



ANNUAL ELECTION 2023-2024 SCRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Incumbents:



Tony Adams
AkzoNobel (MO)

As a child growing up, I spent most of my winter, spring, and summer breaks from school in the body shop alongside my father, who was a collision repair technician. In August of 1989, I was officially hired on as a porter. While I never repaired cars professionally, I did every other job in the shop from the back to the front end. Ultimately, I became business partners in 1996, until we sold the shop in January 2021. Then, I started my next journey.

I joined the AkzoNobel team in August of 2021 as a Business Services Consultant, covering the Midwest territory. While working for a paint company was never on my projected path, I have found it be very rewarding. I enjoy working with shops and sharing information about following OEM repair procedures, creating safe and proper repairs, while sharing some of my experiences, successes, and failures along the way.

During my 33 years in the industry, I have also taken on several life journeys including reinventing myself as a leader and business coach. I attended Coach U in 2010 and graduated with my coaching certificate in 2011. One of my greatest passions is helping others. I have traveled the country working with businesses to help grow people. I've spoken at several trade shows and conferences on different leadership and industry topics. In addition to my work and personal experiences, I'm actively involved within the industry. I'm a current SCRS Board Member, Gold Pin Member of CIC, and serve on the CIC talent pool education committee. Being involved in all these organizations has enabled me to provide great education and information that can help shops in my market.

Outside of my industry life, I've been married to my wife, Jody for twenty-three years. Together we have an 18-year-old son who is graduating from high school in just a couple of months.

When not working I enjoy spending time with my dad at our farm either fishing or restoring the old tractor.

New Nominees:



**Andrew Batenhorst
Pacific BMW Collision
Center (CA)**

Andrew Batenhorst, body shop manager at Pacific BMW Collision Center (Glendale, CA), started his automotive career in 1999 as a professional detailer. Upon graduation from college, he worked at one of the top 3 largest insurers in the country. After spending his time assessing high end vehicles and exotics around Los Angeles, he decided to expand his passion for collision repair by becoming a repair planner at Pride Collision Centers, Inc. in Van Nuys, CA. Under the guidance of Randy Stabler, Steve Morris Sr, Paco Arias, and Jeff Baker, Andrew developed his skills and became well known for writing very thorough repair plans while incorporating lean theory/processes into his day to day tasks. Andrew moved on to become manager of two Pride locations in the Santa Clarita Valley, before eventually moving on to Pacific BMW to head up their body shop. Their CCRC has consistently ranked high in the BMW network due to their innovative processes, standards, and organization for the past 5 years. Andrew is a member of the CIC Estimating Committee, CIECA Repair Procedure Committee, AkzoNobel Acoat program, College of the Canyons Auto Tech Advisory Board, and the California Auto Body Association.

Andrew states, "I would love the opportunity to join the SCRS board, as I bring a unique perspective to shop processes and organizational culture (like 5S) that can help others transform their businesses and overcome common barriers to success. For too long, we have relied on "well, we did it this way for all these years, let's keep doing that." I firmly believe that fixing cars the right way (the first time), while minimizing waste and increasing efficiency are not unobtainable for the smallest of body shops in our country all the way up to the biggest consolidators. Through my own facility, I am living proof that incremental changes and continuous improvement can be achieved by all shop operators, and hopefully transform our industry to be the go to choice for people seeking a fulfilling career."



Michael Giarrizzo Jr.
DCR Systems (OH)

Michael Giarrizzo Jr. is president and CEO of DCR Systems, which delivers outsourced, OE Certified, turnkey accident repair centers based on lean manufacturing principles. Through strategic partnerships and its unique and patented applications, DCR Systems streamlines workflow and creates consistency with traditional auto body repair, creating wins for all stakeholders.

Giarrizzo and partners founded DCR Systems in 2004 with a vision to create a “fundamentally better” way to do auto body repair. Prior to DCR’s founding, Giarrizzo served as President of JSI Collision Centers and then COO of Sterling Collision Centers, in which he grew the company to 65 stores across 10 states and transitioned 39 stores from “traditional” thinking to true process flow environments.

Today, DCR Systems operates nine production cells across seven locations in multiple states on the East Coast. In addition to offering dealer-based accident repair centers, DCR Systems offers a licensing model that allows dealerships to adopt its world-class processes and proprietary applications, through which it currently has two licensed locations, with two more opening in the 2nd quarter of 2023. The DCR Team has developed and implemented specialized tools, applications, and technologies to streamline the repair and claims processes, including the DCR Claims Portal, a powerful and convenient app that delivers a complete, easy-to-navigate electronic story of the repair.

Michael is honored to be considered for the board of this industry-leading organization and its passionate advocates.



Andrew Suggs
ABS Equipment Co. (TN)

Being raised in a body shop my entire life I understand the challenges from every angle. The highs and lows, the tears of joy and tears of stress and defeat. As the son of a shop owner, an employee, an owner, and now a distributor and consultant to shops I carry a unique perspective of the industry. I have worked in every position of a shop, even the janitor. My father believed to be a good leader you need to know and relate to the challenges of every person in the building. Be able to offer solutions to a problem and lift up a coworker or employee when they are struggling because you have already experienced what they are going through. These were lessons that shaped who I am today. I am a problem solver, a motivator and forward thinker. I love my industry, the men and women in it are some of the smartest people I have ever been associated with.

My journey in the collision industry had a couple twists to it along the way. As I stated before I grew up in a shop since I was two weeks old. However, I was a two sport athlete in high school and ended up going to college on a golf scholarship. I had a fairly successful collegiate career with two wins, played in 4 conference championships, and two national championships. I decided to turn professional in the summer of 2004. With a mildly successful professional career of 6 years, 4 of which were full time. I had 26 wins on 9 different tours and had the absolute privilege of playing on multiple tours in multiple countries. After a couple of years of playing through an injury I came back to what would be my passion, the collision world.

I ran my families shops up until 2018 when my father retired and I took over. When I took over as president of European Collision Repair, we had 4 shops in 3 locations, 12 OEM certifications and annual sales around 9 million. I added a 4th location in the end of 2018 and started a strong plan of growth, financial discipline and continued assumption of OEM programs. At the end of 2022 we finish that year with 5 shops in 4 locations, 31 OEM certifications across all shops, and 19.3 million in annual sales. Our certifications included, Porsche, Audi, Mercedes Tier 2, Rivian, Lucid, Tesla, Jag/ Rover, VW, Volvo, BMW, and Lexus just to name a few. I would consider us to be one of the most certified collision companies in the country.

I have had the pleasure of being on advisory boards for several of the OEM's. Sitting on panels for industry discussions, and having some of the best friends and mentors in the industry. I know several of the current members of SCRS, and proud to call them more than just colleagues, they are friends. I am beyond humbled to just be mentioned in the same sentence as them, much less considered to be apart of SCRS. I love my industry, and have always made a point of putting the industry first before business and personal gains. The collision industry is unique in so many ways and growing faster than it can handle. Which is why it is more important than ever to have great people helping to shape it for the industry. It would be an honor to serve with SCRS to continue to grow and motivate the industry. Our industry has many challenges ahead of it and would love the opportunity to help address and find solutions to them. The more united and educated our industry is the stronger it will be for the future.