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August Member Newsletter

NABC Creates Disaster Preparedness Brochure to Help Prepare Shop Owners in the Event of an Emergency

The National Auto Body Council (NABC), in conjunction with the Collision Industry Relief Efforts, has prepared for the industry a document which will aid a shop owner in preparing for a disaster. This document includes items such as tool coverage for technicians, business evacuation and communication, emergency supplies and rebuilding tips.

This information comes after many efforts to help those who were devastated by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in the summer of last year. There are still individuals in the Gulf Coast region who are rebuilding their lives.



With some proper planning in place, you could help protect your business, employees and family. Please look for this as an insert in Automotive Body Repair News (ABRN) and Body Shop Business. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please

contact our Administration Office.

NABC Makes Second Call for PRIDE Nominations

The National Auto Body Council (NABC) is making a second call for its 2006 PRIDE Award nominations. The PRIDE Award, celebrating its 11th year, recognizes those in the collision repair industry performing extraordinary service to their communities.

Joe Canby, of Smoot's Carstar Collision Center in Reistertown, MD, and a 2005 PRIDE Award winner, is much more than a shop owner. He is a funeral director who, after the events of 9/11, underwent two years of training to prepare him to deal with human loss on a large scale. Within days after Hurricane Katrina, Joe was on his way to the gulf coast to assist his colleagues and the military in dealing with the death and destruction dealt the area by the storm. The NABC recognizes Joe's service and wants to continue to thank him for treating his fellow Americans with grace and dignity following one of our country's worst natural disasters.

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

October 30: Monday 2:00pm-5:00pm

Board of Directors Open Meeting

November 2: Thursday 7:00am-8:00am

Annual Elections Meeting

Las Vegas, Nevada

Meeting Held at: Mandalay Bay Hotel

Reservations: NACE Registration at NACE Website

January 15/16: Monday & Tuesday

Board of Directors and Planning Open Meetings

Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, Arizona

Meeting Held at: Radisson Ft. McDowell Resort & Casino

Reservations: 1-480-836-5300 (CIC Rate: \$145.00)

NABC Calls for Your Photos

If you have a photo from a project of NABC, such as Habitat for Humanity, a Golf Outing, Camp Mak-A-Dream or other project that NABC has been involved with since inception in 1995 please e-mail it over to us at: info@autobodycouncil.org or mail it to: P.O. Box 3007, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 **Deadline is Oct. 1st**

NABC Has Nearing Deadline for Board of Directors Nominations

At the Annual Election, held in conjunction with NACE 2006, new Board members will be elected. In order to be elected, nominations must be made for current members.

Please see Pages 2 and 3 for information on how to participate.

And don't wait because the first deadline is September 3rd!

WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE NACE EXPO, BE SURE TO INDICATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO NABC

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The Piña family, which owns Brea Auto Body in Brea, CA, also received a PRIDE Award last year. David, Virginia Do-reen, Denise and Denise's new husband, Fred Gruner, have for the last 11 years helped the Mount Tabor Orphanage in Tecate, Mexico grow from a single RV to a ten-building community with over 40 nuns and a priest in residence. The orphanage is a sanctuary for children who are victims of abuse, child prostitution and poverty, but in 2004 the facility's well ran dry. The Piña family has been working to raise the \$80,000 necessary to run a dedicated water line from Tecate to the orphanage. Over \$10,000 has been raised to date, not including donations from Denise and Fred's wedding, which they requested in lieu of gifts. The NABC wishes to recognize the continued charity of the Piñas.

"These heroes represent who we are and what we do," states NABC Executive Director Chuck Sulkala. "We're pleased to spread the word about their positive example."

The NABC PRIDE Committee realizes that many in the collision industry perform exceptional humanitarian and benevolent acts of kindness without expecting recognition. This year the committee has elected to expand the program to recognize all nominees with a "PRIDE Letter of Recognition".

"If you know of a worthy candidate, please nominate them, as every nomination received is an important testament to the spirit of the PRIDE Award," asks Janet Chaney, PRIDE Committee Chair. "Choosing the PRIDE winners is a humbling and sometimes difficult job, every nomination a deserving winner."

Any individual, business organization, or group employed in a collision industry segment, including collision repair businesses, vehicle manufacturers, suppliers/vendors, educators, insurers, independent appraisers and trade associations is eligible to be nominated for a PRIDE award.

Nominations may be made online at the NABC website, www.autobodycouncil.org. There is also a downloadable version of the nominating form, which can be printed and faxed to the NABC office. For more information call NABC or Janet Chaney at (480) 720-2565. In addition, nominations can be made by phone.

The National Auto Body Council seeks to promote projects and initiatives that reflect the character and heart of the men and women of the collision repair industry. You may contact NABC by toll-free phone at (888) 66-PRIDE, by toll-free fax at (866) 498-7433 or by e-mail at this address: info@autobodycouncil.org. Visit NABC at www.autobodycouncil.org.

NABC Looks for Nominations for Upcoming Board of Directors

It is again time to seek nominations for the position of National Auto Body Council Board member. As you may recall, the bylaws were changed two years ago to allow for voting by all members or their designated representatives at our Annual Meeting held at NACE. This is an important event in that you get to participate in the selection of the Board members that will serve your organization for the next three years.

The balance of this letter will recap the nominating and related procedures as outlined in the NABC bylaws. If the procedures are still not clear after reading this, PLEASE call me at 617-803-1120 or call the NABC office and Jordan will be more than happy to answer your questions. If you wish to receive communications via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to: info@autobodycouncil.org.

Let's start with a description of the nominating processes.

Board nominations can occur two ways. FIRST, any individual member and any business or corporate member, through the action of their representative, may nominate his or herself as an *individual* since individuals, not business entities, participate on the Board. Notification of the intent to nominate oneself for a Board position—and be placed on the ballot, as a result—must be sent in writing either to the NABC office or to the Executive Director or by way of e-mail, mail, or fax. **Any Board member whose term is expiring, and who wishes to be considered for another three-year term, must go through this same procedure.**

The SECOND nominating method is for three current members to indicate by mail, e-mail or fax that they wish to nominate someone for the Board. To appear on a ballot, a nominee must be a member in good standing. Candidates nominated in this manner may not remove their name from the ballot, nor will they be asked if they want to serve. Should a nominee not wish to sit on the Board, he or she may inform the membership, or state publicly that he or she is not interested in serving. If elected, he or she may then resign, in which case the position would be filled by the appointment of the current president with Board approval, as provided for in the bylaws.

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All nominations must be postmarked no later than 60 days before the election. The 2006 NABC Annual Meeting will be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2006, meaning the postmark should read no later than Tuesday, September 5, 2006. E-mail and fax nominations must be dated no later than Sunday, September 3, 2006.

This time frame allows us time to prepare a ballot which MUST, per our bylaws, be mailed to every member. There are seven Board seats which will be voted on and filled at the November election. Only the names on the ballot will be considered. **NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED FROM THE FLOOR.** Likewise, only those members **PRESENT** may vote.

All candidates on the ballot will be allowed to speak to the membership at the meeting, and state why they should be elected. Next, special ballots will be given to each member or member representative present. Each member present may cast only one vote. Should a candidate for director be unable to attend, they may have a person speak on their behalf, or they may have a prepared statement read by another individual who is present, including the executive director.

Once the election is complete, the new board of directors will immediately go into executive session where they will begin the process of voting for board officers and the director-at-large. These elected individuals together with the immediate past president, will make up the executive committee.

Officer elections occur one office at a time beginning with president, then continuing through vice president, treasurer, secretary and director-at-large. The floor will open for nominations which will not require a second. After asking for "any other nominations" three times without a response, nominations will be declared closed. If there have been two or more nominations, a ballot for that position shall be given to all present board members. At that time, each candidate will be asked if they wish to make a statement, have a statement read, or have someone speak on their behalf. Should a candidate not be present, they may have someone speak on their behalf or they may prepare a statement which I will read if they desire. Once those statements are finished, the vote will be taken, ballots counted and the winner declared. We shall then move to the next position. There is no scheduled break in-between each election. However, the floor may ask for a five-minute recess that will be granted if approved by attending Board members.

Our goal is to afford every member an opportunity to participate in the process, and to elect the best people to the vacant positions. If you desire to seek a position or reelection to a board seat, please notify us in writing. If you wish to nominate someone, two other members beside yourself must nominate that person in writing as outlined above.

Seven Board positions will be elected. Board members whose terms are ending include: Bruce Cooley, Dave Henderson, Dan Rislely, Margo Smith, Doug Webb, Gary Wano and Bob Keith. Each is eligible for re-election. If these individuals desire to continue on the Board, **they also need to notify the office in the same timely manner and in writing as prescribed above.** If your candidate has not been nominated in writing by the date listed above, he or she will not be included on the ballot and cannot be elected to the board during this election. We await your nominations, and we especially look forward to seeing you on November 2nd.

Collision Industry Relief Effort Continues to Assist Disaster Victims in the Collision Repair Industry

The Collision Industry Foundation is spearheading efforts to help those in the Collision Repair industry, including repairers, suppliers and insurance personnel, who may suffer catastrophic losses during disasters such as Hurricane, Tornado, Flood, Fire or other disasters. Our goal is to help them in starting to rebuild their lives .

Here's how you can help:

1. Contribute money so that we can help these families with tool replacement, housing essentials or other items that may be crucial in the time of loss. You can contribute directly to:

Collision Industry Foundation—Disaster Relief

Website: <http://www.collisionindustryfoundation.org>

Email: info@autobodycouncil.org

Mail: P.O. Box 3007, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

2. If you know someone in our industry who is in need, or are looking for help, contact:

Phone: 888-66-PRIDE (888-667-7433) Toll-Free - Or post at: www.collisionindustryrelief.com