



THE IFTA NEWS

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TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **2nd Quarter 2011**. 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				.2720	.2720	.2720						
NB	.1360	.1920	.1360		.1920	.1920	.1920	.1920	.1360	.1920	.1920	.1920
QC (CND)	.1720	.1820	.1720				.1820	.1720	.1820	.1720	.1820	.1820

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IFTA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

AUGUST 16-17, 2011
VIRGINIA BEACH VIRGINIA
Complete Information to be posted to the IFTA, Inc.
website May 27

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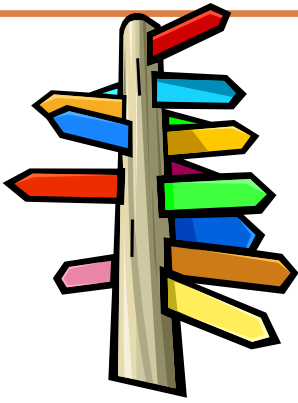
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IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

May Madness is upon us. Plan on attending the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop?

This workshop has an exciting agenda with topics that will include:

- ☞ Cost saving techniques for your jurisdiction
- ☞ How safe are you? - a drivers simulation course
- ☞ PRISM/CVIEW/US DOT Numbers - what is a qualified motor vehicle and what makes a registrant or licensee qualified?

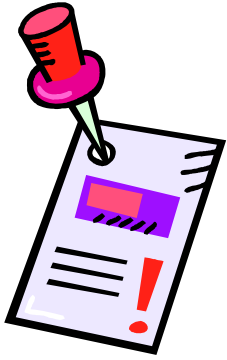
Additional topics will include IRP/IFTA best practices, ABM recap and ideas ,and IRP/IFTA Clearinghouse information. The Charles M. Mills Award of Excellence will be handed out, along with learning more about the Law Enforcement's M & M Blitz.

Please join us at the 2011 Managers & Law Enforcement Workshop. Mark your calendars now for **October 4-7, 2011** in Mesa, Arizona. Your jurisdiction will be glad that you did.

Watch The IFTA NEWS for future updates & information about this 2011 Workshop including a final agenda and registration fees.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD – 2Q 2011



On April 28 – 29 the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its Second Quarter 2011 Board meeting. Eight Board members were in attendance and Ms. Sheila Rowen (TN) attended by teleconference. Mr. Robert Pitcher, American Trucking Associations, Mr. Glenn Campbell, IFTA, Inc. Financial Advisor, Mr. Josh Waitz, Chase Insurance Agency, Inc., and Ms. Lisa Lombard, Lombard and Associates, were also in attendance. Immediately after convening, the Board went into closed session for the purpose of discussing financial concerns and issues with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Waitz as well as review the results from the financial audit. Following the closed session the Board resumed the open meeting and approved the 1Q 2011 Board meeting minutes as well as the Board Actions by Email from January to April 2011.

Mr. Jason DeGraf, IFTA, Inc. Information Systems Administrator, presented a report on the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse. Previously the Board requested IFTA, Inc. to research additional resources for the storage of off-site backup files. IFTA, Inc. researched several companies and provided the top two to the Board for consideration. These companies are iDrive and Iron Mountain. Discussion was had regarding records retention at each facility and costs involved with the storage of encrypted files off-site. After much discussion, it was the position of the Board that IFTA, Inc. should retain records for not more than a period of time mirroring that of the program compliance review requirement at such a facility.

Mr. Garry Hinkley (ME) reported on the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) activities. The Clearinghouse system is working very well and the committee developed the Quality Control Group to focus on quality control issues. The Quality Control Group includes Ms. Cherie Woodworth (ID), Ms. Trishhawn Bell (AL), Ms. Kimberly Knox-Lawrence (ME), and Mr. DeGraf. This group will be reviewing transmittal and demographic data to ensure that the data coming into the Clearinghouse meets the standards set by the CAC. The committee will also look into more usage for the Clearinghouse data and encouraging the use of the data by law enforcement personnel. Most jurisdictions upload on a daily basis supporting the fact that the data presented in the Clearinghouse is timely and accurate.

IFTA, Inc. is compiling data for another Clearinghouse webinar to be launched later this year. This webinar will review the basics such as sign-ups and removal of Clearinghouse access, notification e-mails, historic review of the Clearinghouse, an overview of the data requirements and data retention, how to upload and find Inter-jurisdictional Audit Reports (IAR), and a review of both the demographic and transmittal pages, and data itself.

Committee vacancies were reviewed. Pursuant to the Bylaws, Mr. Greenawalt can remain as a Board Liaison but not an active committee representative. After further review of the CAC Charter it was determined that a vacancy in the southeastern region remains unfilled. IFTA, Inc. will issue an email alert to the commissioners in this region and request a volunteer be appointed. Previously the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. John Griffiths (NS) to fill the vacancy in the Canadian region. That appointment fills the non-participating seat.

Mr. Tom King, IFTA, Inc. Webmaster, demonstrated the latest features and updates to the IFTA, Inc. website. The jurisdiction links have been updated to include those with refund information. Additionally, this information has been linked to the exemption database page for ease of use. Mr. King has also worked with the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) in preparing for the March and May Compliance Initiative. IFTA, Inc. provided an on-line form for a more user friendly check-list during the inspection periods. This form is currently being revised to include the totals of all columns of data including number of trucks inspected, number of violations issued, and number of man hours spent on the initiative. IFTA, Inc. will also create a document that totals all the data per question for all participating jurisdictions. It was felt that this data could be vital to assuring enforcement and furthering the education of IFTA enforcement.

The 2011 ballot proposals are ready for release for the first comment period. The first comment period begins May 3 and concludes June 17.

Upgrades have also been made to the “access all” feature. This feature permits users to have access to all features of the IFTA, Inc. website without having to log into their various accounts. Additionally, a feature is being worked on that would allow users to check all messages with a single click. Another feature would direct users to the message boards containing the new, unread messages. IFTA, Inc. is also working on the creation of a site wide search engine. This search engine would permit users to enter limited data that would, when prompted, search the entire IFTA, Inc. website and flag all instances of the requested data. Currently, a search tool provided by Google is being considered. To suppress all ads from appearing, IFTA, Inc. will purchase a yearly license. The Board was assured that this search engine would only search the IFTA, Inc. website and not the general internet as a whole and would not have access to any private data. Only that information which is currently made available to the general public would be searchable.

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IFTA, Inc. Events Coordinator, Mrs. Tammy Trinker, presented the Meetings update. The Board approved the recommended registration fees for the 2011 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. The fees were set at \$285 for non-voting members, \$345 for public and private sector attendees, and \$650 for exhibitors. The Board also discussed a guest fee for the meeting and approved a registration fee of \$85 per guest. This guest fee will allow an individual, not attending the meeting itself, access to the continental breakfast, lunch and breakfast buffets, as well as the opening reception.

Mr. Kirk Davenport (TX), Board Liaison to the Audit Committee (AC), presented the report provided by Ms. Dawn Lietz (NV), Chair. The committee is working diligently on the 2012 workshop as well as a ballot proposal for 2011. This ballot proposal, 2-2011, would amend the definition of “year’s” by replacing the words “registration with license” to conform with the language used to describe an IFTA licensee.

Program Director, Mrs. Debora Meise, presented the Program Compliance Review report. No reviews are being conducted in 2011. The western region is being reviewed in 2012 and will consist of fifteen reviews. After surveying the member jurisdictions in the western region, it was determined that eleven jurisdictions will proceed with electronic reviews (e-reviews) and four have requested on-site reviews. Scheduling these reviews will commence within the coming weeks.

Ms. Rena Hussey (VA) and Mr. Greenawalt reported that the Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) met just prior to the 2Q Board meeting. Most of the committee members were in attendance of this special face-to-face meeting. During the meeting the committee reviewed and discussed the program compliance review process. E-reviews were discussed at length as the timeline and process was thoroughly reviewed. Flexibility during an e-review was also discussed. It was thought that an e-review could be broken up so that team members could work not only on the review but their jurisdictional assignments as well.

The PCRC is working on revisions to the Review Guide. In August, the committee intends to make a presentation at the Annual IFTA Business Meeting to highlight the revisions to the guide and process itself. Before concluding, the committee felt that the Board should consider additional face-to-face meetings.

In regards to committee vacancies, the PCRC is working to appoint a vice chair as well as filling vacancies in the southeast and western regions. The committee is also reviewing follow-up procedures in the PCR process as well as the committee charter.

Ms. Patricia Platt (KS), Board Liaison, presented the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) report. The Board approved the nomination of Mr. Rick Taylor (KY). The committee is continuing their discussion of facilitation within the dispute process. Referencing action item 3.5, wherein the committee was asked to consider the authority of the DRC and Board regarding resolution of disputes, the committee feels input from the Attorneys’ Section Steering Committee (ASSC) would be valuable. A conference call between the DRC, ASSC, and Board Liaisons is being scheduled to further discuss this concern.

Mr. Pitcher presented the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) report. The Board amended the committee charter to reduce the quorum from half of the committee membership to one-third of the active members. This decision was based on the attendance drop due to travel restrictions effecting industry. The Board also approved the Steering Committee roster of the IAC. Those on the steering committee include Mr. Dan Eisinger (Supervalu Transportation), Chair, Ms. Sandy Johnson (North Star Fleet Solutions, Inc.), Vice-Chair, Ms. Donna Burch (Ryder, Inc.), Mr. Gary Bennion (Con-Way, Inc.), Mr. Mahlon Gragen (ATC Transportation), and Mr. Pitcher.

The Agreement Procedures Committee (APC) report was presented by Mr. Hester, Board Liaison. Currently the committee is looking for volunteers from both the northeast and western regions. The Canadian vacancy has been filled by Ms. Sandi Ackerblade (ON). The committee is also working with the LEC in preparation for the October 2011 IFTA Managers’ and Law Enforcement Workshop. The agenda will also include additional topics pertaining to IRP. The APC is working on a survey regarding the general and audit reports to ensure that the questions asked are pertinent to current business practices and procedures.

Mr. Hinkley, Board Liaison, presented the LEC report. The Board approved the nomination of Mr. Thomas Penny (VA) to the committee. In addition, the Board considered the recommendation of Mr. Andrew Markle (ON) as 2nd Vice Chair. This decision was tabled until Mr. Markle could verify his acceptance of the position. Recent activities of the committee include a review of the LEC Best Practices Guide and the ongoing 2011 March and May Compliance Initiative. There was a considerable increase in participation from 2010. The committee, in conjunction with the jurisdiction of Illinois, sponsored a full track ballot. IFTA FTPBP 01-2011 intends to require jurisdictions to include the license’s “issue date” on the license itself.

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Board Liaison Ms. Hussey presented the ASSC report. The committee is reaching out to identify the attorneys in all member jurisdictions handling IFTA matters. It is the goal of the ASSC to increase participation in all committee related activities including future webinars. A periodic ASSC newsletter is being drafted in an effort to reach more people to educate and encourage this participation. The committee has contacted ITAC in regards to possible ballot proposals regarding vehicle tracking systems.

Board Liaison Mr. Hester then presented the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) report. Changes to the committee include Mr. Scott Miller's (KS) appointment to Chair and Mr. Thom Rabaglia (WI) as Vice Chair. The committee completed the previous Board charge regarding vehicle tracking systems and will be charged with continued support to the Audit Committee while it reviews the ITAC findings and recommendations for possible ballot language. The Board will further draft a new charge to the ITAC to complete a white paper analysis of all available motor carrier resource data in order to determine whether a snapshot of said data could be developed for roadside enforcement.

Ms. Platt presented the Re-Audit and Re-Examination Working Group (RRWG) report. Following discussion, it was decided that the Board would submit comments regarding the working group's proposal and request that the RRWG develop a flowchart of the proposed process for further review.

The Strategic Plan was reviewed. Some of the issues discussed included officially combining the IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop with IRP and developing computer based training for jurisdiction personnel. Considering the request for industry training submitted by the IAC, it was recommended that membership be solicited to identify those having motor carrier training currently in place. Commissioner training was also discussed. The Board was presented with a list of perspective candidates for a group that would establish what to include in this training. It was thought that the balance of this group should shift to include more seasoned commissioners as opposed to new commissioners. IFTA, Inc. will restructure this list and present it to the Board for consideration.

The Board reviewed the IFTA Committee Chairs Guide. Two sections of the guide, Understanding the Relationship and Interaction of the Board Liaison and Staff as well as the Role and Responsibilities of the Chair, have been revised by the committee working on this guide. The committee requested additional insight from the Board to complete the guide with special emphasis on the Organizational Issues section. The Board will further review the document and forward their comments and suggestions for improvements and revisions back to IFTA, Inc.

A review of the proposed ballots for 2011 was provided. Currently three ballots have been submitted. FTPBP 1-2011 was submitted by the LEC and the jurisdiction of Illinois (see Page 4). The Audit Committee submitted FTPBP 2-2011. The intent of this ballot is to remove the term "one registration year" and replace it with "one license year" so that it conforms to the language used to describe an IFTA licensee. FTPBP 3-2011 is sponsored by the ten Canadian member jurisdictions. The intent of this ballot is to introduce a pilot program whereby the IFTA Audit Manual is amended to permit a credit for audit coverage that recognizes a jurisdiction's own enforcement, educational and compliance activities. This pilot program would be in effect for five years upon its effective date of January 1, 2013.

The Board discussed correspondence received regarding issues arising from FTFBP #2-2010. The intent of this ballot was to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement so that the interest rate to be used on taxes due from fleets based in the US would fluctuate with the changes in the economy. The Board determined that the correspondence should be considered a request for interpretation and has drafted an interpretation for the membership's review at the 2011 Annual Business Meeting.

A survey relating to an alternative to the IFTA decals was approved by the Board for release. This survey will be available to those with level 5 or higher clearance on the IFTA, Inc. website so responses could be submitted electronically. The survey will become available following the Board meeting for a two week period.

Ms. Platt volunteered to chair the Election Committee. Also serving on the committee will be Mr. Hinkley, Mr. Hughson, and Mr. Davenport. The Board members eligible for re-election include Mr. Greenawalt, Mr. Hester, Ms. Rowen, and Mr. Zion. Ms. Hussey is not eligible for re-election due to term limits found in the IFTA, Inc. Bylaws.

A review of the IFTA, Inc. Bylaws was done. It was noted that issues could arise from Board member mid-term resignations. Amendments were proposed to allow for better consistency within the Bylaws and the election of the Board members. Additionally, these revisions will permit the Election Committee to utilize a rotation chart to ensure all the requirements for Board nominees are met. The amendments to the Bylaws will be presented to membership for ratification at the 2011 Annual IFTA Business Meeting.

Notes concluded...

Reports were presented from the IFTA / IRP Board of Directors and IFTA / IRP Subcommittee. IRP will be losing three Board members. Mr. Craig Hanson (Region IV), Mr. Matt Poirier (Region I), and Mr. Kirk Forbes (Region III) have submitted their resignations to the IRP Board of Directors.

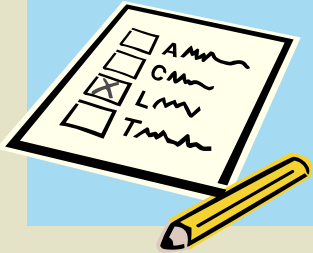
The Board reviewed the preliminary agenda for the 2011 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. A New Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Meeting will be provided prior to the start of the business meeting.

Ms. Turner reported that IFTA, Inc. remains financially sound. The Board then went into closed session for the purpose of reviewing additional financial records. During the closed session, the Board accepted the proposed budget for FYE 2012. Following the closed session, the Board resumed the open session of the meeting and approved the appointment of Mr. Ricardo Listella (OR) as the western region representative for the APC.

The Second Quarter 2011 IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting was then adjourned.



2011 Proposed Ballots



The 2011 IFTA Ballot Proposals are now posted on our website for the first comment period. This year, three (3) Full Track ballot proposals have been submitted for your review/comment. The 45-day comment period ends on [June 17, 2010](#).

Posted below is the Intent of each of the ballots being proposed this year. To review the ballot proposals in their entirety and to make comments on these ballots, visit the IFTA, Inc. website at www.iftach.org.

FTPBP 01-2011

Sponsored by: IFTA Law Enforcement Committee and the Jurisdiction of Illinois

Intent

The intent of this ballot is to require jurisdictions to include the license "issued date" on the license itself.

FTPBP 02-2011

Sponsored by: IFTA Audit Committee

Intent

To remove the term "one registration year". To amend the definition of "year's" by removing the word "registration" and replacing it with "license" so that it conforms with the language used to describe an IFTA licensee.

FTPBP 03-2011

Sponsored by: Jurisdictions of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan

Intent

The intent of this ballot is to introduce a pilot program whereby the IFTA Audit Manual is amended to permit a credit for audit coverage that recognizes a jurisdiction's own enforcement, educational and compliance activities. This pilot project would be applicable only to the Canadian sponsoring jurisdictions and be in effect for five years unless terminated earlier by vote of the member jurisdictions.



Surveys

A new survey should be on the website by the time you read this. The survey is called 'Alternatives To Decals Survey'. There are eight questions asked and we need one person per jurisdiction to fill it out. This will be available for levels 5 and 6.

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes have been updated for the following committees:

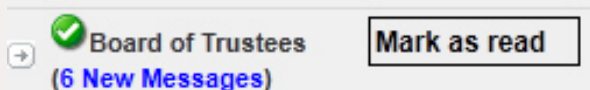
- Board of Trustees
- Clearinghouse Advisory Committee

Program Compliance Review Reports

All of the 15 Program Compliance Review Final Reports for the year 2010 are now on the IFTA, Inc. website. To view them, login, go the Program Compliance Review area, and select 2010.

Message Board Update

I have added a new feature for the committee members who 'Access All IFTA, Inc.'. If you see the green check mark you can click on it and it will mark off all new threads as read. This, however, isn't compatible with the Program Compliance Review Committee.



IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Update

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New READ ONLY Member

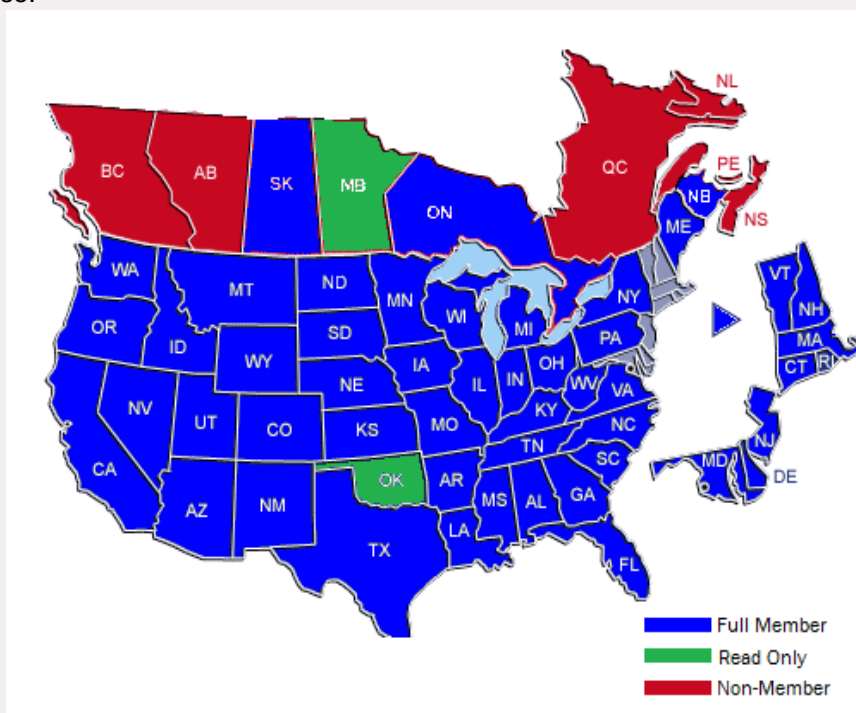
Manitoba is now a read only member of the Clearinghouse. As read only member, Manitoba will be able to read anything posted on the Clearinghouse pages for Transmittal and Demographics. They will also be able to collect IAR's on the Clearinghouse Transmittal pages. So, as a Jurisdiction, you will no longer need to send them paper.

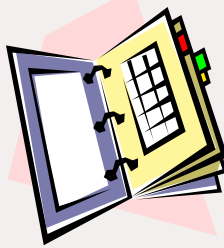
What Manitoba will not do is upload data in any capacity. They will not participate in funds netting. They will not pay or get paid using funds netting. All obligation to and from Manitoba will be conducted as it is currently being conducted between the Jurisdictions. Use Oklahoma as your current example of a read only member.

Quality Control

We will be upping the ante on quality control for the Clearinghouse. A committee has been formed to review all data sent to the Clearinghouse. In addition, we will be implementing some programming to check the data with the option to reject data that does not fit our quality control measures.

This will affect all Jurisdictions, in some capacity, and may require changes to the way you are sending data.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

2011

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

SEATA
June 26-29, 2011
Louisville, Kentucky

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

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

FTA Annual Meeting
September 18-21, 2011
Charleston, West Virginia

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

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

2012

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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