



THE IFTA NEWS

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TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **1st Quarter 2010**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is March 1 at midnight. (All rates are shown in US currency unless otherwise noted.)

	Gas	Diesel	Gasohol	Prop	LNG	CNG	Ethanol	Methanol	E85	M85	A55	BioD
CA		.3730									.3730	.3730
FL	.2957	.3167	.2957									.3167
IL	.3130	.3500	.3130	.2990	.2990	.2990	.3130	.3130	.3130	.3130	.3130	.3500
KY	.2270	.1970	.2270	.2270	.1970	.1970	.2270	.2270	.2270	.2270	.1970	
KY (sur)	.0390	.0920	.0390	.0390	.0920	.0920	.0390	.0390	.0390	.0390	.0920	
MA				.2020	.2020	.2020						
NC	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030	.3030
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#14—Texas Biodiesel, renewable diesel and blends containing biodiesel or renewable diesel purchased in Texas must be reported under the fuel type "DIESEL". Instructions for reporting biodiesel, renewable diesel and blends are online at <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/fuels/ifta.html> or call toll free 1-800-252-1383.

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Upcoming 2010 Deadlines

Grace Period Ends	February 28, 2010
Annual Reports Due	March 1, 2010
Ballot Submission Deadline	March 26, 2010

IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

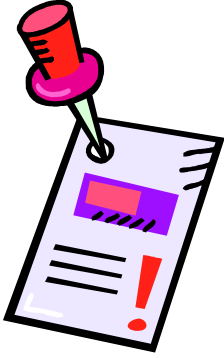


Ladies and gentlemen it is time once again to start planning for the upcoming Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop which will be held in Mesa, Arizona September 22-24, 2010. We had an excellent meeting in North Carolina last year and will be looking forward to hosting excellent meeting this year. We plan to have new items on the agenda to help newcomers as well as us old hats.

If you would like to suggest a topic for this year's workshop you still have time to get that topic to the Agreement Procedures Committee or the Law Enforcement Committee. We look forward to seeing you in Arizona in September.

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD



The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its First Quarter 2010 meeting on January 28 – 29. Seven Board members were in attendance and Mr. Scott Bryer (NH) attended by conference call. Mr. Robert Turner (MT) was unable to attend. Mr. Julian Fitzgerald (NC) called the meeting to order and welcomed the newest Board member, Mr. Ron Hester (ON). The Board went into immediate closed session for the purpose of appointing the Executive Committee. By acclamation, Mr. Fitzgerald was re-elected President and Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK) and Mr. Bryer were re-elected First and Second Vice Presidents respectively.

Ms. Lonette Turner, IFTA, Inc. Executive Director, provided the financial report. IFTA, Inc. continues to remain financially sound and the organization’s investments continue to recover following the previous year’s economic instability. It is projected that IFTA, Inc. will reduce future expenditures based upon the type of projects currently being considered such as the electronic program compliance reviews. At this time, four electronic reviews have been scheduled for 2010 to further test the process. IFTA, Inc. continues to search for a local third party to conduct SAS 70 audits.

Following the financial report, the Board resumed their closed session and approved that travel costs be paid by IFTA, Inc. for the member representing the Board and presiding over the Annual IFTA Business Meeting. Additionally, the Board approved that the registration fees be paid by IFTA, Inc. for the presiding Officer, if not the voting member for a jurisdiction.

Committee Liaison assignments were reviewed and assigned as follows:

Agreement Procedures	Audit	Dispute Resolution
Scott Greenawalt (OK), Lead	Scott Bryer (NH), Lead	Bob Turner (MT), Lead
Ron Hester (ON)	Bob Turner (MT)	Pat Platt (KS)
Doug Shepherd (CA)		
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)	
Alternative Fuels	Attorneys’ Section Steering	Clearinghouse Advisory
Pat Platt (KS), Lead	Rena Hussey (VA), Lead	Scott Greenawalt (OK), Lead
Ron Hester (ON)	Sheila Rowen (TN)	Pat Platt (KS)
Sheila Rowen (TN)		
Information Technology Advisory Committee		
Scott Bryer (NH), Lead		
Ron Hester (ON)		

Jurisdiction Liaison assignments were reviewed and assigned accordingly:

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

Responsibilities of the Board Liaisons were discussed by the Board. During the October 2009 Board Meeting, the committee chairs expressed a desire to be provided with a more defined chain of command and direction from the Board. The liaison's role was viewed as being supportive and to guide the committee without taking control. IFTA, Inc. will draft a document describing Board Liaison responsibilities for the committees.

IRP, Inc. hosted the most recent IFTA/IRP Board Subcommittee conference call in December 2009. Several topics were discussed by the subcommittee including an update on the IRP Compliance Audit Working Group (CAWG). The CAWG is working on a draft document with recommendations regarding the IRP Audit Manual and will present this document to its membership for comments. Practice webinar sessions on Pre-Audit Planning have been well received by both the IFTA and IRP memberships. Topics for future webinars are being considered. Combined compliance reviews were also discussed. The subcommittee felt that even if IFTA utilizes full electronic reviews, it would be beneficial to hold both the IRP and IFTA reviews simultaneously. The IRP Board will discuss the recommendation of changing to a regional rotation during their January Board meeting. Addressing the issue of combined IRP / IFTA Managers' Workshops, the IFTA Agreement Procedures and Law Enforcement Committees were asked to consider including pertinent IRP topics this year. IFTA, Inc. will host the next IFTA /IRP Board Subcommittee teleconference.

The Board approved the minutes from the Fourth Quarter 2009 Board meeting as amended. Additionally, the Board approved the minutes of the Actions via E-mail as written and the minutes from the December 3, 2009 conference call as amended.

The Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) report was presented by Mr. Greenawalt, Board Liaison. Membership passed IFTA Full Track Final Ballot Proposal (FTFBP) 4-2009 making the CAC a Standing Committee. With this change, and the implementation of funds netting, the committee has asked the Board for a formal charge and review of the committee membership. The CAC foresees many requests to modify and improve the Clearinghouse to ensure better accuracy of the demographic data. Training will also become a necessity to ensure the success of funds netting and the Clearinghouse overall. The Board approved the continued appointment of Mr. Garry Hinkley (ME) as Chair of the CAC and approved the current members to continue serving.

Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Systems Administrator, presented the Clearinghouse update. The first funds netting settlement report was issued to membership along with a prorated table. The account is to be funded by the jurisdictions shortly.

It was explained that the process of receiving and distributing the account funds is a process with multiple security levels that will not allow any single person to take action with the bank accounts.

There was much discussion about running reports and new projects for the Clearinghouse. A Clearinghouse Enhancement form is now available on the IFTA, Inc. secure website. This form can be utilized by membership to request new features, reports, or enhancements. Once completed, this form would be submitted to the CAC for consideration.

Mr. Tom King, IFTA, Inc. Webmaster reported that an on-line archive has been created for THE IFTA NEWS so that the previous and current year issues are prominently displayed on the website. Message Boards are being set up for all IFTA Standing Committees. The 2009 Annual Report database is posted and several jurisdictions have uploaded their data. An auto generated message was added to the Interjurisdictional E-mail exchange to better clarify from where the email was issued. The Board approved the official release of the revised Exemption database and the new Biodiesel information database. New committee member access to the website was reviewed. It was explained that, following a new committee member's appointment, an email is sent out instructing them on how to access the committee web pages, including the committee's message board.

The IFTA Meeting Update was provided by Mrs. Tammy Trinker, IFTA, Inc. Events Coordinator. The 2010 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop has ninety-five persons registered. The 2011 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop will be hosted by IRP, Inc. Registration fees for the 2010 Annual IFTA Business Meeting will be presented to the Board in April. The Attorneys' Section Steering Committee (ASSC) scheduled a teleconference in early February and will discuss the 2011 IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting at that time. Both the 2009 and 2010 meetings have been canceled due to imposed travel restrictions for most jurisdictions. To defray expenses related to meetings, the committee is considering webinars.

Proposals are being presented from local as well as out of state hotels for the 2011 and 2012 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. IFTA, Inc. continues to work with a possible host jurisdiction for the 2011 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. Following discussions, it was the Board's decision to not combine the 2011 First Quarter Board Meeting with the Audit Workshop hosted by IRP, Inc. in Florida. This decision was made after confirmation that the IRP, Inc. Board meeting would not be held in conjunction with the IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop. Board Meeting hotel locations for 2011 and 2012 were then reviewed. IFTA, Inc. was authorized to proceed with hotel negotiations for these meetings in an effort to reduce affiliated expenses.

Mrs. Debora Meise, IFTA, Inc. Program Director, provided the Program Compliance Review update. The Northeast region was reviewed in 2009 and the Midwest region is being reviewed in 2010. Nevada has agreed to have a combined IFTA / IRP review and Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota have agreed to electronic reviews. IFTA, Inc. continues to form review teams for all sixteen reviews. In 2009, the review for Massachusetts was done electronically. The jurisdiction was surveyed and responded favorably to the electronic review process. The first electronic review for 2010 will be in South Dakota in February and has been scheduled for four days. It is believed that the remaining electronic reviews could be completed in either two or three days.

Board Liaison Ms. Rena Hussey (VA) presented the Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) report. The committee continues to meet by teleconference every month. Committee meeting minutes are located on the PCRC web page. Mr. John Szilagyi (CT) was previously approved by the Board as Vice Chair.

Seven reviews from 2009 have been closed and one is under reassessment. The passage of IFTA FTFBP 2-2009 was discussed by the Board. The Board approved IFTA, Inc. to proceed with a four region – five year review cycle. This would permit for four year's of reviews with the fifth year free of any new reviews. The IRP, Inc. Board will be conducting a study regarding distance and electronic reviews.

As Board Liaison, Mr. Bryer presented the Audit Committee (AC) report. The committee continues to focus on the IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop in San Antonio in February. A majority of the presentation materials have been posted on the IFTA, Inc. website. Following the workshop, any additional materials presented will also be made available on the website. Mr. Jeff Hood (IN) serves on both the IFTA AC as well as the IRP AC. Mr. Hood has also volunteered his services for the IFTA Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC).

A practice session for the first webinar on Audit Planning and Opening Conferences was successfully held on November 20, 2009. A general invitation was distributed for the final webinar product that took place on January 21, 2010.

The roll off schedule for the AC was then reviewed. It was noted that the two Midwest representatives and the two Western representatives had the same term ending dates. The committee will review these dates to establish staggered roll off schedules as opposed to simultaneous roll offs.

Mr. Bryer, ITAC Board Liaison, presented the committee's report. The Board approved the appointments of Ms. Della Golden

(OH), Mr. Hood, Mr. Bob Schwab (MO), and Mr. John Willey (NE) to the ITAC. IFTA, Inc. will post the committee charge from the Board to the committee's message board.

Ms. Patricia Platt (KS), Board Liaison, presented the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) report. Following the retirement of Mr. Ed King (CA), Mr. Rick LaRose (CT) assumed the Chair position leaving the Vice Chair vacant. The committee continues to search for a candidate to fill this vacancy. Additionally, there is a vacancy in the Northeast region.

The committee is reviewing and revising its New Member Guide. The Board reviewed a draft of a charge to the DRC. The charge tasks the committee with researching, discussing and making recommendations for any necessary changes to the Dispute Resolution Process. IFTA, Inc. will revise the current draft and present it to the Board for approval prior to issuing the formal charge to the DRC.

Board Liaison Mr. Greenawalt presented the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) report. The committee has started preparing for the 2010 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop and will contact IRP, Inc. regarding the inclusion of relative IRP topics. The committee is considering ballot language about the Annual Report database. This language is to make the Annual Report database more useful for the jurisdictions' management and auditing staffs. Ms. Donna Alderman (NC) was approved by the Board to fill the Southeast region vacancy, leaving a vacancy in the Canadian region and two in the Northeastern region.

The Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) report was presented by Mr. Fitzgerald, Board Liaison. The committee decided to forego ballot language regarding decal placement. In place of a ballot, the LEC will draft recommendations for decal placement to be included in the Law Enforcement Committee Best Practices Guide. The committee is currently organizing the 2010 March and May (M and M) Blitz. It is the committee's intent that the event be held annually in every IFTA jurisdiction. Monthly teleconference calls are held and used to organize the September IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop.

Ms. Hussey, Board Liaison to the ASSC, presented this committee report. Former Chair, Mr. Jack Frehafer (PA), now serves as the ex-officio and Ms. Janice Davidson (NC) and Ms. Carolee Johnstone (CA) serve as the Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The committee continues to work on educating membership on the value of the ASSC and is in the process of drafting a message to the IFTA Commissioners. The committee continues to consider webinars as an alternative to their annual IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting as a way to reduce travel related expenditures. Recording these webinars is something that the committee would like to research for future use. An email was distributed by IFTA, Inc. on behalf of the ASSC to all committee chairs and vice chairs offering the committee's assistance in reviewing proposed ballot language. The deadline for forwarding ballot language for review by the ASSC is the end of January.

In discussing the Alternative Fuel Committee (AFC), the Board approved to disband the committee. The AFC had completed the Biodiesel Information project and it will be released on the IFTA, Inc. website. The Board extended its thanks to Kim Craig (ON) for chairing the committee. IFTA, Inc. will contact the committee members to thank them for their service. The Board will also ask that they might again serve as additional issues arise in the future.

Reviewing the 2009 ballots, Mrs. Meise reported that four ballots had gone to vote. Ballot 1-2009 became effective as of January 1, 2010. Ballot 2-2009 will become effective January 1, 2011 while ballots 3-2009 and 4-2009 were effective upon passage. Only two ballot proposals have been submitted to IFTA, Inc. for 2010. The ASSC is currently reviewing the AC ballot proposal and the APC had not, at the time of the Board meeting, presented their ballot language to the ASSC.

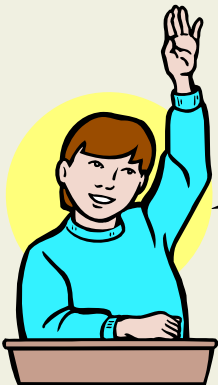
During discussion of new business, the Board was informed that the 2010 Board elections will need to include a Canadian and Northeast region Board member elect as per the association's Bylaws. Regarding the IFTA, Inc. rental properties, the Board was further informed that one of the tenants has provided written notice of their intent to not renew their lease. The tenant will vacate the office space April 2010.

IFTA webinars were discussed. It was explained that some jurisdictions do not accept the "Go to Meetings" website due to firewall and security concerns. Ms. Turner stressed that the "Go to Meetings" data is encrypted and secure. At this time, IFTA, Inc. utilizes the "Go to Meetings" for all its webinar needs.

It was queried whether a committee should review alternatives to the IFTA decal, such as transponders. CVISN has a Working Group currently reviewing this specific issue in North Carolina. Ms. Platt will draft a list of concerns to be submitted to this Working Group for the Board's review during the April 2010 Board meeting.

A Working Group on Re-audit and Re-examination was discussed at length. The Board identified several candidates to join the Working Group. It was decided that the Working Group should consist of nine members from all five regions and represent administrators, auditors, and attorneys. The Board then reviewed a drafted charge to the Working Group. The proposed charge will be revised prior to the candidates being contacted.

The Strategic Plan was reviewed and amended. The Board also reviewed the cumulative Action Items list. Following the conclusion of the business discussions, the First Quarter 2010 IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting was adjourned.



How's that E-Review Project moving along?



Good Question! There are four additional Electronic Reviews scheduled in 2010: South Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska, and North Dakota.

A presentation is being planned for the Annual IFTA Business Meeting in Toronto, Ontario Canada to unveil all our results so stay tuned!

Jurisdiction Addresses

Just a reminder...when sending out **CORRESPONDENCE, TRANSMITTALS, DECALS etc., please be sure you are sending these to the correct addresses. We have been advised that items have gone to an incorrect address or to the attention of someone who is no longer within the agency.**

All up-to-date information can be found on the secure portion of our website.

Thanks very much!



New Exemption Database

The Board of Trustees has approved the launch of a new Exemption Database. This project was started over a year ago by the Agreement Procedures Committee and continuously worked on and revised until completion.

How it works: The new system is well organized and continues along the lines of the previous system. There are still four main exemption data types: Vehicle, Fuel, Distance and Other exemptions. However the new system goes into explicit details of various types of exemptions. For instance in Vehicle Exemptions there are categories for school buses, government owned vehicles, temporary plated vehicles, tow trucks and other related exemptions belonging to vehicles. Each exemption has an Effective Date. The main exemption webpage is laid out in an easy to follow grid. If you see a jurisdiction has 'Yes' for a certain exemption your looking into then click on it. This will take you a webpage with more information. You can then click on that jurisdiction to read all the details and Effective Dates.

New Biodiesel Information

While working on the Exemption Database project I worked with the Alternative Fuels Committee on a new database pertaining to Biodiesel Information.

How it works: The main Biodiesel Information website has two pages. The first page lists any jurisdiction that has updated this database if they offer any refunds, biodiesel tax exemptions, producers credits or income tax credits. By default it lists all jurisdictions that haven't entered data as offering no biodiesel incentives refunds or exemptions. If you click on any jurisdiction you'll see the second page. This page will list further details. If the jurisdiction offers a Biodiesel exemption this will highlighted in the new exemption database under the fuels section.

Jurisdictions can update both databases by logging in to the IFTA, Inc. website and entering the Master Control. You'll need access level 3 or higher to edit.

IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Update
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Funds Netting

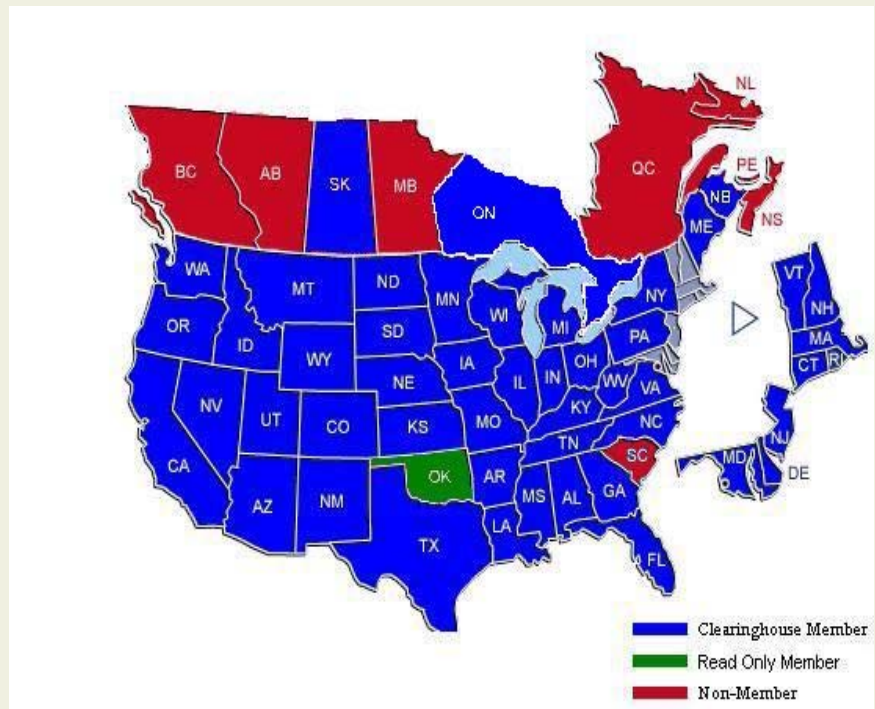
Well, you finally did it! We finally made it to Funds Netting and finally did our first run. And it worked.

You should have a much better overview now on how funds netting is going to work from here on out. Hopefully funds netting will make life in all jurisdictions just a little bit easier. And some of you will be lucky enough to never send out a check again, (except to those jurisdictions still not participating)!

We even did two prorate periods because some jurisdictions were late sending funds during the first round. Next time let's get those funds sent in the first round!

Now What?

Besides updating and creating a few transmittal reports, the CAC is going to start looking a lot more closely at the demographic data. There are definitely some formatting rules that some jurisdictions are not following. So we are going to work on getting everyone on the same page. Most especially those pesky date fields. All date fields should YYYY-MM-DD. So that's a little warning of what we will next be asking of the jurisdictions and vendors.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

2010

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

FTA Motor Fuel Pacific Region
May 11-13, 2010
Anchorage, Alaska

IRP Annual Meeting
May 12-15, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

IRP, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 15, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

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

FTA Motor Fuel Southern Region
June 26-30, 2010
Charleston, South Carolina

SEATA
July 11-14, 2010
Little Rock, Arkansas

IFTA Annual Business Meeting
July 20-21, 2010
Toronto, Ontario

FTA Motor Fuel Annual Meeting
September 12-15, 2010
Helena, Montana

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

IRP, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
September 30-October 1, 2010
Grapevine, Texas

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

2011

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
February 8-10, 2011
Orlando, Florida

FTA Compliance Workshop
February 27-March 3, 2011
Denver, Colorado

FTA Motor Fuel Pacific Region
April 10-13, 2011
Boise, Idaho

IRP Annual Meeting
May 5-8, 2011
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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