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## **CAPA Adds Nationally Respected Collision Repairer Mike Schoonover to Board**

Washington, DC—CAPA continues to broaden the expertise of its board with the election of Mike Schoonover of Schoonover Bodyworks, Inc. in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Schoonover was elected to the collision repairer position vacated by Bob Anderson, who served as CAPA's President until last year when Clark Plucinski was elected.

“Mike Schoonover is a long-standing and respected leader in the collision repair industry and we are excited to have him join CAPA's efforts to insure that the market has truly high quality alternative parts,” said Jack Gillis, CAPA's Executive Director. “Mike has been a valuable resource as CAPA's Technical Committee chairman and we know he will be a valuable asset to the Board as CAPA continues to expand on its diversity of standards and growth in part availability.”

Mike is a 3rd generation family business owner of Schoonover Bodyworks and Glass, which was started by his Grandfather, Chuck Schoonover in 1938. Mike literally grew up in his families' business. As a youngster, he worked at his dad's shop cleaning cars, sweeping floors, and working in the shop. After attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth, he returned to the business full time, working in sales, marketing and management. In his over 25 years at Schoonover Bodyworks, Mike has received industry training through 3M ARMS, Sikkens ACOAT Select workshops, AMI classes, and I-CAR.

Mike has served on various boards and committees including; ASA Collision Division Operations committee and insurance sub-committees, AASP-MN Collision Committee and Board of Directors, CAPA Technical Committee as Chairman, I-CAR International Board of Directors, and the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce.

“Mike brings an extraordinary amount of ‘hands-on’ knowledge of the repair industry to CAPA's Board. We are thrilled to have Mike join CAPA,” said Clark Plucinski, President of CAPA's Board of Directors.

CAPA's Board includes:

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John Palumbo, PartsChannel.  
Clark Plucinski, Boyd's Group /Gerber  
Mike Schoonover, Schoonover Bodyworks  
Ben Steinman, Ben's Auto Body  
Carol Waldron, State Farm Mutual Insurance

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