



# THE IFTA NEWS

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## TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **1st Quarter 2011**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is March 3 at midnight. (All rates are shown in US currency unless otherwise noted.)

	Gas	Diesel	Gasohol	Prop	LNG	CNG	Ethanol	Methanol	E85	M85	A55	BioD
FL	.2987	.3207	.2897									.3207
KY	.2450	.2150	.2450	.2450	.2150	.2150	.2450	.2450	.2450	.2450	.2150	
KY (sur)	.0430	.1020	.0430	.0430	.1020	.1020	.0430	.0430	.0430	.0430	.1020	
MA				.2310	.2310	.2310						
NE	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640	.2640
NC	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250	.3250

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## NOTES FROM THE BOARD – 1Q 2011

On January 19 and 20, the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its First Quarter 2011 Board Meeting. All nine Board members were in attendance. Mr. Mahlon Gragen (ATC Leasing), Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Chair, attended. The Board went into closed session to establish the Executive Committee and approved Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK) as President, Ms. Patricia Platt (KS) as First Vice President, and Mr. Ron Hester (ON) as Second Vice President. Following the closed session, the Board appointed the Liaisons to the IFTA standing and special committees as well as the jurisdictions. The assignments are as follows:

<b>Standing Committees</b>		
<b>Agreement Procedures</b>	<b>Audit</b>	<b>Clearinghouse Advisory</b>
Ron Hester (ON) , Lead	Kirk Davenport (TX), Lead	Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead
Sheila Rowen (TN)	Sheila Rowen (TN)	Patricia Platt (KS)
<b>Dispute Resolution</b>	<b>Industry Advisory</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
Patricia Platt (KS), Lead	Stuart Zion (CO), Lead	Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead
Hugh Hughson (BC)	Hugh Hughson (BC)	Stuart Zion (CO)
<b>Program Compliance Review</b>		
Rena Hussey (VA), Lead		
Scott Greenawalt (OK)		
<b>Special Committees</b>		
<b>Attorneys' Section Steering</b>	<b>Information Technology Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Re-Audit and Re-Examination Working Group</b>
Rena Hussey (VA), Lead	Ron Hester (ON), Lead	Kirk Davenport (TX), Lead
Sheila Rowen (TN)	Garry Hinkley (ME)	Patricia Platt (KS)

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

The Board approved the minutes of the 4Q 2010 Board Meeting as amended. Additionally, the Board approved the minutes from the Board Actions by E-mail as amended and the teleconference call minutes from December 1, 2010 as written.

Mr. Greenawalt presented the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) report on behalf of Mr. Bill Kron (MS), committee chair. The CAC is trying to fill the vice-chair vacancy. IFTA, Inc. will review the 2010 funds netting data and plot it onto a calendar to determine if the revised dates for the 2012 calendar previously approved by the Board will resolve the late payment occurrences. Consideration was given to the Board drafting a basic correspondence to remind jurisdictions of the importance of timely uploads and funding.

IFTA, Inc. Executive Director, Ms. Lonette Turner, presented the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse update. Reporting on the service measures related to the Clearinghouse, Ms. Turner pointed out the encouraging number of hits to the demographic data. The transmittal pages have been redesigned by Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Services Administrator. In addition the re-login feature has been repaired and a quality control project was done with the demographic data. This project-up is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

IFTA, Inc. is researching a funds netting report option that would format and download various fuel type reports. This project, if undertaken, would break down the funds netting reports by fuel type. IFTA, Inc. is also researching using Nlets as a secure data facility. Further discussions

will be required to determine if it is more cost effective for IFTA, Inc. to purchase equipment including a secure server and dedicated secure line to Nlets or if using the Nlets servers off site would be more beneficial. A more in-depth presentation will be offered to the Board at the April Board meeting. Currently, IFTA, Inc. utilizes several backup procedures to protect data including virtual servers.

\$328.2 million was transmitted through the Clearinghouse during the first twelve periods of funds netting. The implementation year of funds netting was successful and smooth, despite a couple of early complications that were easily resolved. In the first 12 Clearinghouse transmittal periods, there were two jurisdictions that were late in funding the accounts more than six times. Despite the problems from a couple of the jurisdictions, it was observed that the Clearinghouse works and that funds netting is a time and money saving feature for the participating jurisdictions.

Mr. Tom King, IFTA, Inc. Webmaster, demonstrated the latest features and updates to the IFTA, Inc. website. All of the Annual Reports have been rolled over from the previous year and are available for completion by the jurisdictions. An in-house screen reveals which jurisdictions have uploaded their Annual Reports and the website will always default to show the current year's data upon access. Users can change this view by the options provided in a drop-down box. Archived data will also be available for on-line viewing. The biodiesel and exemption databases have been updated to reflect the accurate information for 2011.

IFTA, Inc. continues to work with the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) in creating a prototype for the Compliance Initiative to be held in March and May (M and M Blitz). A teleconference has been scheduled with the LEC and IFTA, Inc. to review accessing, using, and completing the on-line data form. Previously, this data was compiled manually. It is intended that the committee maintain this data. Controlling the data will be discussed during the teleconference as well as who will be required to access and complete the on-line form. Additionally, IFTA, Inc. has also been working with the LEC regarding a trip permit survey. The purpose of this survey is to determine the use of trip permits in each jurisdiction. The LEC would like to present this survey to membership and will review the questions during the upcoming teleconference.

Additional updates being made to the website include the "access all" feature. Once completed, this feature will allow users to mark messages as read for all messages posted on the message boards. Another feature being considered would take users to any new messages directly as opposed to the current system where the user is directed to the message board and not the message itself. IFTA, Inc. will also enhance the display of the jurisdiction and year of Annual Reports being viewed.

IFTA, Inc. Events Coordinator, Mrs. Tammy Trinker, presented the IFTA Meeting update. IFTA, Inc. has been researching hosting locations for the 2012 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. The jurisdictions of Indiana and Michigan are both being considered. During the 4Q 2010 Board Meeting, the Board approved the members of the Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) to meet in 2011. After contacting the committee members and hotel, meeting dates have been set in conjunction with the April 2011 Board Meeting in Chandler, AZ. The PCRC meeting will be April 26 – 27 and the Board will meet on April 28 – 29. Both meetings will be held at the IFTA, Inc. offices. The dates of the 2011 and 2012 Board meetings were also reviewed. Upon Board request, the meetings were changed from a Thursday – Friday schedule to a Wednesday – Thursday meeting. These revised dates have been posted on the IFTA, Inc. website.

Mrs. Debora Meise, IFTA, Inc. Program Director, presented the Audit Committee (AC) report on behalf of the committee chair, Ms. AnnMarie Chamberlain (MA). 139 persons have thus far registered for the February IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop being held in Orlando, FL. Several hands-

on demonstrations will be offered during the workshop. The AC is also drafting a housecleaning ballot proposal for 2011 and is considering a second ballot as well. Two webinars are being scheduled for 2011 by the committee. The first will focus on sampling and another webinar will also be planned for later in the year. Following the conclusion of the 2011 workshop, Ms. Chamberlain's term as chair will expire and Ms. Dawn Lietz (NV) will assume this position while Ms. Chamberlain will become the ex-officio.

Mrs. Meise then presented the Program Compliance Review report. While there are no reviews scheduled for 2011, thirteen reviews remain open from 2010, eight reviews are being followed up from 2009, and one review from 2009 is under reassessment.

Board Liaison Ms. Rena Hussey (VA) presented the Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) report. Addressing committee vacancies, the Board approved Mr. John Szilagyi (CT) Chair effective April 1, 2011. Additionally, the Board approved an exception to the committee's charter, Section IV Subsection F to extend the terms of Ms. Cathy Beedle's (NE) and Mr. Jay Starling's (AL) by one year. Both Ms. Beedle and Mr. Starling's term will expire March 2012. These changes were approved due in part to the committee's project to review the program compliance review process and determine if it could be streamlined. The committee will meet in Chandler, AZ this April for this purpose.

Ms. Patricia Platt (KS) presented the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) report. Ms. Platt reported that due to resignations and term limits, several committee vacancies exist. Two members are needed from the Western Region; one representative is needed from each of the Northeast, Southeast, and Canadian Regions. It was determined that IFTA, Inc. will assist the DRC by providing to Rick LaRose (CT), chair, a list of the available candidates from the listed regions. The DRC Charter requires that the members are either IFTA Commissioners or Assistant IFTA Commissioners.

The DRC has been working diligently on the action items assigned by the Board. The DRC's recommendations for Action Items 3.2 and 3.4 of the Board charge were approved.

Mr. Gragen provided the Industry Advisory Committee Report (IAC). The IAC has not met since the 4Q10 Board meeting. The IAC is very pleased and appreciated the vote result on the Indiana-sponsored FTFBP #2-2010. The IAC will meet in February 2011 in conjunction with the IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop in Orlando, FL. Mr. Gragen reported that he had received a couple of comments from IAC members regarding Action Item 3.3 of the DRC's charge from the Board. This Action Item asked the DRC to determine whether a formal industry comment period following a hearing should be added to the Dispute Resolution Process. Mr. Gragen stated that the process needs to be more open and available and he wonders why "IFTA" does not believe industry should be as involved as they are in the IRP dispute process. In general, the industry would like to see more openness during the course of the dispute process.

Mr. Greenawalt presented a report on behalf of the Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) Chair, Ms. Cindy Arnold (NV). The committee is busy planning the 2011 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. Both the APC and LEC are working together to formulate an agenda. The Board approved the committee's recommendation that Trina Kluever-Pauli (WI) serve as the APC's Vice Chair.

Mrs. Meise provided a report on behalf of the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) chair, Lt. Jennifer Brown (AZ). The LEC is drafting a ballot proposal for 2011. The ballot language would require including the effective and issuance dates on an IFTA license. Currently, only the expiration date is required on the IFTA license and that date should read 12/31. Through the proposed ballot, the LEC is asking that issuance date to be required on the license as well.

Board Liaison Ms. Hussey presented the report on behalf of the Attorneys' Section Steering Committee (ASSC) chair, Ms. Carolee Johnstone (CA). Ms. Johnstone has volunteered to assist the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) in drafting a ballot concerning the use of GPS and other vehicle tracking technology. Ms. Hussey reported that Canadian Region representation is needed for the ASSC. Ms. Janice Davidson (NC) is looking into recruiting for this position. The Steering Committee is continuing to work on webinars and is in the development stages of drafting an IFTA 101 webinar followed by a litigation webinar in the third quarter 2011. The Steering Committee officers for 2011 are Carolee Johnstone (CA), Chair, Clark Snelson (UT), Vice Chair, and Janice Davidson (CA), Ex-Officio.

The Board had charged the ASSC to review potential legal barriers to establishing uniform roadside enforcement standards and requirements for incorporation into the Agreement. What could we do for the enforcement of IFTA? After reviewing the issue, the committee recommended that, rather than attempt to draft regulations purporting to comply with the laws of all jurisdictions, it is recommended that the LEC make "best practices" suggestions. The membership could require each member jurisdiction to establish an IFTA roadside enforcement plan or program consistent with each jurisdiction's own laws and rules. The Board determined that the LEC should revisit the Best Practices Guide and rewrite the guide, encompassing more of the law enforcement side.

On behalf of the ITAC Chair, Ms. Beth Devlin (NY), Mr. Ron Hester (ON) presented this report. ITAC has a formal Board charge to review and analyze its survey results regarding GPS and similar technologies. The committee was asked to recommend, if necessary, changes to the current IFTA Governing Documents regarding use of these systems for the purpose of recordkeeping by IFTA licensees and auditing by the member jurisdictions.

Mrs. Platt presented the report from the Re-Audit and Re-Examination Working Group (RRWG) on behalf of Gary Frohlick (SK), Chair. The committee continues to work very hard on their Board charge. The working group deadline for a formal report to the Board is the 2Q11 Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the updates to the progress on completion of Action Items from the Strategic Plan.

The Board discussed alternatives to the IFTA decals. It was the decision of the Board to conduct a survey of membership regarding this issue. Mr. Greenawalt and Garry Hinkley (ME) will draft the survey questions for review by the Board.

Mrs. Meise reviewed the ballots from 2010. Full Track Final Ballot Proposals (FTFBP) 1-2010 and 2-2010 both passed. Ballot 1-2010 becomes effective July 1, 2011 and ballot 2-2010 will become effective July 1, 2013. Full Track Ballot 3-2010 was withdrawn by the sponsor following the first comment period and Short Track Preliminary Ballot Proposal (STPBP) 5-2010 failed to receive sufficient votes at the Annual IFTA Business Meeting to continue. FTFBP 4-2010 did not pass.

The 2011 ballot time line was reviewed. Both full track and short track ballot proposals for 2011 are due at IFTA, Inc. by April 15, 2011 and will be distributed for the first comment period by May 3. Short track ballot proposals may be sponsored up to the Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

Mr. Greenawalt reviewed the report provided by the IRP, Inc. Board of Directors. The report included information regarding the IFTA / IRP Audit Workshop in Florida in February. The IRP Clearinghouse modernization went live in November 2010. This switch over was successful and uneventful. Oklahoma is expected to join the IRP, Inc. Clearinghouse in 2011. Of the Canadian Provinces, only NB and MB are not participating in the IRP, Inc. Clearinghouse. Mr. Greenawalt volunteered to present a report on behalf of IFTA, Inc. at the IRP Annual Meeting in May.

Mr. Greenawalt also presented a report of the IFTA/IRP Board Subcommittee. The November 2010 conference call draft minutes were presented to the Board. The Subcommittee is recommending that the Boards continue endorsement of IRP presentations at the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. IRP would like to continue presenting topics at this workshop.

Discussion was had regarding the length of the workshop and whether it would be necessary to expand the length of the workshop. The only negative commentary referencing the IRP topics during the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop came from those who do not handle IRP accounts. The goal of the committees would be to work towards increased IRP participation at the workshops. Mr. Stuart Zion (CO) recommended that the workshop be structured to include IFTA Town Hall topics on one day and IRP Town Hall topics on another day. Perhaps one item to review would be the presentation of the IFTA and IRP Clearinghouses. This is a commonality that could benefit both IFTA and IRP attendees. Mr. Hester will approach the APC and Ms. Turner will approach Mary Pat Paris (IRP, Inc.) regarding the 2011 workshop.

The Subcommittee also recommends to the Boards that another combined Board Meeting be held. It was recommended that the Board consider a joint meeting in 2012. Ms. Turner will speak with Ms. Paris and determine if the IRP Board of Directors meetings have been scheduled for 2012. Ms. Turner presented the IFTA, Inc. financial report to the Board. The investment portfolio is recovering nicely from the 2009 losses. The IFTA, Inc. auditors and financial advisor will be invited to meet with the Board at the 2Q11 Board meeting.

The Board reviewed Service Measures maintained by IFTA, Inc. for 2010. IFTA, Inc. currently is maintaining one year of budgeted operations in its investment portfolio as required by policy. In 2010, only two jurisdictions did not vote on ballots, but up to 21 jurisdictions failed to comment on ballot proposals. Records showed that attendance at all IFTA meetings was down from previous years.

The Board called George Higdon (MS) to thank him for his years of service to and for the IFTA community during his tenure in MS. They congratulated him on his retirement and wished him the best.

The meeting was adjourned.



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## Website updates.....by Tom King

### Annual Report Reminder

The deadline to complete the 2011 Annual Report is **March 1, 2011**. To fill out this report login to the IFTA, Inc. website. Then click on Master Control where all the reports are located. Then click on Annual Report and enter the data into the fields.

The Attorneys Section Steering Committee now has the Meeting Minutes from December 2010 posted online for viewing.

### 2011 MM Blitz

I have been tasked by the Board of Trustees and the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) to assist with the organization of the data for the upcoming March and May Blitz. This will be the third year the LEC is holding the M & M Blitz operation.

I have made an online form for the LEC to enter data after the Blitz is completed. This will cover things such as the number of manpower hours involved, number of decal violations, registration penalties, and other related information. The results will then be viewed and tallied up in a spreadsheet type of format.

This will become a helpful tool for the Law Enforcement Committee to work with surrounding jurisdictions and share data.

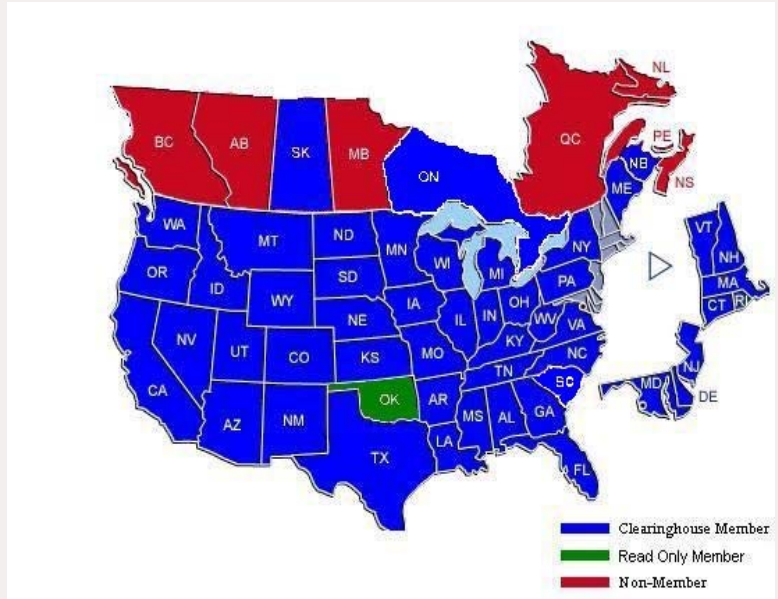
## IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Update

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### Transmittal E-mail Notifications

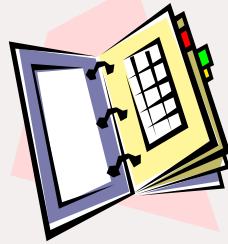
You may have noticed by now that the e-mail informing you of newly posted transmittals on the Clearinghouse now has Summary and Detail Total comparisons. If you have not seen your totals yet, that means new transmittals have not posted from your jurisdiction at this time. If you do have transmittals posted to the Clearinghouse this month, then you would have seen the total due comparison numbers. You will only see the totals for your jurisdiction, not for other jurisdictions.

Why have this? This will save you the time it takes to log into the Clearinghouse to check your totals. If, for some reason, you do get totals that do not match, contact me and your service provider as soon as possible to make the corrections.





# 2011



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

# 2012

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 19-20, 2011  
Chandler, Arizona

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

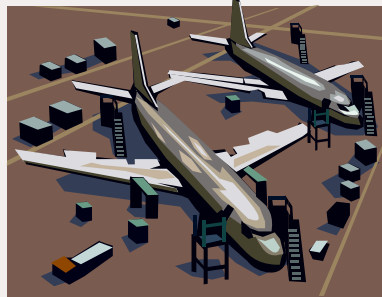
IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
January 18-19, 2012  
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
April 18-19, 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 17-18, 2012  
Chandler, Arizona



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