Chicago 2015

ABPA annual meeting - 2015

Continued Growth and Meeting the Challenges Ahead - Chicago, IL

The 35th Annual ABPA Convention is almost here! This is your opportunity to meet the major manufacturers, collision parts distributors, data providers and other industry leaders all in one setting. With our educational breakout sessions, informative speakers and exciting location, this is an event that cannot be missed.

The venue for the meeting is the historic Drake Hotel centrally located on Chicago's Magnificent Mile. Almost everything that you will need is either within walking distance or a short cab ride away including nightlife, restaurants, shopping and sight-seeing.

You don't want to miss this!
Coming together in Chicago, IL – Spring 2015

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Tuesday, April 21

7:30 AM Board of Director's Breakfast (Lakeshore)
8:00 AM Board of Director's Meeting
5 - 8:00 PM Registration Opens
6 - 9:00 PM Welcoming Reception (Parkside Room)

Wednesday, April 22

7:30AM Golfers Depart for Harborside (Meet in Lobby)
12 - 5:00 PM Exhibitors Tabletop Setup (Gold Coast Ballroom)
6:00 PM Registration Re-Opens
7 - 10:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
Opening of the Trade Fair & Dinner (Gold Coast Ballroom)

Thursday, April 23

7:30AM Registration Re-Opens
7:30 – 9:00AM Breakfast Buffet (Gold Coast Ballroom)
9:00 - 12:00PM First Business Session w/ keynote speakers TBA (Gold Coast Ballroom)
12:00 – 1:00 Award's Lunch
1:00 - 5:00PM Afternoon educational breakout sessions (Erie & Superior rooms)
7 - 10:00PM Gala Dinner (Club International)

Friday, April 24

8:00AM Registration Re-Opens
8 – 10:00AM Continental Breakfast (Ballroom)
9:00 - 11:30AM Second Business Session (Ballroom)
12:00PM Adjournment
12:00PM – open Optional Activities – Stay in town and attend the Auto Mechanika show which starts on Saturday, 4/25!

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The Program & Speakers. . .

This year's convention--ABPA's 35th—is an event that cannot be missed. Over the past year, the ABPA has been your voice in the industry with our legislative and judicial efforts to defend our industry and move it to the next level. With the success we had in Austin during the 2014 Convention and our surge in growth with our new members, the Association is unified in moving forward in 2015 and beyond.

We will be continuing the format introduced last year in Austin including break-away sessions which will educate you and your employees and bring value as no other ABPA convention has done in the past.

Some of our scheduled programs:

Collision & Service Shop Update: Dan Risley, Executive Director of the Automotive Service Association (ASA), will update the attendees on the current challenges of ASA members and how this relates to the ABPA.

Insurance and Collision Repair: Legislative and Regulatory Issues

Robert Passmore, Senior Director Personal Lines Policy for the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI), will review the legislative and regulatory landscape and issues where the interests of the collision repair, insurance and replacement parts industries converge. Bob will provide an overview issues currently playing out in statehouses and insurance departments around the country as well as in Washington DC.

Parts Trader: Ken Weiss from Parts Trader will give an update of the program as well as address the benefits to the distributors.

Insurance Relations: Randy Hansen from Allstate will address the crowd regarding Insurers and the Aftermarket.

Patent Reform in the Courts: The ABPA has brought the issue of patent reform to the US courts. ABPA Representatives will give a brief overview of the case and update the membership of the current status.

Navigating The Sea of Legislation: Will Nordwind of Venable will bring the audience up to date on governmental issues which continue to face the industry, as well as progress on the important fight for repair part patent exclusion under a new Congress.

Inventory Control: It's more than just getting the right parts in time to shop customers to minimize cost while maximizing profitability. Distributors need to know what's taking place with the major information providers. CCC's David Boden, carpart.com's Jeff Schroeder, Dan Fernandez of APU Solutions plus a representative of Mitchell will all be on tap to cover their newest programs and educate you on changes you need to know during their breakout sessions.

31st Annual ABPA Golf Invitational – Harborside Intl.

Wednesday, 4/22/15, Shotgun Start

ABPA GOLF TOURNAMENT RESERVATION FORM

☐ I need to rent clubs for an additional **$45** (3 day advanced minimum notice required)

☐ Enclosed is my fee for **$65.00** (each) to cover the entrance fee(s) for the following golfer(s):
Fee covers round, cart, practice range, breakfast, lunch, 19th Hole & all skill competition!

Names/Handicaps :_____( )
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Transportation to the course : ☐ I need a ride ☐ I plan to drive my own car

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April 21 – 24, 2015

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March 30, 2015
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