



THE IFTA NEWS

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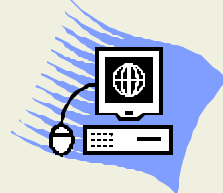
TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **1st Quarter 2009**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is March 2 at midnight. (All rates are shown in US currency unless otherwise noted.)

	Gas	Diesel	Gasohol	Prop	LNG	CNG	Ethanol	Methanol	E85	M85	A55	BioD
AZ	.2000											
CA		.4370										
FL	.2117	.3187	.2117									.3187
IL	.3730	.4340	.3730	.3350	.3350	.3350	.3730	.3730	.3730	.3730	.3730	.4340
MA				.3380	.3380	.3380						

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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 2**.

The IFTA, Inc. Staff

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Dispute Update

The February 2009 dispute docket has been posted to the IFTA, Inc. website.



Issuing Citations.....by Debora Meise

Upcoming Program Compliance Reviews

On February 25-26, 2009 the **"PENNSYLVANIA"** Review will take place.

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

Deborah Brown (VA)
Joe Dian (IN)

On March 25-26, 2009 the **"NEW HAMPSHIRE"** Review will take place.

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

Frank Brenneman (PA)
Michael Finizio (NJ)

Meeting Spotlight

Plan ahead for upcoming IFTA
events!

by Tammy Trinker
Events Coordinator



ATTORNEYS' SECTION MEETING

APRIL 2009

WHEN ?

April 23 (Thursday)
Pre Conference Meeting
April 24 - 25 (Friday - Saturday)
Meeting
April 25 (Saturday)
Committee Meeting

WHERE ?

Fly in to

Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport
Phoenix, Arizona
<http://phoenix.gov/skyharborairport/index.html>

Ground Transportation

Super Shuttle (800) 258-3826
<http://www.supershuttle.com>

\$20.00 per person

Taxis available on the north side of Terminals 2, 3, and 4.
\$15.00 Minimum Fees + \$1.00 Airport Surcharge

Reference airport website for list of **rental** agencies with web page links.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza San Marcos
One San Marcos Place
Chandler, Arizona
(800) 528-8071
<http://www.sanmarcosresort.com>

Reservations Deadline: **April 2, 2009**

Room Rate for Group **\$135.00**
State and local taxes **11.67%**

PAYMENT ?

Meeting Registration Fees

IFTA Members	\$230
General Public / Private Sector	\$290
Exhibitors	\$650

Advance payment

Checks can be mailed directly to IFTA, Inc.

Credit card payments can be accepted
by calling IFTA, Inc. direct
Credit card payment cannot be accepted at the on-site
registration

On Site Payment

Checks will be accepted during on site check in
Cash is also accepted during on site check in

Invoices

IFTA, Inc. can invoice for the registration fee (s) upon request.
Invoices paid after the workshop will incur a **minimal** late fee

QUESTIONS ?

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Tutorials:

I have added some online tutorials on the IFTA, Inc. website. The first two tutorials are on how to update your jurisdiction's tax rates. One lesson shows how to do a basic update on the tax rates. The other shows how to add a surcharge or a split rate. These two lessons are for users with the access of Level 4 and up. The tutorials are done in Flash video and show the mouse moving and what to click on.

Meeting Materials

The Meeting Materials for the 2009 Audit and IRP Workshop have been added to the IFTA, Inc. website.

2009 IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting:

Online registration for the workshop is ready for those planning to attend. Remember to login and then register from the link to speed up the process.

Exemption Database:

The Agreement Procedures Committee and the Board of Trustees are currently beta testing an entire remake of the exemption database. The new version is well organized and makes it much more useful than the current version.

Ballots:

The voting results of the 2008 ballots are now online.

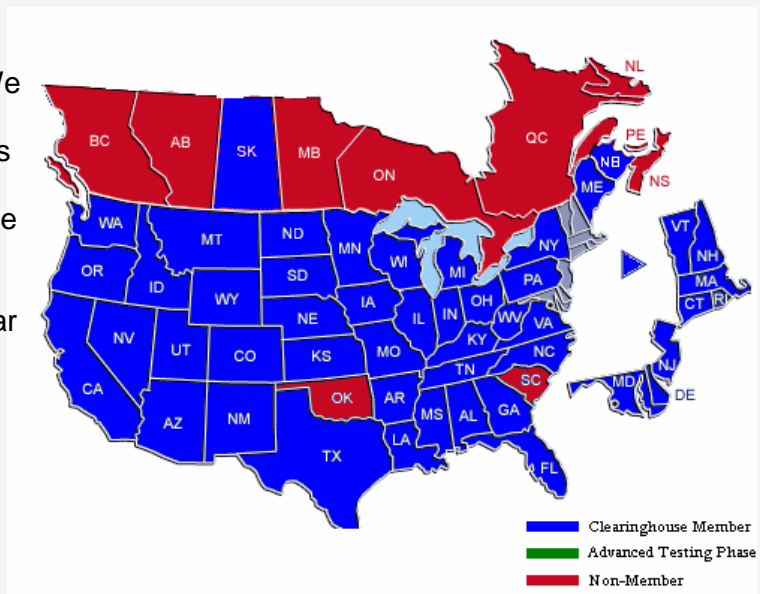
Clearinghouse Update

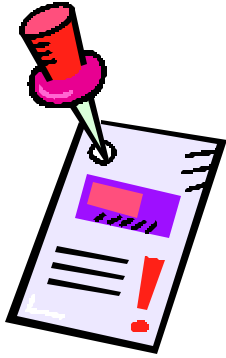
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Funds Netting Testing—2009

Starting immediately users can look at the Funds Netting results beginning with data for 2009-01. We will continue updating monthly and provide you figures throughout the year leading up to the Funds Netting program to begin in January of 2010. This test includes all participating jurisdictions of the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse.

The numbering of the Funds Netting will be the year and a consecutive number. e.g. 2009-01, 2009-02, etc. The 01 and 02 etc. is based solely on the month of the year and has no direct correlation to the transmittal number of any transmittals sent to IFTA, Inc. Transmittal numbering varies wildly therefore we have elected our own numbering for Funds Netting.





NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held their First Quarter 2009 IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting on January 22 - 23. All Board members were in attendance. Mr. Mahlon Gragen (ATC), Industry Advisory Committee Chair, was also present for part of the meeting. The Board held a closed session to elect officers for 2009. The 2009 Board Executive Committee is Mr. Julian Fitzgerald (NC), President. with Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK) and Mr. Scott Bryer (NH) as first and second Vice President's, respectively. Board liaisons were assigned as follows:

Standing Committees		
Agreement Procedures	Audit	Dispute Resolution
Scott Greenawalt (OK), Lead	Scott Bryer (NH), Lead	Bob Turner (MT), Lead
Andrew Foster (NB)	Bob Turner (MT)	Pat Platt (KS)
Rena Hussey (VA)		
Industry Advisory	Law Enforcement	Program Compliance Review
Sheila Rowen (TN), Lead	Julian Fitzgerald (NC), Lead	Rena Hussey (VA), Lead
	Doug Shepherd (CA)	Scott Greenawalt (OK)
	Bob Turner (MT)	

Special Committees		
Alternative Fuels	Attorneys' Section Steering	Clearinghouse Advisory
Andrew Foster (NB), Lead	Rena Hussey (VA), Lead	Scott Greenawalt (OK), Lead
Scott Bryer (NH)	Doug Shepherd (CA)	Pat Platt (KS)
Sheila Rowen (TN)		

Information Technology Advisory Committee
Scott Bryer (NH), Lead
Andrew Foster (NB)

The Board Liaisons to the jurisdictions were confirmed as follows:

S. Bryer	A. Foster	J. Fitzgerald	S. Greenawalt	R. Hussey	P. Platt	R. Turner	D. Shepherd
CT	AB	AL	AR	DE	IL	ID	AZ
MA	BC	FL	MO	MD	KS	MT	CA
ME	MB	LA	NE	NJ	MI	UT	CO
NH	NB	MS	NM	OH	MN	WA	NV
NY	NL	NC	OK	PA	ND	WY	OR
RI	NS	SC	TX	VA	SD		
VT	ON	WV		DE	WI		
	PE						
	QC						
	SK						

S. Rowen
GA
IA
IN
KY
TN

The Board reviewed, revised, and approved the minutes from the Fourth Quarter 2008 Board Meeting, the Actions by Email from October 2008 through January 2009, and the teleconference from November 17, 2008.

Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Services Administrator, presented the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse report and reviewed the number of hits made to both the demographic and transmittal side of the clearinghouse. Updating the Board on the NLETS project, it was clarified that IFTA, Inc. is fully functional and waiting on NLETS to clarify the regulations. IFTA, Inc. will continue to work with NLETS and coordinate with the jurisdictions and law enforcement to announce the availability.

Ms. Lonette Turner, Executive Director of IFTA, Inc., provided the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) report. The funds netting test was successful and IFTA, Inc. continues to work with the financial institution on the Canadian account. IFTA, Inc. hopes to mirror the account established by IRP, Inc. for their Canadian members of the IRP Clearinghouse.

IFTA Ballot 1-2008 was recently approved by membership and goes into effect January 1, 2010. This ballot establishes a transmittal and funding calendar approved by the Board and specifies deadlines for forwarding data and funds. The Board was given a copy of the calendar following the approved schedule for the funds netting portion of the clearinghouse.

The Clearinghouse Access Agreement will need further amendments prior to the Board's approval for release. In order to maintain the adopted schedule for funds netting, the revised access agreements will

need to be presented to membership in March for the formal amendment process. The CAC has also finalized drafts of the Funds Netting Rules. IFTA, Inc. has finished the draft of the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Users Manual. Demonstration videos are also being created to assist members with understanding the various "how to" manuals, such as the Clearinghouse User Manual.

Mr. Tom King, IFTA, Inc. Webmaster, provided a demonstration of the IFTA, Inc. website, including the modifications that have been initiated. The Annual Report data was reviewed and Mr. King showcased the graph charts that reference 2000 to 2008 by jurisdiction. The Exemption Center was also shown to the Board. Mr. Bill Kron (MS), Chair of the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC), has been working with IFTA, Inc. to set up this database on the website. The format is designed to streamline the process and make it more accurate based on various jurisdictions exemptions and requirements. The final design has not yet been decided. The Board will task the APC with populating the Exemption Center by March 1st. Once the committee has populated the database, the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) will review and comment on the Exemption Center.

IFTA, Inc. Events Coordinator, Mrs. Tammy Trinker, provided the meeting update. A significant drop in attendance occurred at the 2009 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop. The 2009 IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting will be held April 24 - 25 at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos in Chandler, AZ. The Board approved the registration fees of \$230 for members, \$290 for industry and general public, and \$650 for exhibitors.

Reviewing the 2008 Annual IFTA Business Meeting minutes, the Board offered minor revisions and approved the minutes for release to membership for ratification at the July 2009 Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

Mr. Scott Bryer (NH), Audit Committee Board Liaison, reported on the activities of the IFTA Audit Committee (AC). Following the conclusion of the 2009 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop, the AC has begun working on the preliminary agenda for the 2010 workshop. Based on a poll of committee members, it was decided to reduce the length of the workshop to three days. The committee continues to have a vacancy in the northeast region. Requests for committee volunteers will be published in THE IFTA NEWS in hopes of compiling a pool of candidates for committee vacancies. The Board approved the amendment to the committee charter. This amendment affected committee term limits. The new terms will run from March 1 - February 29.

During discussion of the AC inquiry regarding the direction of GPS and audits, the Board considered the IRP, Inc. subcommittee being commissioned to study IRP audits. It was suggested that IFTA participate, in some capacity, on this subcommittee to track valid IFTA issues such as concerns with GPS.

Mrs. Debora Meise, IFTA, Inc. Program Director, provided an update on the Program Compliance Reviews. The northeast region is under review this year and sixteen (16) reviews have been scheduled. The review period has been reduced to two (2) days. Due to the severe travel restrictions affecting a majority of jurisdictions, there is concern for complete coverage for the review teams. Mrs. Meise issued a correspondence to membership outlining the requirement of P1230: Required Participation [in program compliance reviews]. The memorandum outlined the travel reimbursement and expenditures associated with conducting a review. Thirty (30) volunteers will be required in order to successfully complete the northeast region program compliance reviews.

Ms. Rena Hussey (VA), Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) Board Liaison, offered this report. The PCRC continues to work with IRP to compromise on the variances between the IFTA and IRP program compliance and peer reviews. Future combined review opportunities are always being considered. NJ has agreed to a combined review in December 2009 and Nevada has volunteered for another in 2010. In addition, the PCRC is reviewing the committee roll off schedule to reflect the current committee charter terms.

Mr. Robert Turner (MT), Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) Board Liaison, provided this report. The DRC is waiting for confirmation on whether or not an appeal will be filed regarding the decision rendered in December 2008 by the committee. As a result of the current hearing, it is anticipated that the committee will propose changes to the dispute process as well as recommend revisions to the Board process during the appeals process. The Board commended the DRC on their work during the recent dispute.

Ms. Hussey then reported on the activities of the program compliance review and dispute resolution process project. The proposal presented during the 2008 Annual IFTA Business Meeting, as outlined by Mr. Rick LaRose (CT), continues to be reviewed by the committee. Members of this committee are Mr. Scott Bryer (NH), Ms. Hussey, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Meise, Mr. Jay Starling (AL), and Mr. LaRose. Currently, the committee is considering the following:

- Confidential or Open Voting
- Abstention Votes
- Level of Ballot Support Necessary

Following the survey issued by the committee and conducted on the website, it was the committee's position to not count abstained votes and permit open voting only.

Mr. Gragen presented the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) report. Following the committee's nomination, the Board approved Mr. Gragen as the new IAC Chair. Travel restrictions have also impacted industry representatives as it has the IFTA membership. Attendance at 2009 events is anticipated to be down for industry as it is anticipated for jurisdiction representatives. Mileage taxes are being discussed again due to the economic crisis gripping the nation. This tax is a concern for industry and they will be monitoring the discussions.

Mr. Greenawalt, Board Liaison, presented the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) report. The committee continues to work with the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) to draft the preliminary agenda for the 2009 September Seminar. Additionally, the committee continues to restructure the Annual Report database for previewing to the Board by the April 2009 Board Meeting. A review of the Agreement and Procedures manuals is also underway. The APC currently has a vacancy in the western region due to the resignation of Ms. Earleen Weaver (WY).

LEC Board Liaison, Mr. Fitzgerald, presented this committee report. The committee continues to work well with the APC regarding the planning of the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Seminar. A tracking record was also drafted to identify those committee members actively participating in the monthly teleconferences. The Chair and Vice Chairs are contacting the inactive members to field their ability and interest to continue participating. A poll of the LEC representatives will also be conducted to determine their ability to travel and hold a Face-to-Face Meeting in 2009. Other projects the committee continues to organize include a 3-day IFTA Annual Fuel Check event. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness throughout the jurisdictions about IFTA on a national level. A one day blitz is being organized to check for dyed fuel and IFTA compliance following the conclusion of the IFTA grace period. Previously, the committee had begun discussions for a road show that would enhance enforcement of IFTA. Due to the budgetary constraints, the committee is discussing alternatives.

Ms. Hussey reported on the activities of the Attorneys' Steering Section Committee (ASSC). The ASSC has begun drafting the preliminary agenda for this year's meeting. The committee is concerned with attendance and travel costs. Teleconference's have been scheduled for every third Friday of the month, beginning with the January 2009 conference call. Mr. Jay Befort (KS), ASSC Ex-Officio, will also be resigning from the committee.

Board Liaison Mr. Bryer presented the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) report. The ITAC continue to solicit volunteers for committee membership. The IFTA FOCUS will highlight the ITAC in an attempt to outline the committee charge as well as experience necessary. The ITAC will search for regional representation on the committee. The Board drafted a charge that will be presented to the ITAC.

Mr. Bryer reported on the activities of the Alternative Fuel Committee (AFC). It was the decision of the Board that the AFC is a valuable committee to IFTA and that it should continue despite the failure of the recent ballot proposals. An alternative fuel database remains an area of interest to the committee, as was presented to membership during the July 2008 Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

The Board reviewed and approved Idaho's decal color request. This request was to approve the 3M red for 2009, the 3M blue for 2010, and a 3-year cycle for the rotation of the 3M red, blue, and green. The Board also reviewed and amended the IFTA, Inc. Strategic Plan. In reviewing the 2008 IFTA ballots, only ballots 1-2008 and 2-2008 were approved by membership. The effective date of Ballot 1-2008, regarding funds netting, will be January 1, 2010. Ballot 2-2008, year end transmittal notification letter, becomes effective December 11, 2008. Ballots 3, 6, and 7-2008 were all withdrawn by their sponsor and ballots 4-2008 and 5-2008 failed.

Ms. Turner informed the Board that IFTA, Inc. remains financially sound despite the recent investment losses. Additionally, she informed the Board that the Yukon Territories has been in contact and asked for information pertaining to enabling legislations and membership resolution. IFTA, Inc. will consider a process in which certain individuals are recognized for their work in the IFTA. The Board will consider whether such a practice is acceptable once IFTA has drafted the policies.

Following the conclusion of the 1Q09 Board Meeting, the IFTA, Inc. Board met jointly with the IRP, Inc. Board of Directors. Those present at this combined meeting included members of the IRP, Inc. Board, IRP, Inc. Board Advisors, AAMVA/IRP, Inc. Staff, IRP, Inc. legal counsel, the IFTA, Inc. Board, IFTA, Inc. Staff, and a guest from the American Trucking Association, Mr. Robert Pitcher. During this special meeting, the Boards discussed IFTA Compliance and IRP Peer Reviews. Issues of scheduling, review teams, and the review lead were reviewed. The IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop was also discussed. The Boards talked about alternating hosts, sponsorship concerns, and videotaping of the Auditor 101.

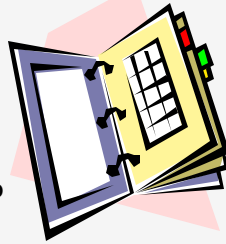
Other issues discussed by the Boards include the participation in a Compliance Audit Working Group. Currently, the group is on hold until the funding for it can be secured. Continued participation in the CDEA, Credentials Data and Enforcement Access task force, was also discussed. Both IRP and IFTA feel the CDEA is very important to their communities. Collaborations benefiting members of both organizations was also discussed. The Boards discussed having combined meetings in the future. It was agreed that conference calls between the IRP, Inc. and IFTA, Inc. Boards would be a positive step towards maintaining open communications between the organizations.

Following the conclusion of the combined IFTA, Inc. and IRP, Inc. Board Meeting, the IFTA, Inc. Board met to review the combined discussions. During this time, the Board addressed the IFTA program compliance reviews. It was clarified that changing the review period would require a ballot and that the 2009 ballot submission deadline is March 30th. Federal grants were also considered and IFTA, Inc. agreed to contact FHWA while the Board will make contacts to inquire as to the IRP, Inc. grant funding opportunities.

In scheduling the IFTA and IRP Board teleconferences, Ms. Rowen and Mr. Greenawalt volunteered to participate. It was thought that such conference calls should be made prior to the actual Board Meetings. Mr. Bryer volunteered to be an alternate on the calls, should either Ms. Rowen or Mr. Greenawalt be unavailable.

The First Quarter 2009 IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting was adjourned following the conclusion of the business discussions.

2009



UPCOMING MEETINGS

2010

IRP Managers/Supervisors' Workshop
March 28-30, 2009—**CANCELLED**
St. Louis, Missouri

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

IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting
April 24-25, 2009
Chandler, Arizona

FTA Pacific Region Motor Fuel Meeting
April 26-28, 2009
Golden, Colorado

IRP, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 7-8, 2009
Indianapolis, Indiana

FTA Northeastern Regional
Motor Fuel Meeting
May 17-19, 2009
Boston, Massachusetts

FTA Annual Meeting
May 31- June 3, 2009
Denver, Colorado

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

IFTA Annual Business Meeting
July 15-16, 2009 *
Manchester, New Hampshire

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

FTA Southern Region Motor Fuel Meeting
June 28-30, 2009
Savannah, Georgia

SEATA Annual Meeting
June 28—July 1, 2009
Biloxi, Mississippi

MSATA Annual Meeting
August 16—18, 2009
Fargo, North Dakota

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

WSATA Annual Meeting
September 8—11, 2009
Oahu, Hawaii

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

IRP Annual Meeting
September 10-14, 2009
Tucson, Arizona

NESTOA Annual Meeting
September 13—16, 2009
Atlantic City, New Jersey

FTA Motor Fuel Tax Section
Annual Meeting
September 20-23, 2009
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
January 28-29, 2010
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting
February 1-2, 2010
San Antonio, Texas

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
February 2-4, 2010
San Antonio, Texas

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 22-23, 2010
Chandler, Arizona

FTA Annual Meeting
June 6-9, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia

IFTA Managers'/Law Enforcement
Seminar
September 22-24, 2010
Mesa, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 21-22, 2010
Chandler, Arizona

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