



THE IFTA NEWS

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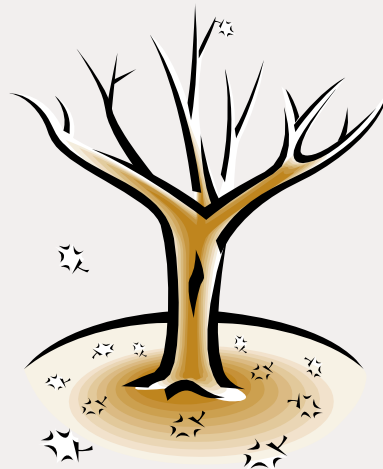
TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **4th Quarter 2010**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is December 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
KY	.2420	.2120	.2420	.2420	.2120	.2120	.2420	.2420	.2420	.2420	.2120	
KY (sur)	.0430	.1000	.0430	.0430	.1000	.1000	.0430	.0430	.0430	.0430	.1000	
MA				.2500	.2500	.2500						
UT						.0850						

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Mark your Calendars!



IFTA – IRP 2011 Audit Workshop
February 8 – 11, 2011
Wyndham Hotel in Orlando, Florida



The Audit Workshop is hosted by the members and staff of IFTA, Inc. and IRP, Inc. Topics originate from auditors working in our member jurisdictions. Sessions are created and presented by members of the IFTA and IRP audit community as well as members of Industry making it a beneficial Workshop for everyone. Even with the tough economic times we experienced last year, 95 attendees joined us in San Antonio for the 12th Annual Audit Workshop.

There are separate group meetings for newer auditors (Auditor 101) and more experienced auditors (Auditor 301) and managers (Managing For Compliance). The 2011 Workshop will feature:

- ◆ The only international training for IFTA and IRP auditors and Industry partners.
- ◆ Group discussions to promote uniformity among the jurisdictions.
 - Audit reports
 - Sampling approach
 - Assessing penalties and interest
- ◆ Interaction between auditors and members of industry.
 - Opportunities to make new contacts in member jurisdictions and with our industry partners in attendance.
- ◆ New thoughts and insights that may help streamline audits.
- ◆ Training and demonstrations on latest technologies
 - GPS systems
 - On board computers
 - Port electronic verification programs

At this Workshop, members of the IRP Compliance Audit Working Group (CAWG) will discuss the progress being made rewriting the IRP Audit Procedures Manual. Dialogue will cover implications for IFTA as we strive to set common standards for our audit approaches and reporting.

The agenda is full and the registration fee for the 2011 Workshop is the same as last year. We would like you to consider sending members of your staff to the Workshop—and we invite **you!** In the past, some jurisdictions have found grants available to help defray the cost of the fees to attend this Workshop, including the FHWA Fuel Tax Evasion Grant. Also, with the Workshop in Florida next year, there is an opportunity for the bordering jurisdictions to drive to Orlando and save the cost of air travel.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

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AnnMarie Chamberlain (MA)
IFTA Audit Committee Chair

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Gerald Jackson (WY)
IRP Audit Committee Chair



2010 Ballots

Voting Booth is Open

IFTA Commissioners: It's time to vote on the three (3) Final Ballot Proposals. As you know the holidays are a busy time of year so please vote early!

FTPBP #1-2010

Sponsored by: IFTA Agreement Procedures Committee (APC)

Intent

The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Procedures Manual to provide jurisdictions with a clearer definition of the information that must be included in the IFTA annual report.

FTPBP #2-2010

Sponsored by: Jurisdiction of Indiana

Intent

The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement so that the interest rate to be used on taxes due from fleets based in the U.S. will fluctuate with the changes in the economy.

FTPBP #4-2010

Sponsored by: Jurisdiction of Indiana

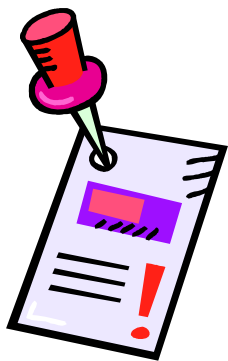
Intent

The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement to delete the provision for a "grace period" found in R655.200.

The voting period for the three (3) Full Track Final Ballot Proposals ends on December 20, 2010.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD



The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its Fourth Quarter 2010 meeting on October 21 – 22. Eight Board members were in attendance. Mr. Stuart Zion (CO) was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Mr. Robert Pitcher, American Trucking Association (ATA) and Mr. Mahlon Gragen, ATC Leasing, Industry Advisory Committee Chair. The Board went into immediate closed session. Afterwards, the meeting was re-opened and the Board approved the minutes from the 2Q 2010 Board meeting as well as the Board Actions by Email and teleconference minutes from June and July.

Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Systems Administrator, presented the Clearinghouse update. The demographic database corrections continue to be resolved. The due date to fix any problems identified by the CAC is December 31, 2010. Of the 21 jurisdictions not following data definitions five have successfully implemented corrections.

IFTA, Inc. Executive Director, Ms. Lonette Turner, provided an update on the funds netting. The in-house manual to assist authorized personnel in successfully completing the funds netting process is almost completed. The Board reviewed and approved the 2012 funds netting calendar. The calendar will provide for six working days for membership to deposit funds into the required accounts.

The SAS 70 audit was discussed. The Board approved that IFTA, Inc. proceed with a Type II audit. This audit will review a period of twelve months of data. The company IFTA, Inc. will utilize is Lumbard and Associates, a small, private firm certified to conduct Type II audits. In discussions regarding clearinghouse audits, it was the determination of the Board that the Agreement does not address a jurisdiction's right to audit the IFTA, Inc. clearinghouse. It was requested that IFTA, Inc. present the request from Illinois to legal counsel and that a written response be provided as to whether a jurisdiction has the legal right to audit the clearinghouse.

Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) Board Liaison, Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK), presented this committee's report. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Bill Kron (MS) as Chair of the CAC effective January 1, 2011. The committee is reviewing data quality control issues relating to status and data formats as well as taxpayer ID formats. In reviewing uncollectables, the committee determined that no changes were needed in how they are presented in the clearinghouse. USDOT numbers remain an issue in relation to leased vehicles. Inaccurate information at the roadside can show a carrier's USDOT number erroneously associated with multiple accounts both within the same jurisdiction as well as multiple jurisdictions. The committee also noted that funds netting is working and speeds the process of funds distribution and reduces jurisdictions' costs. The CAC fully supports the decision to conduct an SAS 70 audit.

Webmaster Mr. Tom King provided a live demonstration of the IFTA, Inc. website and reviewed updates. Voting has begun on the IFTA ballot proposals and will be open until December 20, 2010. A countdown clock has been added to the voting page to remind membership of voting deadlines.

An "access all" feature has been fully implemented. This feature allows membership to log into the secure website with one user name and password. Once logged in, the "access all" feature requires a one-click action for those with multiple IFTA website accounts to view various web pages. A label friendly version of the addresses on the jurisdiction communication lists has also been implemented. This feature will center the address for ease of mailing purposes. Another feature updated was the file upload size which now permits larger sized files to be attached to message board posts. A feature for the committee chairs was also initiated that would alert them as to when a committee volunteer form is completed online.

Mrs. Tammy Trinker, IFTA, Inc. Events Coordinator, presented the IFTA Meeting update. Forty-four (44) persons attended the September IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. A majority of the attendees felt that the workshop topics were very good and informative. When questioned about the length of the workshop most thought it was appropriate.

The 2011 IFTA meetings were reviewed. IRP, Inc. is hosting the February 2011 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop and has posted online registration forms for attendees. The registration fees for this meeting are \$310 for IFTA and IRP members and \$360 for industry and other organizations. The IFTA, Inc. website includes a link to the pertinent information for this upcoming workshop.

The 2011 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop will be held October 5 – 7 in Mesa, AZ. Discounted group rates have been contracted during the course of the workshop for all attendees. A hotel contract has also been procured for the 2011 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. This meeting will be held in Virginia Beach, VA at the Cavalier. The dates of this meeting will be August 16 – 17. In reviewing the 2011 Board meetings, the Board requested that IFTA, Inc. look into changing the Thursday – Friday meeting dates for the April and October meetings to a Wednesday – Thursday. The Board will also consider the Committee Chairs meeting originally scheduled during the October 2011 and 2012 Board meetings.

Audit Committee Board Liaison, Mr. Scott Bryer (NH), presented this committee's report. The Audit Committee (AC) continues to review the Audit Manual and is considering the addition of a glossary to the manual. On October 7, 177 persons viewed the webinar on pre-planning and opening conferences. Feedback was positive to this webinar. The next webinar will focus on internal controls and is scheduled for early 2011. The committee continues to plan and prepare for the February 2011 IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop and encourages membership to research grant options that may allow personnel to attend the workshop without excessive cost to the jurisdictions. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Dawn Lietz (NV) as Chair and Mr. Jeff Hood (IN) as Vice Chair of the AC effective March 1, 2011.

Program Director, Mrs. Debora Meise, IFTA, Inc., presented the Program Compliance Review update. Following the July Annual IFTA Business Meeting, four of the five remaining jurisdictions to be reviewed agreed to an e-review. Iowa, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Wisconsin will be reviewed electronically. Manitoba was unable to provide electronic files by their review date. E-reviews conducted in 2010 are in the process of being documented and a draft manual will be provided for the Board's review at a later date.

Regarding the e-review survey presented to membership, forty-four (44) jurisdictions responded in overwhelming favor. Only one jurisdiction was opposed to electronic reviews. Survey results from the jurisdictions that were reviewed electronically in 2010 will be presented to the Board at the January 2011 Board meeting.

A request from a jurisdiction questioned whether it was acceptable to round half to even for the IFTA tax returns as it is now the default industry standard and statistically more correct compared to rounding half up. It was determined that, since the Agreement does not provide anything to interpret, and a non-finding was previously issued to the Program Compliance Review Committee in relation to rounding tax and/or interest computations to the nearest whole cent, the Board would have no finding in relation to this issue as well.

Ms. Rena Hussey (VA), Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) Board Liaison, presented this committee report. There is one 2009 review in reassessment and eight are being followed up. The committee continues to review the completed 2010 reviews as well.

The PCRC presented a proposal to the Board to review the current process for possible revisions based on the recent changes to the Agreement. This committee request included a face-to-face meeting to review the current process, brainstorming on streamlining the process, review the Guide and Worksheets, discuss and review the e-review process, and consider potential ballot proposals. Following a cost analysis, the Board authorized the PCRC to hold a face-to-face meeting in conjunction with the April 2011 Board Meeting and requested that the meeting include representation from the Agreement Procedures and Audit Committees as well. Additionally, the PCRC Board Liaisons were also approved to attend.

Mr. Bob Turner (MT), Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) Board Liaison, offered this report. The committee has reviewed four of the six action items in the charge presented by the Board. The Board extended the due date of the committee charge to April 2011 for the final two action items. In reviewing the items addressed by the committee, the following proposals were presented:

- Incorporating additional steps in the DRP to allow for early intervention from an independent party to facilitate communication among the parties. The committee proposal offered that a DRC member be appointed to act as a facilitator between the Complainant and Respondent with the objective of reaching a resolution to the dispute. It was the decision of the Board that the Attorneys' Section Steering Committee (ASSC) be asked to review this proposal and to determine whether an ASSC member could act as a facilitator.
- Determining whether hearings should be conducted in conjunction with the Annual IFTA Business Meeting or other IFTA, Inc. related meetings. It was the committee's position that the DRC maintain discretion as to when a hearing is scheduled, but that it coincide with an IFTA related meeting when feasible. IFTA, Inc. will work with the DRC to contract for a hearing with an existed contracted meeting whenever possible.
- Determining whether the DRP should be amended to include a formal comment period for the industry advisors. It was the decision of the committee that the industry advisors, at their discretion, may provide a written opinion relative to the evidence and testimony presented by the Complainant and Respondent. This written opinion would be considered by the DRC during the discussions held prior to rendering a decision.
- Determining and clarifying the authority of the DRC and the Board regarding resolution of disputes. It was proposed by the committee that the DRC have full discretion regarding the resolution of any matter including the granting of specific relief sought by the aggrieved party in whole or in part. Additionally, the Board would have full discretion regarding any appeal pending and includes the granting of specific relief sought by the aggrieved party in whole or in part. During discussions, it was determined that the DRC should revise this proposed language.

The committee roster was then reviewed. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Donna Burch, Ryder Inc., as an Industry Advisor to the DRC effective January 1, 2011. Addressing committee representation, it was noted that the DRC would need to replace two members from the West, one from the Northeast, and one from the Canadian Region due to expiring terms limits. It was the Board's decision to delay the approval of staggered roll offs and allow the committee to conduct a search for volunteers to replace the outgoing members.

Mr. Gragen provided the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) report to the Board. The committee is seeking new members for the Steering Committee as the existing members are beginning to roll off the committee. The IAC has several members that are also participating on other IFTA committees including the DRC, Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) and the Re-Audit and Re-Examination Working Group.

Some of the major points of interest to industry are ballots 2-2010 and 4-2010 as well as greater participation in IFTA and building a rapport between industry and the Audit Committee. The committee is also looking at solutions to eliminating the IFTA decal as a display device for verification of a licensed carrier. It was recommended by the committee that a working group be organized, and include industry personnel as well as representation from the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) and member jurisdictions for the purpose of identifying practical alternatives that would be accepted by all parties involved. Another interest of the committee is developing industry training on the requirements of IFTA as a means to improve compliance. The IAC would like to develop a training program that would be beneficial.

Mr. Pitcher reported on the Board charge to the IAC. In May 2010, the Board charged the committee with identifying issues and opportunities facing our partnership and providing suggested solutions. Addressing this charge, the committee presented the Board with a memorandum outlining their research and recommendations. This memorandum highlighted the promotion of cooperation and trust through partnerships. Other recommendations proposed by the committee included eliminating the IFTA decal, offering a fair shake to industry on interest, radically opening the DRP, ensure all uncured compliance review problems go through the DRP, establishing and policing fair and workable audit standards, eliminating the re-audit / re-examination mechanism, and reviewing the right issues / concerns. Finally, the document focused on expanding the knowledge base regarding IFTA through education and awareness. In conclusion of the submitted proposal the Board will take under advisement the recommendation that additional industry participation be provided for on all standing committees.

Several items that resulted from the July 2010 Annual IFTA Business Meeting were then reviewed. In regards to the establishment of a working group to consider the elimination of the IFTA decals, it was decided to wait until the ITAC has completed and presented their research regarding decal alternatives to the Board. Once their report has been presented, the Board could then consider the formation of a working group. Following the establishment of the working group, partnerships with Nlets could then be further investigated. The Board then discussed the exemption database. During the business meeting, it was requested that the database provide contacts for refund forms. IFTA, Inc. explained that this could be done, but that the jurisdictions would need to ensure the accuracy of the data as it would not be the responsibility of IFTA, Inc. to maintain and update this information.

Mr. Greenawalt presented the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) report. Committee vacancies were reviewed. The Board appointed Ms. Cindy Arnold (NV) as Chair of the committee, effective immediately. The committee will discuss the vice chair position and submit their recommendation to the Board following the October Board meeting for approval at a later date.

Mr. Julian Fitzgerald (NC), committee Board Liaison, presented the LEC report. During the September IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop, the committee presented a dyed fuel demonstration. A combined meeting with the APC was held during this time as well as an LEC only meeting. The 2010 Charles M. Mills Award of Excellence was awarded to Sgt. Charles Burton (KS).

The committee is working to streamline the M&M data so that all jurisdictions could have access to both viewing and updating the statistics as needed. IFTA, Inc. is working with the committee to procure a template of the report used during the initiative in an effort to create an electronic database for more uniformity and ease of completion. A survey pertaining to single trip permits is being drafted by the LEC. This survey will look at how and when such permits are required as there is an enforcement uniformity concern.

Ms. Hussey, ASSC Board Liaison, presented this report. The committee held their first practice webinar session in August. Material for the committee's webinar, IFTA 101, is currently being drafted. This webinar is expected to be held in the winter and an IFTA litigation webinar to be held in the spring.

The ASSC is working on the Board charge to research and discuss potential legal barriers to the IFTA membership establishing and implementing uniform roadside procedures, standards, and requirements. There is concern that, with such a charge, the Board is opening the door to creating laws. The committee has had discussions regarding the possibility of IFTA creating standards of enforcement, but recommendations for standards of enforcement might not be possible. The ASSC response to the Board is scheduled to be presented at the January 2011 Board meeting.

Committee vacancies were reviewed. Two members will be resigning in 2011 and three members have been inactive. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. John Shultz (KS) effective immediately. Additionally, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Carolee Johnstone (CA) as Chair, Mr. Clark Snelson (UT) as Vice Chair, and Ms. Janice Davidson (NC) as ex-officio effective January 1, 2011.

Board Liaison Mr. Bryer presented the ITAC report. In April 2009, the Board charged the committee with investigating, analyzing, and reporting on the current capabilities of global positioning systems (GPS) and other electronic positioning and routing systems as they apply to the commercial trucking operations. In reviewing the various systems, it was determined by the committee that the difficulty is with the calculation of distance by the system and the assignment of distance by jurisdictions. While the GPS is accurate and reliable when collecting data, there are several methods utilized for distance calculations and they are not uniform. This presents a problem for auditors who are currently, or have been, dealing with manual data.

ITAC recommended the Board appoint a subcommittee to begin the process of drafting ballot language to address current technology. Additionally, the committee recommended that the AC consider forming a panel of experts that would be available for consultation to jurisdictions and provide guidance regarding the effectiveness of any methodology using GPS technology. The Board determined that ITAC should continue with the project and advance to the next level, ensuring that the Audit Committee and ASSC members remain included in the analysis. The next step, as found by the Board, is to state and outline the data elements IFTA requires to complete an audit.

Upon request, the Board approved the extension request of the Re-Audit and Re-Examination Working Group (RRWG) to provide additional time to review the issue that was not yet completed. Mr. Turner, Board Liaison, outlined the working group's concept for new audit procedures. This concept allowed for:

- An audit of the taxpayer to be conducted by the base jurisdiction.
- A 30-day review period for the taxpayer during which they could work with the jurisdiction on the initial findings.
- A second 30-day review period for jurisdictions to review the initial audit and either concur or contest the preliminary findings. If contested and no satisfactory conclusion is met, a request for a re-audit could be made and this request would then delay the release of the final audit to the licensee.
- Upon the conclusion of the jurisdiction's 30-day review period, or upon conclusion of the re-audit, the audit would then be considered closed and the final audit presented to the licensee.

Mr. Turner then reviewed the issues charged by the Board in depth. The RRWG had been charged with:

- Determining whether a re-audit and/or re-examination provision should be part of the IFTA. It was the working group's position that jurisdictions must have the option to question, and possibly challenge, an audit which they feel had been conducted incorrectly.
- If a jurisdiction chooses to audit a licensee based in another jurisdiction solely for its own purpose (jurisdiction), how would such an audit be reconciled with an audit conducted by the base jurisdiction under the terms of the IFTA? It was the opinion of the RRWG that proposed amendments to R1310 would remove the need to reconcile such audits.
- How does a re-audit or re-examination affect the initial audit? The working group feels that the concept presented would make the re-audit and re-examination process part of a single progressive process. This process would deal with adjusted findings before the final audit findings are issued.
- What should the scope of a re-audit / re-examination be? The working group felt this scope could be quite broad and range from simple errors to issues that question the appropriateness of sampling or application of an error factor. The RRWG offered recommendations pertaining to the re-audit issues which focused on jurisdictional impact, sample periods, and the statute of limitations. It was the working group's position that, if a portion of the original audit falls beyond the base jurisdiction's statute of limitations, and there is no waiver of their statutory right, the affected period would no longer be subject to re-audit.

The Board then reviewed the Strategic Plan. During discussion of the goal to meet the needs of customers and stakeholders using technology, the Board determined that IFTA, Inc. should compile and provide a list of available training materials that could be posted to the website on an informational web page. This list will be reviewed by the Board during the January 2011 Board meeting. At that time, the Board will discuss charging the committees with reviewing the web page and identifying additional educational materials that could be included.

Decal specifications for 2012 were then discussed. Language was proposed by Montana in regards to the requirements concerning decal durability and clear coating. This language eliminated the clear coating requirement and provided for digital printing of the decals. Furthermore, the proposed language required that the decals be numbered consecutively using consecutive numbering machines. The Board approved modifying the 2012 IFTA decal specifications adopting the proposed language submitted by Montana and removing the language regarding use of consecutive numbering machines.

Mrs. Meise reviewed the 2010 ballots. Full Track Final Ballot Proposal (FTFBP) 1-2010, 2-2010, and 4-2010 are open for voting by membership. Following the first comment period, 3-2010 was withdrawn by the sponsor. During the July Annual IFTA Business Meeting, ballot 5-2010 did not receive a sufficient number of votes to continue. The voting deadline for the three 2010 ballots is December 20.

The IRP Board of Directors provided a report for the Board's review. On October 1, 2010, Mr. Kevin Park (UT) was elected Chair and Mr. Jay Starling (AL) was elected as Vice Chair. The modernization of the IRP, Inc. clearinghouse is on target to go live in November. Fifty-six (56) jurisdictions participate in the IRP, Inc. clearinghouse and OK plans to join in 2011. A webinar was held by the Full Reciprocity Task Force to educate jurisdictions and industry on the impact of the proposed change regarding registration fees. The task force has yet to forward their final proposal to the IRP Board of Directors and will hold additional webinars before making a final recommendation. A two-year review and update of the IRP Audit Procedures Manual is nearing completion. The Compliance Audit Working Group (CAWG) expects to present ballot proposals at the May 2011 IRP Annual Meeting. A change to the IRP Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation is anticipated to be presented at the 2011 IRP Annual Meeting as well.

Ms. Turner led the discussion regarding the transition to consistent IFTA / IRP review periods. Several combined reviews have been completed to date and many jurisdictions have combined IFTA and IRP shops and have expressed an interest in having combined reviews. Combined audit reviews work especially well and the worksheets are very effective. While the administrative sides of the reviews do not combine as well as the audit sides, it is believed that the reviews could still be held simultaneously.

The Board discussed the IRP and IFTA review periods. IRP review periods are based on implementation dates and the review period is 5 years. IFTA's review period is based on regions and has a 5 year review period. In reviewing a spreadsheet showing the combined reviews beginning in 2012, it was estimated that both organizations would be reviewing the same jurisdictions with a five year review period as early as 2017. Concern has been expressed by IRP regarding the lack of IFTA reviews in 2011 and the fact that IFTA is proceeding with e-reviews. It was requested that IFTA, Inc. contact IRP, Inc. prior to the next combined Board teleconference in November, when these issues will again be discussed.

Ms. Turner presented the financial report. IFTA, Inc. remains in good financial standing including the investments, which continue to gain favorably. The vacant suite has also been re-listed for rental opportunities. The Board also discussed the dues structure and future dues increase possibilities. During the July Annual IFTA Business Meeting membership indicated a desire to have the Commissioner travel expenses to the ABM included in this increase. IFTA, Inc. will provide a projection for planning towards a dues increase at the January 2011 Board meeting.

Ms. Pat Platt (KS) and Mr. Ron Hester (ON) led a discussion regarding uniformity for enforcement. A suggestion raised during the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop in September was to offer uniform licenses and trip permits. It was noted that this would necessitate a ballot proposal due to the systems change jurisdictions would need to make. The Board felt that the issue was worth investigating. It was observed that the creation of uniform forms could be personalized by each member jurisdiction would be better than the current reports and forms utilized by membership. The LEC will be asked to begin looking into this project.

At the conclusion of the business discussions, outgoing Board members Mr. Turner, Mr. Bryer, and Mr. Fitzgerald were recognized. Additionally, the three Board members recognized and thanked the IFTA, Inc. staff for their support and assistance through the years. The Fourth Quarter 2010 IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting was then adjourned.





Committee Volunteers Needed

The IFTA Agreement Procedure Committee (APC) currently has two vacancies, one in the Western region and one in the Canadian region.

One of the APC's duties every year is to plan the IFTA Managers and Law Enforcement Workshop. Every Workshop brings new ideas and training to our IFTA jurisdictions, plus an opportunity for face to face meetings with our fellow IFTA members.



Please consider volunteering for this very important and active committee. To find out more information on this committee log onto the IFTA, Inc. website at www.iftach.org. On the left side of the homepage please click on "Committees". On the next screen, click on "APC Committee" and on the last screen click on "New Member Guide".

If you are interested in submitting your name, please log in and go down to "Committee Volunteer Form" and click on "APC Volunteer Form". If you do not have access to the IFTA, Inc. website, you can volunteer to serve on the APC Committee by emailing the chair. If you have any questions, please contact me, Cindy Arnold, APC Chair at carnold@dmv.nv.gov.

The Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) is seeking members in the Northeast Region. The LEC has monthly conference calls (hosted by IFTA, Inc.) on the Second Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Eastern. If you'd like to know more about this very active committee, log onto the IFTA, Inc. website at www.iftach.org. On the left side of the homepage please click on "Committees". On the next screen, click on "LEC Committee".

There are several documents available for your review;



- ◆ Best Practices Guide
- ◆ Committee Charter
- ◆ Committee Member Terms
- ◆ Law Enforcement Brochure
- ◆ Meeting Minutes from monthly Conference Calls

If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please contact any committee member through the LEC webpage which can be found on www.iftach.org, or contact the LEC Chair, Lt. Jennifer Brown at JBrown2@azdot.gov.

VACANCY!

The Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) has a vacancy in the Southeast region. If you are interested, please contact any committee member through the CAC webpage which can be found on www.iftach.org, or contact the Chair, Garry Hinkley at Garry.Hinkley@maine.gov.

The CAC has monthly conference calls (hosted by IFTA, Inc.) on Third Thursday at 11:00am Eastern. Check out the Committee Charter and past meeting minutes on the Committee's webpage for more information about the CAC.

IFTA DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE NEWS...



The IFTA Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) is seeking volunteers to fill four (4) pending jurisdictional, voting member vacancies. The vacancies will take effect on December 31, 2010 in the **Canadian**, **Northeastern**, and **Western** Regions (2 positions). The DRC is a standing committee of IFTA, Inc. established under Article

R1810.200.060 of the Agreement and empowered pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Process to resolve disputes on matters of compliance with IFTA in accordance with Article R1555 of the Agreement. The committee charter requires that a jurisdictional candidate for the DRC be either a jurisdiction IFTA Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner. The committee consists of twelve members plus the committee chair. Ten members are selected from the member jurisdictions (two from each of the five (5) geographic regions of IFTA). Two additional members are selected from industry and serve as the Industry Advisors to the DRC. Jurisdictional members, including the Chair, are the voting members of the committee. A member's term generally consists of two-years with a maximum duration of three complete two-year terms.

The committee meets every other month on Wednesdays by conference call to discuss committee business. The meetings run for approximately one-hour and are currently at no cost to the participant. The frequency and duration of the calls may change dependent on what business needs to be conducted or whether an ongoing dispute is being reviewed and evaluated. If a dispute has been initiated, a hearing may take place to provide for the submission of testimony and evidence by the parties to the dispute. In the event the committee schedules a hearing, all normal travel expenses related to the member's attendance at the hearing are paid by or reimbursed by IFTA, Inc.

The committee work is unique and challenging. We are also seeking to develop a pool of candidates for future vacancies; therefore, consideration is not limited to the regions in which current vacancies exist.

If you are interested in participating in this very important standing committee of IFTA, please contact the committee chair, Rick LaRose (CT) at richard.larose@po.state.ct.us, the committee vice-chair, Gary Frohlick, at gary.frohlick@gov.sk.ca, or by contacting either Lonette Turner or Debbie Meise at IFTA, Inc. We thank you in advance for giving consideration to participate as a member of the IFTA Dispute Resolution Committee.

Rick LaRose
IFTA DRC Chair





The Voting Booth

The Voting Booth is open for Commissioners to vote on the three full track Ballots. The 60 day deadline ends on **December 20, 2010**. There is also a counter on the main login page which counts down the remaining days left to vote.

2012 Decals Specifications

The 2012 Decal Specifications are now available on the IFTA, Inc. website for Level 2 users and higher. To view them login and then go to its main web page called Decal Specifications. All the details are listed on this page for the past and upcoming years.

2011 Grace Period Memo

The 2011 Grace Period Memo is now available on the main page of the IFTA, Inc. website.

Meeting Minutes

The August and September Meeting Minutes for the Audit Committee are now available on the IFTA, Inc. website.

Funds Netting Calendar

The 2012 Funds Netting Calendar is now available on the IFTA, Inc. website. To view it you'll need to login and locate the Funds Netting area.

IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Update
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Funds Netting Update

This month I am going to quickly go over the procedure that your jurisdiction should be following for every Funds Netting period.

Last month one jurisdiction came close to not providing transmittal data in a timely manner as outlined in the Funds Netting Calendar. Whether you provide data or not, you will still be liable for any money due to or from you. Overall, it's simply better to get your transmittals in on time.

I discovered that this data was missing the night before the funds netting settlement report was due and I was able to contact the jurisdiction in time and everything was worked out. Technically however the data came in after mid-night and we have to consider it late for Program Compliance.

There were a couple things though that stood out in my mind. First this jurisdiction simply did not check to see if their data was loaded. This will take you about 3 minutes in a given month to not only see if your data is loaded, but also to check the integrity of the data as well by using the Summary Total Comparison links now scattered throughout the site. 3 Minutes is all it will take for you to verify and check the integrity of your data!

Another aspect that stood out from this was that the Jurisdiction was unaware of deadlines and requested the date for each monthly upload. This told me they never consulted the Funds Netting Calendar. The dates for uploads vary from month to month to compensate for weekends and holidays. The Funds Netting Calendar can be found on www.iftach.org or you can e-mail us for the information.

One positive note from all this was that the next day, when Funds Netting was due, one Jurisdiction, who was keeping track of the transmittals, was curious to know if the missing jurisdiction was going to remain missing. That told me that someone was paying attention!



IFTA, Inc. 2011 Holiday Schedule (offices closed)

January 1
Observed Dec 31

New Year's Day



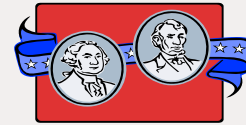
January 17

MLK Day



February 21

President's Day



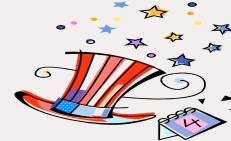
May 30

Memorial Day



July 4

Independence Day



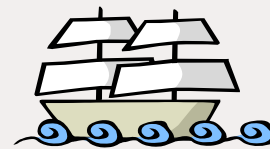
September 5

Labor Day



October 10

Columbus Day



November 11

Veterans Day



November 24-25

Thanksgiving



December 23-26

Christmas Holiday



2011 Canadian National Holidays (offices closed on these dates)

January 1 New Year's Day



April 22 Good Friday



April 25 Easter Monday



May 23 Victoria Day



July 1 Canada Day



August 1 Civic Holiday (Provincial)



September 5 Labour Day



October 10 Thanksgiving Day



November 11 Remembrance Day



December 26 Boxing Day (Observed)



December 27-28 Christmas Holiday





UPCOMING MEETINGS

2011

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

IRP, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
January 20-21, 2011
Mobile, Alabama

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
Chandler, Arizona

IRP Annual Meeting
May 6-8, 2011
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

IRP Board Meeting
May 9, 2011
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FTA Motor Fuel Northeastern Region
May 22-24, 2011
Hartford, Connecticut

FTA 2011 Annual Meeting
June 12-15, 2011
Omaha, Nebraska

FTA Motor Fuel Southern Region
June 19-21, 2011
Nashville, Tennessee

Annual IFTA Business Meeting
August 16 - 17, 2011
Virginia Beach, Virginia

IRP Board Meeting
September 14-16, 2011
Park City, Utah

IFTA Managers'/Law Enforcement
Workshop
October 4-6, 2011
Mesa, Arizona

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

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

FTA Annual Meeting
June 17-19, 2012
Washington, DC

IFTA Managers'/Law
Enforcement Workshop
September 12-14, 2012
Mesa, Arizona

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

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