

**PRRP Scrap Metals Meeting
February 27, 2013**

Attendees

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Team ideas

- We should have combined teams.
- We should reach out to the different municipalities through ADS
 - There is already a drafted plan. You can acquire this directly through each Recycling Coordinator of each municipality. There are a total of 78 municipalities.
 - Suggestion: Set up a questionnaire to give to each Recycling Coordinator
 - Note: ADS doesn't have legislative power. They work with EQB.
- Hugo Neu's Goals:
 - Standardize the industry
 - Note: Snitzer is waiting on the renewal of their permit (5 year permit)
 - Greg Cortés:
 - There is a **lack of statistics**
 - They say "11%" but it's realistically 9% recycling
 - The PRRP works!
 - Government wants oversight
 - We don't want them to supervise/regulate our activities
 - We also shouldn't wait for government (Walleska)
 - We do not want industry to run the show
 - Ie: Even allowed Waste to Energy to speak
 - They need to ensure **safety regulations**, which are costly.
 - There have been examples of companies that don't do things legally/correctly (ie: Taiwan/Chinese companies that don't follow the rules, aren't even legal)
 - Has to be either EPA/JCA to enforce. **ENFORCEMENT**
- SWANA's Goals:
 - Bring people together
 - Education.
 - SWANA's yearly symposium (at a hotel)....
 - Combine this with the Caribbean Summit? (make it biannual)

- Previous symposium: topics overall Caribbean recycling markets, alternatives to recycling..etc.
- Hato Rey in the “Comunidad San José,” August 3, 2013.
 - Hanna has a student on Education Committee who is starting a health fair in Hato Rey in the “Comunidad San José” (private university)
 - Juan Figeroa is also a recruiter for this fair.
 - Can the PRRP do environmental programs there?

Uncertainties

- There is a general lack of information
- Small investments often are not educated (well- informed)

Tasks and Initiatives

- Combine teams
 - The teams need to work together
 - The Government Relations team needed to communicate with the Education Team
- Formalize monthly meetings + consistency (at JCA/EQB??)
 - EQB/ADS have meetings- They need to take place on neutral ground.
- Educate the industry on best practices
 - Everyone follows the law
- Education and outreach with the municipalities
 - Suggestion solutions to the municipalities
- ADD recycling coordinators to the website + put on the website, make searchable
- The schools should have resources, clubs..etc
 - Should the schools be PRRP members?
 - Think bigger than just drop off centers.. There should be a directory of all of these different initiatives.
- Get volunteers from each region (and/or university)
 - (They would be more likely to know people.)
- Information needed from ADS/ agencies:

1. List of Recycling Coordinators
 - Personal connection with Frances, a Recycling coordinator
2. An up-to-date list of recycling agencies