



ANNUAL ELECTION 2024-2025 SCRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Incumbents:



**Todd Hesford
Community
Collision Centers (CA)**

Todd Hesford is the director of Mission Viejo Auto Collision and Santa Margarita Auto Collision, located in southern California. This is a family owned operation that has flourished over 40 years. Being established in 1978 by Todd's mother Lyn Hesford. Todd came aboard in 1992 and like so many of his predecessors in the industry was given the tools for greatness on the first day. A broom, a trash can, and a hose.....The future as a lot porter and a wash attendant was bright. All joking aside, it is absolutely in that role where Todd learned his greatest traits. To serve, listen, follow direction, be accountable, and work really, really hard.

Over the next 20 years, Todd confirmed what he had always believed as a young child. He absolutely did not like cars, but loved serving people and overwhelmingly grew in love with the industry. So he put the dislike a side and learned, every day, and continues to do so. With the simple philosophy of be a life learner, not just about his position but about all positions and trends within our industry. More importantly to do so with a servant heart and an open mind.

Approximately 15 years ago, Todd started attending the various industry conferences with the intent to listen, and learn. He has made some great relationships in the process, worked hand and hand with I-CAR on developing a local committee. Sponsored multiple student ROP events in highlighting the collision industry, and works with multiple local education providers on offering insight into our industry.

Being able to learn from and serve our industry through SCRS has been one of the absolute highlights in Todds career. He is grateful to be considered for another term and ready to answer the bell.



Andy Tylka
TAG Auto Group (IN)

Andy Tylka is the sole owner of TAG Auto Group, which encompasses 14 Collision Centers, 4 Calibration Centers, Towing, Glass, and Mechanical shops across Indiana and Illinois.

Working hard to maintain his family legacy, in 2019 Andy Tylka purchased the existing 3 locations and became the second-generation owner and operator of *Tom and Ed's Autobody*.

Through the acquisition of the family business and the growth, of a strong leadership team, they expanded the enterprise by acquiring 11 additional collision facilities, forming what is now "TAG AUTO GROUP". The growth would not have been possible without the support of his wife of 10 years (Juanita), and their 2 boys (Max and Thomas).

The current focus in his career is vehicle calibrations, having established 4 brick and mortar Calibration Centers named "Midwest Adas" with several more in the pipeline. He quickly became a vocal advocate for vehicles to be calibrated with the proper required environment, training, tooling, and documentation.

Andy's goal for Indiana and Nationally was focused on education, transparency, and empowerment of others in the collision repair industry. This led to taking on the new role as President of the *Indiana Autobody Association (IABA)*.

Many opportunities to contribute to panels and speaking events between the Collision Industry Conferences, tradeshow, performance groups, and SCRS events, enabled Andy to observe the industry's influence from a national level, throughout his jump-in experience.

Beyond his ownership and leadership roles, Andy is deeply involved in industry advocacy and leadership, serving as the co-chair of the Affiliate Committee, and holding memberships in several other committees within the Society of Collision Repair Specialist's (SCRS).

"I am grateful for both the knowledge and relationships I have been fortunate enough to gain. My personal goal is to make the process easier for others to enjoy and for people interested in the collision field to develop within the industry as much as I have."

Currently occupying an executive chair position as Treasurer, Andy Tylka is up for re-election, showcasing his ongoing commitment to educate, inform, and represent the collision repair professional in all aspects of the industry.

New Nominees:



Josh McFarlin
AirPro Diagnostics (FL)

Josh McFarlin, a Florida native, has always seen life as a puzzle to be solved. From tinkering with his first car (a 1966 Mustang Coupe) at 13, to becoming a Ford Senior Master Technician and earning an MBA, he's been dedicated to understanding and improving the automotive industry.

His journey includes roles at Audi, Raytheon Professional Services and I-CAR, where he played a vital role in shaping industry training standards and working to make sure every person in the collision repair industry has the information, knowledge and skills required to perform complete, safe, and quality repairs for the ultimate benefit of the consumer.

In 2019, Josh took on the role of Executive VP of Operations at AirPro Diagnostics, contributing his knowledge to the company's growth and technological advancements. In 2023 he took on the role of President and COO at AirPro Diagnostics.

With nearly 30 years of working in the automotive industry, Josh is extremely honored and excited for the opportunity to give back to the industry that has given him so many opportunities. He views the SCRS board of directors as the ideal group to do this with based on all that they do for the industry already. Josh has been working closely with SCRS members and board members for over 10 years already on committees and task force projects and would like to take that work to the next level in support of SCRS and it's members.



Ken Miller
821 Collision (NJ)

It is with great enthusiasm and dedication to the mission of the Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) that I humbly accept the nomination for a position on the Board of Directors. Drawing on my extensive experience within the collision repair industry and a steadfast commitment to elevating its standards, I am enthusiastic about contributing to the strategic direction and success of the SCRS.

Professional Background –

During my three-decade tenure in the automotive industry, with the last 11 years dedicated specifically to collision repair, I have actively participated in several capacities spanning a wide breadth of roles, including technical roles, management positions, training manager, in addition to various operational responsibilities and culminating in my current role as a shop owner.

I have garnered a comprehensive understanding of industry challenges; these selfsame challenges sparked my desire to be a driving force for positive change.

Leadership and Industry Advocacy –

Throughout my career, my leadership roles have allowed me to guide teams in implementing best practices and embracing technological advancements both within and beyond the collision repair industry. I have sought to be more mentor than manager, as I aim to inspire those under my guidance to be perpetual learners seeking growth and improvement. Additionally, I am proud of my advocacy efforts for the industry, including serving on the Board of Directors for both the AASP-NJ and AASP National, numerous advisory councils and most recently as AASP-NJ President. Collectively, these endeavors underscore my unwavering dedication to cultivating a robust and flourishing collision repair industry.

Collaboration and Networking -

My commitment to collaboration extends beyond organizational boundaries. I have actively participated in industry conferences, committees, and forums where I have forged valuable connections and gained insights that would be beneficial in shaping the strategic vision of the SCRS.

Educational Involvement –

Recognizing the significance and importance of education in our field, I have taken a proactive role in multiple I-CAR Advisory councils, State I-CAR committees, and the Passaic County Technical Institute advisory council. Additionally, as the past chair of the

AASP-NJ training and scholarship committees, I have been dedicated to empowering professionals and students alike with the requisite skills and knowledge essential for success in the continually evolving landscape of collision repair.

Vision for SCRS –

The SCRS is a dynamic force driving positive change within the collision repair industry. If elected to the Board of Directors, my focus will be on working collaboratively with fellow board members and stakeholders to ensure the SCRS continues to be a leading advocate for excellence, innovation, and professionalism.

Conclusion –

I am honored to be considered for a position on the SCRS Board of Directors and am committed to dedicating my skills, energy, and industry insights to contribute meaningfully to the organization's success. Together, we will continue to elevate the standards and reputation of the collision repair industry.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Ken Miller