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# Iowa Automotive Recyclers Scholarship Fund

The Iowa Automotive Recyclers scholarship fund was established in 2007 for the children and grandchildren of an owner or employee of an Iowa Automotive Recyclers direct members as a way to help offset the cost of their continuing education. The scholarship is open to a son, daughter, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law of an owner or employee (who has been employed for at least one year) of a direct member in good standing. The owner, an employee and their spouses are also eligible.

Funds for the scholarships are generated through the lowa Automotive Recyclers Summer Outing Auction. We are thankful for all the support that we have received from our members in making it possible to provide scholarships to these deserving individuals.

Any questions regarding the scholarships and/or application should be directed to the Special Funds Manager and Scholarship Committee Chair, Jodi Kunde, at jarscholarship@gmail.com.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior to publication. Send content to Sue Schauls at Sue.Schauls@gmail.com with a full color graphic when possible.

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# Legislative Meeting

October 18 22, 2023 Waterloo Auto Parts

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President Jeremy Bevard and Sue Schauls met with IAR Lobbyist, Jim Obradovich, at Waterloo Auto Parts for a facility tour. Jeremy provided an overview of the auto recycling process for JimO and guest Kevin Stoll from Critical Materials Recycling (CMR), Boone, Iowa.

Following the tour there was a discussion about the draft lowa NMVTIS system bill. The bill was originally drafted by Auto Data Direct. JimO will par down the language to better convey the overall intent of the idea to implement an lowa NMVTIS system software so that auto recyclers and the lowa DOT will have a customized system with which to work.

The bill draft also includes removing junking certificates for licensed auto recyclers reporting to the lowa system. The system would be funded by an increase in license fee.

Once a new draft is available, stakeholders will be given time to review and comment. Iowa Auto Recyclers hopes to introduce the bill in the upcoming 2024 legislative session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Rooff

Pat Rooff, IAR Secretary



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# Members & Board of Directors Meeting

November 14, 2023 Teleconference

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Vander Haag's, Inc. Council Bluffs, IA www.VanderHaags.com Board of Director Members: Mike Swift, Joel McCaw, Pat Rooff, Jodi Kunde, Dave Hesmer, Mitzi Waterbury, Bart Dvorak, and Sue Schauls.

#### **Notes**

Welcome from Vice President Mike Swift. Sue Schauls called to order at 5:23 pm. Pat Rooff moved to approve the notes from the previous meeting with a second from Joel McCaw. Motion carried. Anti-trust statement reminder was made.

Pat moved to accept Tyler Theune was a new Board of Directors member from Vander Haag's, Inc. Bart Dvorak second the motion. Motion carried.

David Hesmer moved to accept \$400 annually as the new dues rate after lengthy discussion. Pat second the motion. Motion carried. The member benefit information sent out in the renewal letters will also be run in the newsletter.

Pat moved to accept a new member application from Jason Enninga at New Deal Auto Salvage in Waterloo. Jodi Kunde second the motion. Motion carried.



Summer Outing date has been set for May 17-18, 2024, with Sam's Riverside Auto and Truck Parts and Salvage as the host facility, Des Moines, Iowa. A contract has been drawn up with Prairie Meadows. Theme ideas were discussed such as game night.

Legislative discussion centered on the lowa NMVTIS bill that was summarized after the meeting with Lobbyist Jim Obradovich following the tour at Waterloo Auto Parts. The DOT will review the summary and we will introduce the bill in the 2024 legislative ses-

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Pat Rooff, IAR Secretary

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sion. The county courthouse clerks will be in support of the idea. A Hill Day event will be planned for early 2024.

Other business included a fire at the old Trail's End Auto Salvage on 44<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines. Sun Line, Inc. property has been acquired by Copart according to today's Gazette. Sun Line moved to Hawkeye Downs property. For more information see article <a href="https://www.thegazette.com/business/auto-salvage-company-moves-cars-to-make-room-for-copart-purchase-of-old-sunline-property/">https://www.thegazette.com/business/auto-salvage-company-moves-cars-to-make-room-for-copart-purchase-of-old-sunline-property/</a>

Ford Motors is attempting to improve recall remedies locally with a van making repairs or part replacements. More information will be found out on this topic.

December meeting will be one week early due to the holidays. December 12, 2023 – 5:15 Conference call. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.









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# 2024 Scholarship Application

Each year the *Iowa Automotive Recyclers* award scholarships to Direct Members' and their employees' children and grandchildren, to assist with the cost of a college education. Students may apply during any year they attend an accredited institution.

Information and downloadable APPLICATIONS may be found at:

http://www.iowaautomotiverecyclers.com/Scholarship.html

Download the application: <u>IAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2022 (MSWord)</u>
Download the application: <u>IAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (PDF for print)</u>

Remember to check out the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) Scholarship program too. Children of employees of ARA members are eligible to apply. --> <u>Exit to ARA Scholarship</u>

A Letter from the Scholarship Chairman ...

Since the inception of the IAR Scholarship program, we have given outstanding students from member families, funds toward an educational goal. Each year it is our privilege to disperse up to \$5000 in scholarship to these fine young men and women.

Jodi Kunde, Chairman



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- Applicants (or their eligible dependent/relative) must be affiliated with the Iowa Auto Recyclers association to participate by meeting ONE of two criteria;
  - Be a recycling yard owner or relative of the recycling yard owner who is a direct member of the lowa Auto Recyclers. The owner of the recycling yard must be employed at the recycling yard, and not at other enterprises owned by the recycling yard. "Relatives" may include a son, daughter, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or spouse of the owner. Brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nieces, or nephews of the owner will not be eligible to participate unless employed in the business.
  - 2) Be an employee or dependent of an employee of the member salvage yard who has been employed for one year or more. Applicant must remain a degree-seeking student, enrolled at least full-time (a minimum of 12 credit hours per term).

#### APPLICANT GUIDELINES:

- Complete attached application.
- Enclose an official copy of the applicants' high school transcripts (in separate sealed envelope) with application.
- Include a one-page essay on one of the following topic:

How do you think the electronics in future cars will change how we drive on a daily basis?

- Two recommendation forms filled out from a school counselor, school official, employer or high school teacher who is familiar with the applicant.
- Applicants must remain enrolled in the same accredited four-year college, accredited university, state
  college, community college or business or liberal arts school for at least one year after accepting
  scholarship funds to be eligible for the full award.
- Obtain a letter from your parents' employer confirming date of hire with the firm. Your parent must have been or will be employed with a full member of the Iowa Automotive Recyclers for at least one year prior to application.

All candidates will be required to submit a complete application package, which includes a completed application form, transcripts, essay and two recommendation forms to: IAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ATTN: JODI KUNDE 55 WEST 32ND STREET DUBUQUE IA 52001, you can e-mail any questions to Jodi at iarscholarship@gmail.com.

#### **DEADLINE DATE:**

The deadline for receipt for all application materials must be received by the IAR scholarship committee by midnight MARCH 30TH. Up to \$5000.00 will be awarded in scholarships for the fall term. The winners will be notified in writing and will be posted on the IAR website.

The scholarship award check will be forwarded to the scholarship recipient's school upon written certification of his/her enrollment for the fall term of the year the scholarship was granted. If the scholarship winner does not provide enrollment verification for the fall term the scholarship monies will be forfeited.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION:

The scholarship will be awarded based on review of the following: coursework in high school, course distribution, activities, the one-page essay and recommendations. Standardized test scores will NOT be used as a factor in the selection process.

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Each kit will include cooler pack prepared with the bottles labeled as either GRAB or COMPOSITE. After collecting the sample the cooler kits will need to be either dropped off or shipped with the samples to Eurofins TestAmerica in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The lab fee will be billed to Sue and then invoiced to you upon completion of the sample analysis. The new rate is \$398.



Each cooler kit should contain:

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- 2 Quart Plastic NO TREATMENT for BOD & TSS COMPOSITE & GRAB samples.
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Fill each jar to the top. Do not pour from jar to jar as some jars have an acid preservative in them. Use a clean cup to scoop up the sample water and fill the jars.

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## Members & Board of Directors Meeting

December 12, 2023 Teleconference

Board of Director Members: Jeremy Bevard, Mike Swift, Joel McCaw, Pat Rooff, Jodi Kunde, Dave Hesmer, Mitzi Waterbury, Bart Dvorak, Tyler Theune and Sue Schauls.

#### **NOTES**

Welcome from President Jeremy Bevard, Call to Order at 5:20 pm. Roll call was taken and a motion to approve minutes from previous meetings was made by Pat Rooff with a second by Mike Swift. Motion carried. Jeremy made an Anti-trust statement reminder.

The main topic of discussion was the upcoming DOT Zoom Meeting on Thursday at 3:00 pm to get the informal feedback on the Iowa NMVTIS draft that asks for an Iowa software system and the removal of the junking certificate. A pros and cons discussion ensued on the expected questions from the Iowa DOT.

The benefits of having an Iowa NMVTIS system:

Consolidated reporting system with verified data reception (NMVTIS has had trouble in the past showing accurate report dates from entities on the public database). Recyclers would be able to manually or via upload enter their data for no per VIN cost.

Two-way information sharing. Reporting entities would be able to report for a flat fee included in their license renewal AND query the database for information when vetting a vehicle purchase. An added feature could be an interface with the ARTS system for lien checks.

Eliminate junking certificates for licensed recyclers thus making frequent junk certificate request by non-licensed parties more apparent for policing and denial. This also conserves resources at the courthouse.

**Desktop enforcement for lowa DOT** through function reports to identify VINs that have not been closed out of the system via "crushed" status.

Customized data collection will allow lowa to add more fields of information about buyers or even upload identification photos. This is especially important for junk vehicles sold at the auctions as many of these vehicles never get end reporting.

**Gap analysis** of required reporters versus the DOT auto recyclers licensee list or industry type such as towing companies or auto auctions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Rooff

Pat Rooff, IAR Secretary



# Members & Board of Directors Meeting

January 16, 2024 Teleconference

Board of Director Members: Jeremy Bevard, Mike Swift, Joel McCaw, Jodi Kunde, Tyler Theune and Sue Schauls.

#### **NOTES**

Welcome from President Jeremy Bevard and Call to Order at 5:23 pm. An Anti-trust reminder was made.

Legislative discussion – brainstormed features that would be helpful if an lowa NMVTIS system was to be used to provide two-way data access for licensed recyclers and aid in DOT enforcement of noncompliance.

Enhance non-licensed buyer information such as name and address, email, phone number and upload a photo ID.

Require all salvage purchasers to have an NMVTIS number to buy salvage title cars in lowa from auction house. Add NMVTIS of buyer as a required field.

Add classification field for reason for total loss or salvage status such as fire, flood, accident wreck and location of damage. This information may be available through the request for salvage title.

Get rid of junk certificates for licensed recyclers by adding a field that populates with R-license number and issue delete of VIN to lowa DOT system.

Summer Outing speaker agenda – We will survey members to get feedback on speaker interest. We will talk to key vendors for ideas on increasing turnout at our event.

OTHER ITEMS: Taxes have been filed.

ARA Gold Seal certification survey requirement can be fulfilled with new Survey Monkey link Sue has created by recreating the survey for each individual yard.

#### Meeting Schedule:

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:15 pm for conference calls with quarterly face-to-face.

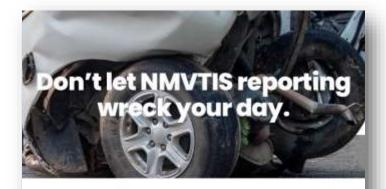
February 20, 2024 – 5:15 Conference call *or in person meeting* 

March 19, 2024 – 5:15 Conference call April 16, 2024 – 5:15 Conference call May 17-18, 2024 - Summer Outing Des Moines

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# Industry Update

From the Automotive Recyclers Association

U.S. Department of Justice Issues Alert to National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Reporting Entities on Update to Disposition Menu

On October 27th, 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued the following alert to NMVTIS reporting entities. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) appreciates your efforts to accurately and promptly report junk and salvage (including total loss) automobiles to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) as required by federal law. Such efforts provide essential information for commercial and private consumers when making decisions on purchasing used automobiles.

The NMVTIS statute, 49 U.S.C. 30504(a), requires junk and salvage yard operators to report an inventory of all junk automobiles or salvage automobiles obtained by the junk yard or salvage yard during the prior month, and that inventory shall include "a statement of whether the automobile was crushed or disposed of for sale or other purposes."

Effective May 10, 2023, under the direction of BJA, the NMVTIS system operator (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) has updated the NMVTIS disposition menu to include "Dismantled For Parts" and "Owner Retained."

Dismantled For Parts is defined as: Automobile has been rendered inoperable for on- road use, is available for parts, but has not been scrapped, crushed, or sold. Owner Retained is defined as: Reported automobile was subsequently retained by owner.

This notice is to inform reporting entities of this update. We encourage you to submit timely and accurate information once the disposition is known.

Scholarships Applications Available for 2024-25 ~ Exciting Changes

The ARA Scholarship Foundation Application for 2024-25 is now available. Please let your eligible staff know as well. NEW this year scholarships are also available for part-time students working at least 20 hrs. at your business. These scholarships may be used for College, University, Accredited Trade, Business and Technical Schools. Also new this year are the award amounts. The awards have increased to \$1,500 per year for non-automotive related studies, \$2,000 for automotive tech schools and \$750 for part-time students. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2024 to be eligible for a scholarship in the 2024-25 school year.

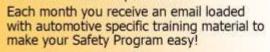
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# **ARA Industry Update**

### ARA Announces Completion of Succession Search Appointment of Next Executive Director

On January 30, 2024, the ARA Board of Directors unanimously approved a plan presented by the ARA Succession Committee for the transition of Executive Director responsibilities from current Executive Director Sandy Blalock to Vince Edivan, ARA's Director of Member Relations. The leadership transition will occur over the next nine months, culminating at ARA's 81st Annual Convention & Expo in Reno, Nevada on October 23-26th.

Sandy announced her decision to return to automotive recycling industry consulting during the 80th Annual Convention & Expo. Her plan is to continue advocacy work as an ARA member, and through the state associations. "I look forward to working with Vince and the ARA team this year to ensure a smooth transition as he assumes the role of Executive Director at the end of Convention this October," said Blalock.

The Succession Committee made up of selected volunteer ARA leaders was formed last year by the ARA Executive Committee. "On behalf of the Succession Committee, I am pleased to share with the ARA membership that we have presented an offer of Executive Director to Vince Edivan, and he has accepted," said ARA First Vice President Eric Wilbert, chair, "We identified Vince as the best candidate, and we are excited to move forward with a clear direction. Working diligently with Sandy, Jessica Andrews, Senior Director of Operations, ARA leadership and the amazing team at the ARA office, we are confident that Vince will be well-supported and prepared for the new role. Thank you to all ARA members for your trust, as we continue the important work here at ARA."

Vince joined ARA in 2019 in a member relations capacity and has worked to build a strong rapport with ARA members and potential members. He has en-





joyed a diverse career in the automotive and recycling industries, starting as an ASE Certified mechanic. He also gained experience working with industry leaders like Manheim and Copart.

"I am deeply honored to accept the role of Executive Director for ARA. I want to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of Sandy Blalock and the dedicated leaders who preceded me. Their vision, hard work, and unwavering commitment have paved the way for ARA's continuing success, and I am humbled to carry forward their legacy," said Edivan. "I am grateful to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for placing their trust in me. I am excited about the opportunity to work collaboratively with industry stakeholders, while advocating for practices that promote the automotive recycling industry and serve the needs of our members. Together with the tireless work done by our respected ARA team, we will build on the strong foundation established by those who came before us, and I am eager to embark on this journey of growth and excellence."





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