



THE IFTA NEWS

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TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **1st Quarter 2008**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is March 3 at midnight.

	Gas	Diesel	Gasohol	Prop	LNG	CNG	Ethanol	Methanol	E85	M85	A55	BioD
CA		.3660										
FL	.2067	.3107	.2067									.3107
GA		.1670		.1310								.1670
IL	.3430	.3750	.3430	.3050	.3050	.3050	.3430	.3430	.3430	.3430	.3430	.3750
MA				.2500	.2500	.2500						
MB (CND)			.1150									
NB (CND)			.1070				.1690	.1690	.1070	.1690	.1690	
NE	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300	.2300
NC	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990	.2990
SD												.2200
WV	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220	.3220

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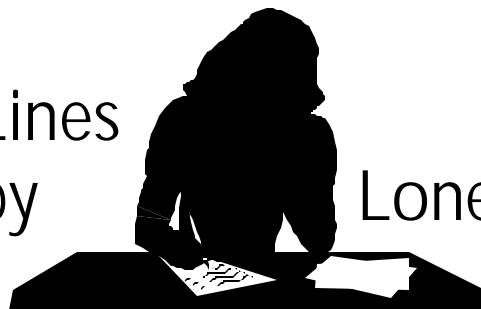
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ANDREW FOSTER (NB) APPOINTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lines
by



Lonette

On January 28, 2008, by vote of the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees, Andrew Foster (NB) was appointed as the Canadian Region representative to the Board. The appointment was made following the resignation of Kim Craig (ON) from the Board. Andrew has been on the Agreement Procedures Committee for the past few years and has worked diligently on its projects, including the IFTA Managers/Law Enforcement Seminar each year. He has also been participating on the Alternative Fuels Committee.

Congratulations Andrew!

I also want to take a moment to thank Kim for her service on the Board. We very much appreciate the support she has given us and the membership through the years.

2008 IFTA, INC. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At its meeting in January, the Board elected the Executive Committee for the coming year. Julian W. Fitzgerald, Sr. (NC) was elected President. Scott Greenawalt (OK) will serve as First Vice President and Scott R. Bryer (NH) will serve as Second Vice President. Congratulations to all of you!

IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees and IRP, Inc. Board of Trustees to Meet

I am pleased to announce that the Boards of IFTA, Inc. and IRP, Inc. will meet in January 2009. The IRP, Inc. Board of Directors is holding its meeting January 22-23, 2009 in Chandler, AZ, which coincides with our Board meeting. On January 22, the Boards will hold a combined session in the afternoon. The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees and I welcome this opportunity to discuss our continued partnership with IRP, Inc. and its membership. When the agenda for the afternoon session has been developed, we will post it on our website.



Issuing Citations.....by Debra Meise

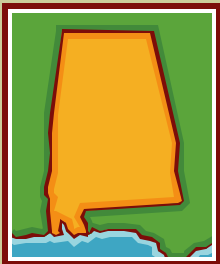
Upcoming Program Compliance Reviews



On February 26-28, 2008 the "**FLORIDA**" Review will take place.

A special recognition and "**THANKS**" to those participating as team members:

Bill Kron (MS)
Dale Schimmel (AR)

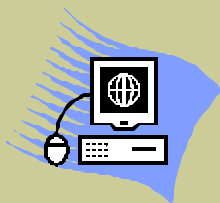


On March 12-14, 2008 the "**ALABAMA**" Review will take place.

A special recognition and "**THANKS**" to those participating as team members:

Mel Horner (ND)
Chris Turnwall (SD)

Annual Report Database



Have you posted your data?

The ability to enter data into the Annual Report database will conclude at the close of business on **March 1**.



2008 Decals

Twenty jurisdictions have sent IFTA, Inc. their 2008 sample decals. The decals are displayed when browsing through the **One Stop Shop** link. If you have not sent us your jurisdiction's 2008 decal then no decal will be displayed for your jurisdiction.

Spreadsheets

The spreadsheets are under construction for a little while so I can add some updated coding to handle the new field that was added to the Annual Report and its related math calculations that are processed in the spreadsheets.

Meeting Materials

The Meeting Materials for the 10th Annual IFTA and IRP Audit Workshop have been archived on the IFTA, Inc. website.

16th Annual IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting

Registration begins on February 18 and, to speed up the process, when you log in to the IFTA, Inc. website and click on the link you'll see and most of the information will be filled out for you.

Message board

I have streamlined the process of uploading files to the message board down to two clicks of a mouse. The previous method required the users to upload a file, then copy and paste it and then learn to post that in our systems WUSWYG editor.

The new method does all the tricky work for you. Just browse for the file you want to upload and hit '**Upload File**'. That's it! The system will automatically upload your file and create the appropriate link formatted for you.

If you're uploading a PowerPoint presentation or pdf file it creates a link for you. If its a picture our system will automatically render the right code so it shows up in your message.

So next time you reply to a message, start a new topic or subject you'll see area where you can attach files.

Now its incredibly easy!

Clearinghouse Update
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Law Enforcement Revoked Database

Available at this time is a new Revoked Database designed for Law Enforcement usage. The database and subsequent web pages contain Revoked Demographic Carrier data, and only Revoked data.

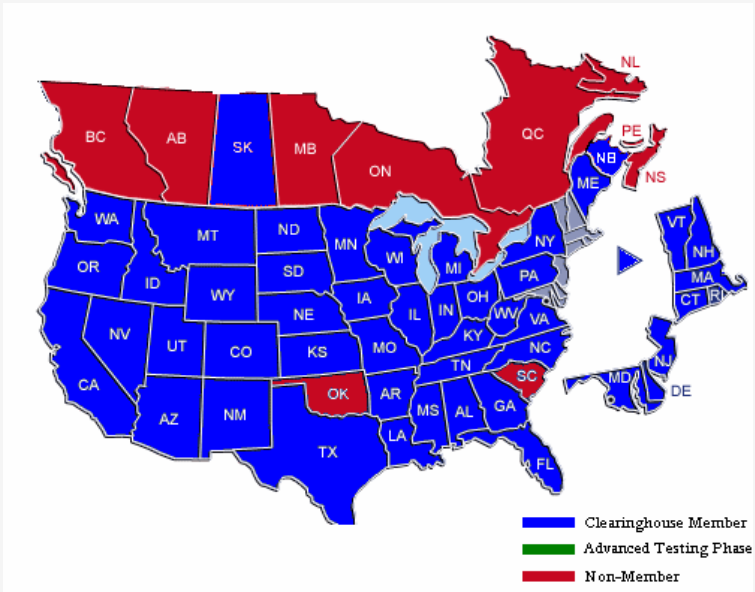
We urge IFTA Commissioners and Law Enforcement to work together so roadside can access this database.

On the www.iftach.org Clearinghouse User Registration page we have added a new level, Law Enforcement. This will allow for the creation of new users to access the Revoked data, but no other portion of the Clearinghouse.

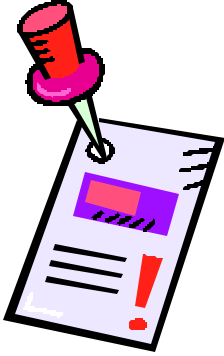
In addition we will need to know your public IP address to allow you access to the revoked web services.

The IFTA Inc. Clearinghouse Access Agreement allows the IFTA Commissioner to assign users to this database as they see fit.

This database was created as an answer or workaround to the NLETS system. If a jurisdiction wishes to use NLETS then programming an interface at the jurisdiction will be required. Please contact your IT Departments for questions regarding your NLETS connectivity.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD



The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its First Quarter 2008 Board Meeting on January 17 - 18. The meeting was held at the IFTA, Inc. offices in Chandler, Arizona. Eight Board members were present. Mr. Gary Bennion (CNF Transportation Services), IFTA Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Chair, was also present.

The Board elected the officers. Mr. Julian Fitzgerald (NC) was elected as President and Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK) and Mr. Scott Bryer (NH) were elected first and second Vice Presidents, respectively.

The Board also assigned the Board Liaisons for the IFTA Standing and Special Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES		
Agreement Procedures	Audit	Dispute Resolution
Scott Greenawalt (OK), Lead	Scott Bryer (NH), Lead	Bob Turner (MT), Lead
Rena Hussey (VA)	Bob Turner (MT)	Edgar Roberts (NV)
Sonia Sanders (KY)		
Industry Advisory	Law Enforcement	Program Compliance Review
Sonia Sanders (KY), Lead	Julian Fitzgerald (NC), Lead	Rena Hussey (VA), Lead
Sheila Rowen (TN)	Scott Greenawalt (OK)	Scott Greenawalt (OK)
Edgar Roberts (NV)	Bob Turner (MT)	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES		
Alternative Fuels	Attorneys Steering Section	Clearinghouse Advisory
Scott Bryer (NH), Lead	Rena Hussey (VA), Lead	Scott Greenawalt (OK), Lead
Sheila Rowen (TN)	Scott Bryer (NH)	
	Sonia Sanders (KY)	
Information Technology Advisory		
	Scott Bryer (NH), Lead	
	Sonia Sanders (KY)	

The Jurisdictional Liaisons were also assigned. All member jurisdictions were assigned with the exception of the ten Canadian Provinces. It was determined that, once a new Board member was identified, that member would assume the Canadian Provinces. This was due to Ms. Kim Craig's (ON) resignation from the Board. The remaining Jurisdictional Liaison assignments were as follows:

S. Bryer	J. Fitzgerald	S. Greenawalt	R. Hussey	S. Sanders	R. Turner	E. Roberts	S. Rowen
CT	AL	KS	AR	IL	ID	AZ	GA
MA	FL	MO	DE	KY	MT	CA	IA
ME	LA	NE	MD	MN	UT	CO	IN
NH	MS	NM	NJ	ND	WA	NV	MI
NY	NC	OK	OH	SD	WY	OR	TN
RI	SC	TX	PA	WI			
VT	WV		VA				

Minutes from the 4Q07 Board Meeting were approved. The Board discussed the outstanding Action Items from previous Board Meetings and the Actions by e-mail. IFTA, Inc. will continue tracking these items until completed.

Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Systems Administrator, provided the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse update. Iowa has recently joined the Clearinghouse. A test calendar has been developed for the funds netting project of the Clearinghouse. Three jurisdictions have committed to test the calendar. A presentation will be made during the July IFTA Annual Business Meeting to demonstrate the test calendar and the funds netting project. This testing will go into effect late February 2008.

Ms. Lonette Turner, IFTA, Inc. Executive Director, informed the Board that a meeting has been scheduled with the Association's financial institution to discuss the test calendar and establishing the accounts for the test. The Board then approved the appointment of Mr. Garry Hinkley (ME) as Chair of the CAC.

IFTA, Inc. Webmaster, Mr. Tom King, provided a demonstration of the IFTA, Inc. website. The latest enhancements and features were previewed for the Board, including the Annual Reports which includes seven years of data. Committee volunteer forms have been uploaded to the secure website. Additional enhancements to the website will include a simplified format for uploading files on the message boards as well as creating an archived folder for closed threads.

Mrs. Tammy Trinker, IFTA, Inc. Events Coordinator, provided an update on the meetings. 178 persons attended the January 2008 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop. 48 jurisdictions and 35 industry and private sector companies attended. The 2008 IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting pre-information packet is in the process of being drafted and will become available following the Board Meeting. Registration fees for the July 2008 IFTA Annual Business Meeting are in the process of being reviewed for the Board's consideration. The Sheraton New Orleans hotel will host this event in New Orleans, LA on July 18 - 19. The federal government per diem will be honored at this hotel for the duration of this meeting.

The Hilton Phoenix East / Mesa will again host the 2008 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Seminar in early September. The 2009 seminar is currently being negotiated and is scheduled to be hosted in North Carolina. IFTA, Inc. is working to secure the federal government per diem for this seminar. The 2009 IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting is being considered in Salt Lake City, UT. However, hotels have been reluctant to sign early for this meeting due to its size. IFTA, Inc. will continue to research local hotels and other opportunities to host this meeting.

The 2009 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop is the last workshop under contract at the Mission Palms hotel in Tempe, AZ. It is contracted for January 4 - 7, 2009. Locations for this workshop in 2010 are being considered by both IFTA and IRP. Alternate locations being pursued include AR, CA, FL, and TX. The 2009 Board Meetings have been secured and the dates are posted on the IFTA, Inc. website. These meeting dates will be:

1Q09	January 22 - 23
2Q09	April 23 - 24
4Q09	October 22 - 23

Mr. Bryer, Audit Committee Board Liaison, presented this committee report. The Board will further review and provide amendments to the IFTA Audit Committee New Member Orientation Guide and forward their recommendations to the committee for its February teleconference.

IFTA, Inc. Program Director, Mrs. Debora Meise, provided the Program Compliance Review update. The jurisdictions that combined their reviews for testing to combine IFTA / IRP Reviews were Minnesota, Oregon, and Wyoming. The Board will send a letter to the IRP, Inc. Board of Directors regarding the success of this project and to discuss future steps.

Mr. Michael Dougherty, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), offered a brief synopsis from a recent FHWA meeting. A recent study published in early January 2008 shows a favorable federal increase of fuel use taxes over a number of years. This study will be posted to the FHWA website later in the month.

Ms. Rena Hussey (VA) provided the Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) report. The committee continues its work on the roll off schedule and has, internally, approved the current schedule. Currently, the New Member Guide is being amended by the committee and will be available to the Board in the near future. Additionally, the committee is utilizing the secure message board to share findings and recommendations with committee members. The Clearinghouse is currently being considered as a possible tool for the committee to use to conduct actual reviews. Confidentiality remains a prime concern in this regard. Input from the CAC and ASSC have been requested by the committee regarding the use of the Clearinghouse data for program compliance reviews.

The Board approved the nomination of Ms. Patricia Platt (KS) to replace Mr. Tim Galbraith (WI) on the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC). Additionally, the Board approved Mr. Kirk Davenport (TX) as a member to replace Mr. Edgar Roberts (NV).

Mr. Bennion presented the IAC report. The Board approved the IAC membership as presented. Mr. Garrett Coffee (UPS) and Sherry Krajca (FFE) were also approved by the Board as members of the IAC. IFTA, Inc. will continue to work with the IAC to modify the committee charter for presentation to the Board during the 2Q08 Board Meeting.

Mr. Greenawalt provided the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) report. The Best Practices Guide was reviewed by the Board. It was recommended that the committee form a subcommittee that could concentrate on this document and review the material contained in it. The New Members Guide continues to be reviewed by the committee members and is anticipated to be presented to the Board in April 2008.

The APC created a subcommittee to review the Annual Report and draft a membership survey. It is anticipated that the survey be completed for presentation to the Board during the April 2008 Board Meeting. Following the survey completion and review, ballot language may be forthcoming. The committee is also looking to increase the participation on the exemption database. The committee is looking for volunteers from the Northeastern region.

As Board Liaison, Mr. Fitzgerald presented the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) report. The committee is continuing to draft its Best Practices Guide and remains receptive to Board recommendations and incorporating them into the document. An April 2008 Face-to-Face Meeting has also been scheduled in North Carolina. During this April meeting, the committee will discuss the road show recommendation to raise awareness and encourage jurisdiction participation in enforcement of the IFTA.

Board Liaison, Mr. Bryer, presented the Attorneys' Section Steering Committee (ASSC) report. The committee has met via teleconference to discuss the preliminary agenda for the 2008 IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting. The Board will attend the meeting on the final day, following the conclusion of the April 2008 Board Meeting.

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) report was presented by Mr. Bryer. The Board previously

approved the nomination of Ms. Beth Devlin (NY) as Chair and Mr. Brian Lehane (IN) as Vice-Chair. The committee will contact jurisdictions that have bar-coded decals to make general inquiries. While the bar-coding of decals is not a priority of the ITAC, it is a topic which interests the committee. Revoked data is also being discussed by the committee. It had been recommended that revoked data be updated on an hourly basis. This process would take a minimum of five minutes to complete. During this time, the database would not be available to NLETS. Currently, seventeen jurisdictions have agreed to share their revoked demographic data with NLETS.

The Alternative Fuels Committee (AFC) is considering ballot language. The current language will be presented to the ASSC for discussion before the committee approves a ballot proposal for submission. Regarding the NAFTA Fuel Tax and Registration Working Group, the FMCSA website has provided a list of all carriers that have applied for and received their operating authority to cross the border for operations. Thirteen Mexican and five US carriers have received their operating authorities at this time. Congress has also passed a bill disallowing funds to be used to implement a demonstration project.

In reviewing the 2007 IFTA ballots, no full track ballots passed and only IFTA Short Track Final Ballot Proposal's #6-2007 and #8-2007 passed. Both IFTA STFBP 6-2007 and 8-2007 became effective January 1, 2008. The 2008 IFTA ballot deadline for submissions is March 24th.

Ms. Turner announced that IFTA, Inc. remains financially sound during the financial report. It was further reported that the five year projected budget will request the expertise of the IFTA, Inc. financial advisor before finalizing for the Board's review later in the year.

A review of the IFTA, Inc. Strategic Plan was also conducted. The Board felt that a new Strategic Planning Session should be considered for later in the year. IFTA, Inc. will look into securing a facilitator for this session. The Board reviewed and revised the deadlines accordingly to the current Strategic Plan. Concluding the business discussions, the First Quarter 2008 IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting was adjourned.

2008 IFTA Decal

Do we have one from your jurisdiction? Check the "One Stop Shop" for confirmation. If there is no decal shown on your jurisdiction page, we have not received a current decal.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

2009

2008

IRP Managers/Supervisors Workshop
March 29-31, 2008
Birmingham, Alabama

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 17-18, 2008
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting
April 18-19, 2008
Tempe, Arizona

AAMVA Board of Directors Meeting
May 2-3, 2008
Arlington, Virginia

IRP Board of Directors Meeting
May 5-6, 2008
Arlington, VA

CCMTA Annual Meeting
May 11-15, 2008
St. Johns, Newfoundland/Labrador

FTA Annual Meeting
June 8-11, 2008
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AAMVA Region II Conference
June 8-12, 2008
Hilton Head Island, So Carolina

AAMVA Region IV Conference
June 16-19, 2008
Indian Wells, California

FTA Southern Region Motor Fuel Meeting
June 22-24, 2008
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

SEATA
July 13-16, 2008
Williamsburg, Virginia

IFTA Annual Business Meeting
July 18-19, 2008
New Orleans, Louisiana

AAMVA Region I Conference
July 24-29, 2008
Quebec City, Quebec

MSATA
August 17-19, 2008
Madison, Wisconsin

AAMVA Annual Int'l Conference
August 24-27, 2008
Orlando, Florida

WSATA
September 14-17, 2007
Whitefish, Montana

IFTA Managers Workshop/
Law Enforcement Seminar
September 17-19, 2008
Mesa, Arizona

NESTOA
September 21-24, 2008
Newport, Rhode Island

IRP Annual Meeting
October 2-6, 2008
Kansas City, Missouri

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 23-24, 2008
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
January 4-8, 2009
Tempe, Arizona

AAMVA Board of Directors
January 9-10, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
January 22-23, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 23-24, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

AAMVA Region II Conference
June 7-11, 2009
Little Rock, Arkansas

IFTA Annual Business Meeting
July 16-17, 2009
Manchester, New Hampshire

AAMVA Region I Conference
July 16-21, 2009
Boston, Massachusetts

AAMVA Annual Int'l Conference
August 23-26, 2009
San Diego, California

IFTA Managers'/Law Enforcement Seminar
September 9-11, 2009
Durham, North Carolina

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 22-23, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

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