

AASP-MN's Day-at-the-Capitol Event Highlights

AASP-MN's inaugural "Day-at-the-Capitol," was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, and based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback from those who attended, the event was a resounding success.

Twenty-two AASP-MN representatives walked the halls of the State Capitol campus in St. Paul, speaking to legislators about key industry issues, including: sales tax on paint/materials; collision shop registration; and prohibition of insurer-owned repair shops. Members met with over forty legislators during the event and reported that legislators were receptive their concerns. In addition, Representative Joe Hoppe, chair of the House Commerce & Regulatory Reform Committee addressed the group and gave his insider's perspective on the major issues being addressed during the 2011 Legislative Session.

"I was pleased with the participation in this inaugural event and expect it to grow in future years. Members who attended really enjoyed the day and came away with a better understanding of the legislative process. The connections that were made will serve AASP-MN well as we work to advance legislation for the benefit of members and Minnesota's automotive service industry," said Executive Director Judell Anderson.