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## THE IFTA NEWS

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### TAX RATE CHANGES FOR 2Q12

Thus far, only one member jurisdiction has changed tax rates for 2Q12. To view these changes, please visit:

<http://www.iftach.org/taxchangeq.php>

### THE IFTA, INC. STAFF

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### IFTA Committees Welcome...

#### Audit Committee (AC):

- Kristin Funk (SD)

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If your jurisdiction has had IFTA staff changes please let us know!



### NEXT IFTA MEETING

Annual IFTA Business  
Meeting  
July 18 – 19, 2012  
Grand Rapids, MI

## 2012 IFTA /IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

Do you have a new employee administering your jurisdiction's IFTA program? If so, the place to be for a "networking" orientation is the APC/LEC Managers' Workshop in Mesa, Arizona. The agenda this year will cover sessions in IRP, IFTA and Law Enforcement! **Registration Packet Coming Soon**

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29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IFTA BUSINESS MEETING  
JULY 18-19, 2012  
AMWAY GRAND  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

### By Lonette Turner

Let me take this opportunity to personally invite you to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual IFTA Business Meeting. The meeting will be held July 18-19 at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our Industry Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Amway Grand.

During the Annual Business Meeting, the membership will be voting on several items and issues, including:

- approval of the minutes of the 2011 Annual Business Meeting;
- election of Board members;
- proposed changes to the IFTA, Inc. Bylaws;
- Short Track Ballot Proposals #6 and #7-2012; and
- Proposed Amendments to the Dispute Resolution Process.

There are five Full Track Preliminary Ballot Proposals being presented for discussion at this year's meeting. The subject matters of these ballots include:

- P700 – Standard Tax Returns;
- R1230 – Interest;
- R1800 – Standing Committee – Information Technology Advisory Committee;
- R245 – Definition of Qualified Motor Vehicle; and
- P1110 – Annual Reporting.

We already have had several interesting topics submitted for our Town Hall Meeting. However, the more topics the better, so please feel free to submit any topics that you would like to have included, or be ready to raise your hand at the meeting. During the Town Hall Meeting, we will be discussing preliminary procedures put together by IFTA, Inc. for voting delegate travel to next year's annual meeting.

We welcome Tim Adams, CEO of IRP, Inc. and Jay Starling, Chair of the IRP, Inc. Board of Directors and look forward to their update on IRP activities.

Our committee chairs will update you on the important activities and projects underway or completed during the last year.

New to the agenda this year is the opportunity for those in attendance to discuss mock disputes that were prepared by the Dispute Resolution Committee. We will be dividing you into four groups. Two groups will be assigned Mock Dispute #1 and two groups will be assigned Mock Dispute #2. You will be in a breakout format to discuss the issues and possible findings in these disputes. We will then bring you all back together to report on what you decided. So, be sure to select a “scribe” for your breakout.

There are many other items of interest on the agenda this year, so we hope to see you in Grand Rapids!

We'd like to welcome our first break sponsors.



Each of these companies will be sponsoring one break during our upcoming meeting.

The pre-meeting materials have been posted on our website ([www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org)). Just click on “Register Now” on our home page. You will then see our 2012 Annual Business Meeting page. Registration, hotel information, pre-meeting materials, proxy form and issues information are all located on this one convenient page.

For those IFTA Commissioners unable to attend the meeting, it is very important that you give your voting proxy to either someone else from your jurisdiction or to a voting delegate from another jurisdiction. The document entitled Issues on the Annual Meeting Agenda (on our website) will assist you in reviewing the issues and providing voting information to your proxy. It is not a required form, but may be helpful to you. The proxy form (also on our website) is required, so please take a moment to download the form, complete it, sign it, scan it, and send it to IFTA, Inc. and to your proxy holder.

I'd like to thank Mr. Andy Dillon, Michigan State Treasurer, Doug Miller, Michigan IFTA Commissioner, and the staff of the Michigan Department of Treasury for hosting the 2012 Annual IFTA Business Meeting. We look forward to being in Grand Rapids!



# 2012 BALLOTS

## FOR DISCUSSION AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

### FTPBP 01-2012

**Sponsored by:**

IFTA Agreement Procedures and the IFTA Program Compliance Review Committees

**Intent:**

The intent of this ballot is to provide an update to the IFTA Procedures Manual to include the necessary requirements for filing an IFTA tax return, regardless of the manner filed.

### FTPBP 02-2012

**Sponsored by:**

Jurisdiction of Colorado

**Intent**

The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement to minimize the number of interest rate changes from year to year for minor fluctuations in the IRS rate and to make it easier for the carrier to calculate interest on a monthly basis. The ballot would establish a monthly interest rate for the year based on the IRS interest rate from the prior year.

Example:

<b>IRS rate</b>	<b>IFTA monthly rate</b>
0% - 3%	0.25% or 0.0025
3.1% - 6%	0.5% or 0.005
6.1% - 9%	0.75% or 0.0075
9.1% - 12%	1.0% or 0.01
12.1% - 15%	1.25% or 0.0125
15.1% - 18%	1.5% or 0.015
18.1% - 21%	1.75% or 0.0175
21.1% - 24%	2% or 0.02

### FTPBP 03-2012

**Sponsored by:**

IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees

**Intent**

The intent of this ballot is to create the Information Technology Advisory Committee as a standing committee of the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

### FTPBP 04-2012

**Sponsored by:**

Jurisdiction of Alabama

**Intent**

The intent of the ballot is to amend Section R245 of the IFTA Articles of Agreement to include the provisions of the Consensus Board Interpretation in the definition of Qualified Motor Vehicle. The amended definition will provide necessary clarification to jurisdictions, law enforcement and licensees regarding the IFTA licensing requirements, which will result in a reduction of IFTA licenses/decals and citations being issued to non-qualified motor vehicles.

## **FTPBP 05-2012**

### **Sponsored by:**

Jurisdiction of Ontario

### **Intent**

The intent of this ballot is to amend the language in P1110 to require member jurisdictions to update the IFTA Exemption Database at the same time the Annual Report is submitted. If a jurisdiction implements an exemption change throughout the year, the jurisdiction would then be required to update the Exemption Database within 30 days of the change being enacted. This will ensure the Exemption Database is kept current and therefore beneficial to IFTA licensees and jurisdictions.

Once a jurisdiction's exemption information has been entered on the database, there is no need to re-enter the exemption information annually – only when exemption information is changed does it need to be entered. If a jurisdiction does not have any change to the Exemption Database, an annual update could be achieved by simply reconfirming the data to indicate that all given details remain correct. By combining such an annual update with an as-needed requirement, the Exemption Database will provide a consistent and reliable source of essential information.

## **STPBP 06-2012**

### **Sponsored by:**

Jurisdiction of Illinois

### **Intent**

The intent of this ballot proposal is to provide consistency throughout the voting process. We suggest a consistent, three-fourths of the total member jurisdictions casting votes be required for passage.

## **STPBP 07-2012**

### **Sponsored by:**

Jurisdiction of Kansas

Jurisdiction of Nevada

Jurisdiction of Oregon

### **Intent**

The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement so that the expulsion provisions of the Agreement are consistent with the progressive nature of the penalties provided for in the IFTA Dispute Resolution Process.

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## **Survey Says...**



The IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) is working on a Best Practices Guide for the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse and is looking for your feedback. If you received an email from Kim Knox-Lawrence (ME) requesting your input, please take a moment and respond. If you cannot locate Kim's email please email her at [kim.knoxlawrence@Maine.gov](mailto:kim.knoxlawrence@Maine.gov) and she'll forward another survey to you.



# SAVE THE DATE!

**Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting**

June 1-2, 2012  
San Antonio, Texas

**Motor Fuel Southern Region**

June 10-13, 2012  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**FTA Annual Meeting**

June 17-20, 2012  
Washington, DC

**Annual IFTA Business Meeting**

July 18-19, 2012  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**SEATA**

July 22-25, 2012  
White Sulphur Springs,  
West Virginia

**MSATA**

August 26-28, 2012  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting**

October 26-27, 2012  
Providence, Rhode Island

**Motor Fuel Tax Annual Conference**

October 28-31, 2012  
Providence, Rhode Island

**IFTA-IRP Managers'/Law Enforcement Workshop**

September 12-14, 2012  
Mesa, Arizona

**IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting**

October 17-18, 2012  
Chandler, Arizona

