



# THE IFTA NEWS

## TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **2nd Quarter 2010**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is June 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 |
|----------|-------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| MA       |       |        |         | .2360 | .2360 | .2360 |         |          |       |       |       |      |
| QC (cnd) | .1620 | .1720  | .1620   |       |       |       | .1720   | .1620    | .1720 | .1620 | .1720 |      |



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### IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

The Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop is just four (4) months away! This years workshop will be held on September 22 - 24, 2010 in Mesa, Arizona.

The Agreement Procedures and Law Enforcement Committees are hard at work preparing for a very educational and informative workshop.



Watch ***The IFTA NEWS*** for future updates & information about the 2010 Workshop!



# Upcoming Compliance Reviews

|                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|
| North Dakota - Electronic Review        |
| June 14-17, 2010                        |
| Bill Kron (MS)<br>TBD                   |
| Michigan                                |
| June 23-24, 2010                        |
| Sherry Helms (AL)<br>Bruce McGowan (WA) |



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

Review the [Registration Packet](#) for details on:

- preliminary agenda topics
- hotel amenities and
- meeting registration

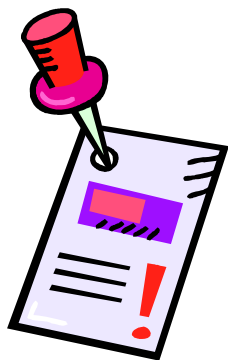
#### TORONTO FUN FACTS

- Toronto's CN Tower is one of the tallest towers in the world. The trip to the top ranks as #1 on the National Geographic's list of the World's Top 10 Elevator Rides.
- [Yonge Street](#), formerly listed as the longest street in the world, runs [1,896 kilometres](#) through Ontario. It starts at Toronto's waterfront and ends in Rainy River, near the Manitoba border.
- Niagara Falls is electrifying! These spectacular waterfalls are one of Canada's seven wonders and the largest producer of hydro-electric power in the world.

#### TOURISM LINKS

- [Canada's Wonderland](#)
- [City of Toronto – Visiting Toronto](#)
- [Ontario Science Centre](#)
- [Ontario Travel](#)
- [Toronto Zoo](#)

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD



The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its Second Quarter 2010 meeting on April 22 – 23. Eight Board members were in attendance. Ms. Sheila Rowen (TN) was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Mr. Robert Pitcher, American Trucking Association (ATA) and Mr. Glenn Campbell, IFTA, Inc. Financial Advisor. The Board went into immediate closed session for the purpose of financial discussions with Mr. Campbell. Afterwards, the meeting was re-opened and the Board approved the minutes from the IQ 2010 Board meeting as well as the Board Actions by Email.

Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Systems Administrator, reported that funds netting has been operational for four months and is running smoothly. The totals have been calculating correctly and transmittal data has been posted in a timely manner by all member jurisdictions. The Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) will be reviewing the demographic data for accuracy since several jurisdictions have been utilizing incorrect status codes. Jurisdictions forwarding improper codes are being contacted to resolve this occurrence.

IFTA, Inc. Executive Director, Ms. Lonette Turner, spoke about the success of the funds netting. Several million dollars have been transferred through the US and CND jurisdictions. Funds netting is working as anticipated and pro-rating is initiated when necessary. No complaints have been fielded regarding the process or multiple payments due to the separate funding schedules. Interest earned on the accounts due to the banking institution's regulations has been minimal. Any interest accrued from the funds netting is used to offset the Clearinghouse and funds netting expenses.

The Board approved the appointments of Mr. Bob Van Buren (NY), Ms. Leri McClure (MI), Mr. Kevin Park (UT), and Ms. Trishawn Bell (AL) to the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC).

Mr. Tom King, IFTA, Inc. Webmaster, provided a demonstration of the IFTA, Inc. web site. A tutorial is being drafted that would assist new committee members in understanding and utilizing the message boards to their full potential. IFTA, Inc. will revise the default for attachments in message board posts to show the name of the document as opposed to the current link that reads "Click Here". Another addition being looked into is a single log in with a drop down box that would provide the various accounts associated for each user. With a simple click, a user could then log on under one account and have access to all their accounts automatically.

Other web pages reviewed during the demonstration included the 2010 ballot proposals, committee chairs section of the message boards, a private messaging system, the bio-diesel information page, exemption center, clearinghouse user information, and the Annual Report spreadsheet data.

The Board then reviewed the calculation for the audit completion requirement. This formula enables jurisdictions to determine their number of audits for the current year. It was the decision of the Board that a review of all jurisdictions previously cited, since the passage of IFTA Ballot 12-2005, for a finding of non-compliance in reaching the 3% audit requirement, be conducted. Should this review alter the jurisdiction's non-compliant status, the report would be amended to reflect that they are compliant with the audit requirement. A presentation of this calculation will be presented at the July Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

During the IFTA Meetings update, the Board reviewed the registration fees for the 2010 meetings. The registration fees for the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop will be \$315 for members, \$375 for general and industry representatives, and \$650 for exhibitors. The registration fees for the 2010 Annual IFTA Business Meeting are \$400 for members, \$460 for general and industry representatives, and \$650 for exhibitors. IFTA, Inc. continues to research hosting options for the 2011 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop as well as the 2011 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. The IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting will not be held in 2011 due to the continued economic strain on membership.

Board Liaison, Mr. Scott Bryer (NH), presented the Audit Committee (AC) report. The committee continues to review the IFTA Audit Manual. While IRP, Inc. is responsible for the logistics of the 2011 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop, the committee continues to work on the agenda for the upcoming workshop in Orlando, FL. The AC is also discussing the use of LNG fuel. Ms. Diana Kay (FL) had previously been approved by the Board as a Southeast region representative, replacing Ms. Charmin Tillman (MS) following her resignation.

Mrs. Debora Meise, IFTA, Inc. Program Director, offered an update on the program compliance reviews. The 2010 reviews are well underway in the Midwest region. Nevada has formally withdrawn from the combined electronic review in July. This decision was made in light of the five year cycle review scheduled for 2012. The electronic reviews for Missouri and South Dakota have both been completed. An update on these reviews will be provided at the Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

The Combined IFTA / IRP Review Committee held a teleconference in February and was informed of the Board's decision regarding the 5 year review cycle. During this call, IRP announced that they will conduct a study regarding regional rotation. The IFTA Board previously announced it will not hold reviews in 2011 and the IRP Board will meet in May to discuss this issue.

Ms. Rena Hussey (VA), Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) Board Liaison, offered this report. The committee continues to meet by teleconference every month and utilizes the message boards for discussions and review updates. Of the 2009 reviews, one is under reassessment and several are in follow-up status.

The Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) report was presented by Mr. Robert Turner (MT), Board Liaison. The committee has begun working on the charges issued by the Board in February. The industry advisors have drafted a proposal regarding the issue of amending the process to include a formal comment period. The DRC will continue to discuss this issue and draft an amended proposal for further discussions. There is a vacancy in the Northeast region and the committee is looking for a replacement.

Mr. Pitcher presented the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) report on behalf of Mr. Mahlon Gragen, Chair. Travel restrictions continue to impede industry's participation similarly to the jurisdictions. The attendance at the February 2010 meeting in San Antonio was greatly reduced as a result. The IAC requested that the Board authorize industry participation on all IFTA standing committees. It is the industry's position that this would align with the organization's goals of strengthening partnerships with industry. The Board took this request under advisement. The committee roster as outlined in the written report was also approved by the Board.

The Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) Board Liaison, Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK), presented this report. The Board approved the nominations of Ms. Carolyn Evanston (IN) and Ms. Kimberly Knox-Lawrence (ME) as members of the committee. The committee still has a vacancy in the Canadian region. During discussions of the Annual Report and exemption database, it was explained that jurisdictions are not required to annually update the exemption database like they are required to update the Annual Report database. However, they are encouraged to do so.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Board Liaison to the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC), presented this report. Three members have submitted their intent to resign citing internal budgetary constraints. These members are Lt. John Moses (AL), Martin Barrow (NC), and Georges Sansfacon (QC). The committee is actively pursuing nominations to fill these vacancies.

The M&M Blitz had a significant increase in participation from membership. The committee is compiling the data received and will present their findings during the September Workshop. The Board reviewed and discussed the committee's Decal Placement Guide. This guide outlines a recommended location for the IFTA decal placement on qualified motor vehicles. Minor amendments were recommended by the Board. The IAC also had some suggestions that were offered. The process for the Charles M. Mills Award of Excellence will be reviewed by the committee for possible changes in 2011. The 2010 nomination forms will be provided online in the coming weeks.

Board Liaison Ms. Hussey presented the Attorneys' Section Steering Committee (ASSC) report. Although the committee is not meeting face-to-face in 2011, the ASSC continues to be active and holds quarterly conference calls. Webinars continue to be pursued as an alternative means for providing attorney education and litigation support. The 2010 ballot proposals have been reviewed by the committee and revisions were suggested to the sponsors to clarify the intent of the ballots. Additionally, the committee reviewed and provided feedback regarding the IFTA Committees' Chairs Guide. The Board approved Mr. Paul Bourget (ME) and Mr. Collin Davis (IN) to the ASSC.

Mr. Bryer, Board Liaison to the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), presented this report. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Sandy Johnson (Total Trucking) to the ITAC. The committee continues to work on the Board charge to investigate, analyze, and report on current capabilities of GPS and other electronic positioning and routing systems as they apply to commercial trucking operations.

The Re-Audit and Re-Examination Working Group report was presented by Mr. Turner, Board Liaison. The working group held two conference calls and has discussed the Board's charge regarding the re-audit and re-examination provisions of the IFTA. In addition to teleconferences, the working group is utilizing the message boards. The group is drafting a document that will address the Board's charges.

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan. A charge will be drafted for the Industry Advisory Committee in regards to strengthening partnerships with industry. The Committee Chairs Guide should be available for the Board's review in October.

Discussion was had regarding a potential committee to review credential requirements. During the January 2010 Board meeting, the question was raised regarding the formation of a committee to review options other than the IFTA decals. A universal

transponder system that would report real time data, including taxes owed by a carrier to a jurisdiction as well as active status of vehicles, was discussed. It was noted that, while Nlets provides technology to access similar information at the roadside, only law enforcement personnel have access to such data. Mr. Pitcher volunteered to approach the IAC with reviewing the situation and reporting back to the Board in October.

The Board reviewed and offered amendments to a preliminary draft of the Board Liaison responsibilities proposed by IFTA, Inc. Following the Board's final review, the document will be presented to the committees.

Mrs. Meise reviewed the 2010 ballot proposals. The APC sponsored IFTA Full Track Preliminary Ballot Proposal (FTPBP) 1-2010. Indiana sponsored FTPBP 2-2010, 3-2010, and 4-2010. All four ballots are available on the IFTA, Inc. website for comment. The first comment period concludes May 20.

The Board established the 2010 Election Committee. The Election Committee includes Mr. Greenawalt, Mr. Ron Hester (ON), Ms. Hussey, and Mr. Doug Shepherd (CA). Ms. Rowen was appointed Chair. Four Board seats are open for election. Both Mr. Turner and Ms. Patricia Platt (KS) are eligible for re-election while Mr. Bryer and Mr. Fitzgerald are not. Based on the Bylaws, nominees from the Northeast and Canadian regions must be secured. The New Board Member Orientation Guide was also reviewed. Revisions were recommended and will be incorporated.

The agenda for the 2010 Annual IFTA Business Meeting was reviewed. The minutes from the 2009 Annual IFTA Business Meeting were also reviewed and will be posted to the website for ratification in July. The Board then considered a request for payment of travel costs for voting representatives at the Annual IFTA Business Meeting. After much discussion, it was the decision of the Board to not pay for travel expenses for Commissioners to attend the business meeting.

Ms. Turner presented the IFTA, Inc. financial report. IFTA, Inc. continues to operate under budget and the organization's investments continue to rebound.

The Board reviewed the cumulative and outstanding Action Items. Discussion was had regarding the charge to open discussions between the LEC, APC, and ASSC pertaining to the enforcement of IFTA. It was decided that a charge would be made to the ASSC to determine if there are legal barriers prohibiting consistency in roadside enforcement of IFTA.

The SAS-70 audit was revisited. The Board asked IFTA, Inc. to investigate the possibility of completing this type of audit during the 2010 calendar year. IFTA, Inc. continues to search for local companies to perform this audit. National companies are available, but if they were to be utilized, additional costs such as travel expenses would need to be covered by IFTA, Inc. in addition to the cost of the audit itself. A presentation of the SAS-70 Type I and Type II Audits will be presented during the Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

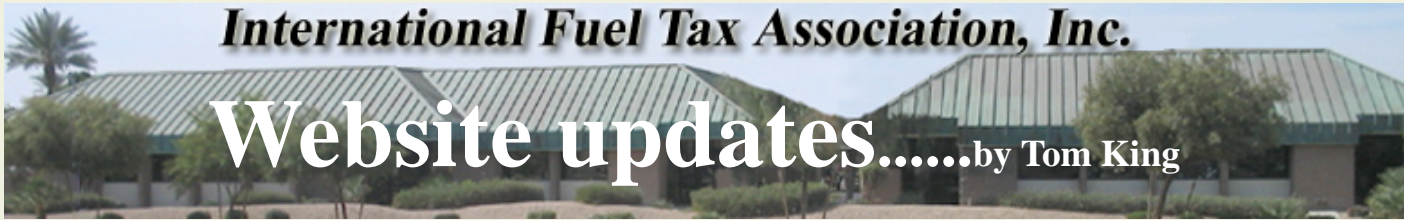
In reviewing the 4Q09 outstanding Action Items, the PCRC is surveying all jurisdictions reviewed to determine whether a review of the electronic filing system for taxpayers should be completed. At this time, there is not enough data to make a determination. Once the 2010 reviews have been completed, the committee will review the results and decide if the 2012 jurisdictions need to be surveyed as well or if there is enough data to present their findings to the Board.

IFTA, Inc. has been in contact with Nlets regarding off-site data storage. The Nlets facility in Arizona has been toured and the facility itself is well protected. At this time, the budget does not cover the expense of off-site data storage.

During the discussions of new business, it was decided that IFTA, Inc. would provide a report outlining IFTA, Inc.'s activities to IRP, Inc. for their May Board Meeting. A discussion was also had regarding requests from US jurisdictions to Canadian jurisdictions registering as vendors. It was explained that this type of request is sent to US as well as Canadian jurisdictions and is a process utilized by several IFTA member jurisdictions. The process permits jurisdictions to set up their systems and allow funds to be issued to other member jurisdictions more timely.

Decal specifications were discussed. It was explained that 3M no longer applies clear coating to their decals but would still guarantee the decal's durability. The 2011 IFTA decal specifications require all decals have a clear coating that would guarantee surface exposure for up to 18 months. The 2012 decal specifications will be presented to the Board in October 2010. While the Board has the authority to revise the decal specifications and either remove or make optional the clear coating requirement, it was the decision of the Board to not act on this request at this time. It was the Board's position that a formal request should be submitted on behalf of the jurisdiction requesting the specifications be amended.

The Board then went into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the budget, personnel, and other related matters. Following the conclusion of the closed session, the Board resumed the open session of the meeting. The Second Quarter 2010 IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting was then adjourned.



**Reminder: Comment on Ballots**

This year there are four Full Track Ballot Proposals up for commenting. The deadline for leaving comments for the first period ends on **May 20, 2010**.

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes have been updated for the following:

- Law Enforcement Committee
- Agreement Procedures Committee
- Audit Committee
- Attorneys' Section Steering Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Program Compliance Review Committee

**Role of Board Liaisons**

We have added the Role of Board Liaisons pdf file to our website. You can locate the file on the Board of Trustees web page.

**Monthly Teleconference Schedule**

The Monthly Teleconference Schedule was recently updated. You can find this located on our Committee web pages.

**Multiple User Accounts**

Do you have more than one account for the IFTA, Inc. website? Many people have an account for their jurisdiction and another account for a committee. Sometime in June we'll have upgraded the software to make life easier to manage this. This will list every place on the IFTA, Inc. website you have access to.

For instance, if you are on the Audit Committee and Program Compliance Review Committee, with access to those message boards, with only one click of the mouse you'll be logged out of one committee and automatically logged into another without having to type in different UserIDs.

**IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Update**  
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**Clearinghouse Change Request Form**

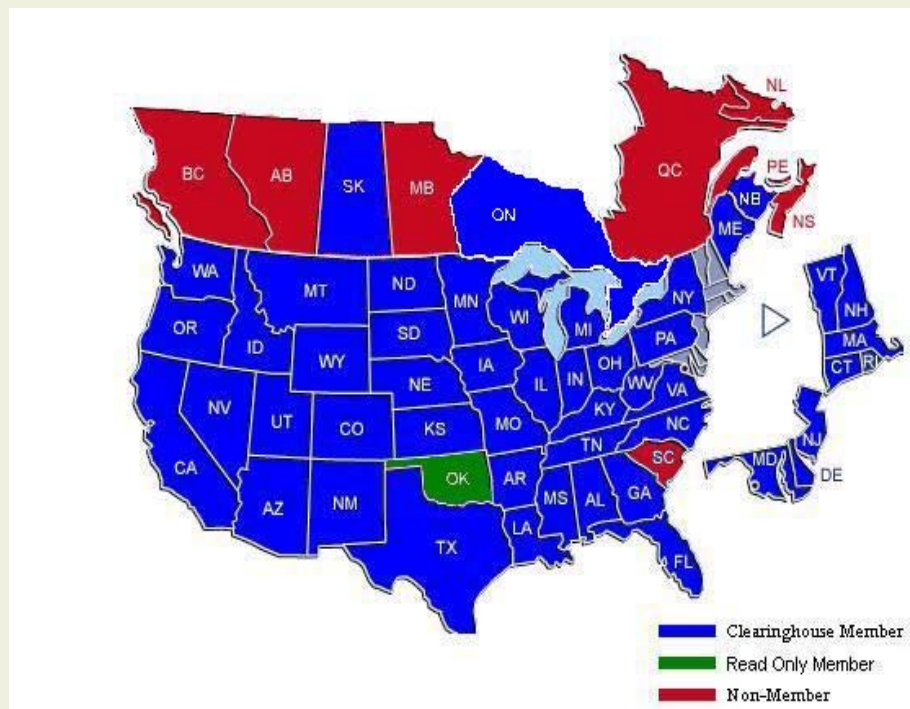
Once you log into [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org) or [iftach](http://iftach) (see below) you can look under the Clearinghouse links, right hand side, and find the Clearinghouse Change Request Form. You can use this form to request any changes you would like to see on the Clearinghouse. This could range from the way data is viewed to any particular reports you may like to see created. We will consider the requests and implement them as needed.

**Funds Netting**

While we did have a glitch last month with some banking issues, we have not had any additional problems or errors. We still ask for you to look at the calendar and adjust your transmittal uploads accordingly. Sure, we will remind you, but take a moment each month to know when the deadline is.

**Not Clearinghouse Related**

You can now type 'iftach' to get to our public web site. No longer will you need to add the 'www' portion. This was supposed to be fixed a long time ago, but for some reason it got swept under the rug.





## *UPCOMING MEETINGS*

# 2010

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

Nlets Annual Conference  
June 21-24, 2010  
Rapid City, South Dakota

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, Inc. Board Meeting  
January 19-20, 2011  
Chandler, Arizona

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

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
April 28-29, 2011

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

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
October 20-21, 2011  
Chandler, Arizona

# 2012

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop  
January 4-6, 2012  
Tempe, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
January 19-20, 2012  
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
April 28-29, 2012  
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
October 18-19, 2012  
Chandler, Arizona

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