

IRT Brainstorming Notes Fall 2017

General discussions and comments:

- Business continues to change, need to adapt to stay in business
- Need “common language” internationally
- Need common online platform: Hollander vs Service #s
- Implications of increased safety systems
- Need to consider different ways to deal with reduced volume, etc.
- Parts & Scrap – look at more dismantling options
- Different types of accidents; more repair instead of write off
- Need strong international partnership and market
- Forum to share info
- How would a young person start a business today? Factors: market, technology, land use (eg high cost of permits)
- UK example of reframing as “recycled vehicle production facility” was approved incredibly fast – look at abandoned facilities as an option due to loss of manufacturing in North America
- Seeing return of “self-serve” but run by big companies (ie low salvage vehicles).
- Are we missing opportunities” (and how to get these back.)
- Circular Economy thinking is critical
- Implications of new technology: reduction of volumes? More value? \ need data; need to share information and best practices
- Timelines re: EV adoption – fewer mechanical parts – implications on volume
- Changing nature of industry (evolving quickly) and relationship with manufacturers
- International sales/exports: can we share info about what works and how to do this?

Research Information Sharing:

- need studies on implications of changes;
- sharing best practices across jurisdictions;
- sharing relevant legislative regulatory examples
- becoming more important every day.

Need Manufacturers’ Support

- but they have “turned” on us

Government Engagement:

- need to communicate with government about the value of the industry to lower barriers for new facilities.

Environmental Standards and Best Practices

- “take back” and EPR: misunderstanding by Indian gov’t – distinctions between dismantling and demolition
- share standards

Action Items:

- set up data/info sharing – IRT website
- forum group to talk about future
- set up an index to direct to existing resources
- database for info – members only access - re: benefits of green parts (ie carbon savings), see also ODS study
- first step: analyze Japanese data to see how universal, or adaptable, it could be ; could use LCA software
- October forum in Seoul
- Share CAREC checklist