitoring Defeat Systems. Watch. This bill would prohibit vehicles from being equipped with a device that is designed for, or is capable of, neutralizing, disabling, or otherwise interfering with a direct driver monitoring system, Status: Senate Floor.

SB 1526 – Consumer Affairs. Watch. This bill, among other things, revises BAR applications and renewal forms to include applicable BAR accepted educational certifications. Status: Senate Floor.

BAR Regulations

Towing and Storage Fee Regulations. The BAR is proposing new storage regulations which would place limitations (caps) on what shops can charge for storage and impose new administrative requirements on automotive repair shops. Among other things, shops will be required to post and display current daily storage rates visible to customers and notify, in writing, when charges will accrue.

Auto body shops will be required to report their annual daily storage rates to the BAR under penalty of perjury. BAR is creating a search tool for the public to identify storage rates charged in a given locale. The definition of “locale” is controversial. If shops are performing repairs, they will be able to charge rates comparable to other facilities in the same locale. However, shops that are charging towing and storage fees with no repairs will only be able to charge storage fees similar to CHP or local police departments. The shop may not charge storage while the customer vehicle is undergoing repairs, which includes the teardown process.

When performing a tear down, the shop must inform the customer of the number of days after estimate that the customer has to authorize or remove vehicle prior to storage fees accruing. Vehicles must be stored at shop’s primary business, and the shop must notify consumer if the vehicle is moved to another location. These regulations are highly controversial and BAR plans on revising and conducting another workshop in the near future.

Tear Down and Insurance Disclosure Requirements. BAR is also working on regulations that will revise current tear down (disassembly) disclosure requirements and require all auto repair shops accepting payments for repairs from insurers to include the expected payment amount from the insurer on the estimate. If this amount is unknown, a disclaimer statement must be included on the estimate. Industry concerns revolve around the potential insertion of automotive repair shops between the customer and insurer relationship, as well as the creation of additional administrative requirements for automotive repair dealers. We are actively monitoring this regulation and will provide updates accordingly.

ACTION FOR BOD: None

BUDGET REQUESTS: None



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: May 19, 2024

Committee: Revenue & Benefits

Chair: Jim Silverman

Summary of Committee Activities:

The Committee continues to identify potential new partners as well as to strengthen relationships with existing ones. It continues to be strategic about new partnerships and to support the Annual Training Conference with identifying exhibitors and sponsors.

A fiscal analysis will be conducted shortly to determine the impact of the inclusion of a lower end financial commitment by partners. This will be presented to the Executive Committee at an upcoming meeting.