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TAX RATES

The 1Q14 tax rate matrix has been finalized and can be found on the IFTA, Inc. website. Jurisdictions now have until **June 1** (Sunday) to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **2Q14** matrix. Currently six jurisdictions have revised their tax rates. To view current tax rate changes please visit:

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

REMINDER!! Please keep your Tax Rate Contacts updated in your IFTA, Inc. profile on www.iftach.org to prevent emails being returned with a delivery failure notice. We want to be sure you receive these important notices.

THE IFTA, INC. STAFF

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Upcoming IFTA Meetings

IRP, Inc. will be holding their Annual Meeting May 13 – 15 in Albuquerque, NM. For additional information you can visit the IRP, Inc. website at www.irponline.org. The IRP, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting will be held following the conclusion of the IRP Annual Meeting.

IFTA, Inc. and the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees have begun planning preparations for the Annual IFTA Business Meeting. Registration fees have been set and approved by the Board. Keep your eye on THE IFTA NEWS and the IFTA, Inc. website for additional details. Registration will be open May 23.



INTERNATIONAL
REGISTRATION
PLAN, INC.



2014 IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

October 15-17, 2014
The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center
Kansas City, MO

Registration Fees and Hotel Room Rates

Registration fees are as follows:

Early Bird – register by Sept. 8, 2014

Jurisdiction - \$350
IRP, Inc. Affiliate Member - \$395
Nonmember - \$540

Regular

Jurisdiction - \$400
IRP, Inc. Affiliate Member - \$450
Nonmember - \$600

On site– after Sept. 24, 2014

Jurisdiction - \$485
IRP, Inc. Affiliate Member - \$540
Nonmember - \$680

**Registration and hotel
reservations will open on the
IRP website in July.**

*Questions in the meanwhile?
Contact Claudia Trapp at
ctrapp@irpinc.org
or (703) 963-2442.*

Hotel Information

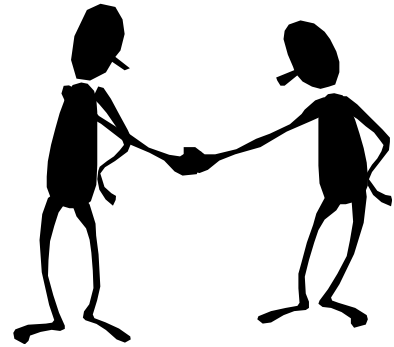
The Westin
Kansas City at Crown Center
1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 474-4400
<http://www.westincrowncenterkansascity.com/>

Room rate: \$115, plus applicable taxes (currently 16.85% plus \$1.75 per room, per night)
for single or double occupancy

You will be able to make hotel reservations when event registration opens in July.



IFTA Comings and Goings



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The following jurisdictions have updated the Jurisdiction Communication List (JCL) in some manner since *April 15, 2014*. Please visit their JCL on the secure website to ensure that you are working with the most current information for these jurisdictions:

California

Georgia

Upcoming Compliance Reviews



JURISDICTION	TEAM MEMBERS
New Brunswick (E) June 2-6, 2014	Nadine J. Slaney (NL) Maria Sutch (PA)

Greetings from the President

Have you ever wondered what the role of an IFTA Board member is? Did you know that the Board:

- ✚ Consists of nine members from five geographic regions (Canadian, Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Western):

Ron Hester - ON - President	Joy Prenger - MO
Stuart Zion - CO - 1st Vice President	Cindy Arnold – NV
Chuck Ulm – MD - 2nd Vice President	Trent Knoles – IL
Hugh Hughson – BC	Steve Nutter - VA
Gary Hinkley – ME	
- ✚ Oversees the business affairs of IFTA, Inc.
- ✚ Attends/participates in quarterly meetings held at the IFTA, Inc. office in Chandler, AZ
- ✚ Participates in conference calls & webinars as required
- ✚ Organizes & participates in the Annual IFTA Business Meeting
- ✚ Acts as liaisons for IFTA committees and for jurisdictions
- ✚ Reviews IFTA, Inc. budget and related financial matters that affect IFTA jurisdictions
- ✚ Reviews/approves the annual decal specifications
- ✚ Participates with jurisdictions and our industry partners in discussing common & emerging issues & working towards a solution for same i.e. dual fuels, electronic credentialing
- ✚ Is currently in the process of revising and updating the IFTA, Inc. Strategic Plan.

Thank you to the above noted Board members for working so diligently on behalf of all member jurisdictions in order to further the mission of IFTA, Inc. of fostering trust & cooperation of our members.

The Board is currently working with IFTA, Inc. in preparing for the upcoming Annual IFTA Business Meeting to be held August 13-14, 2014 in Pittsburg. Stay tuned to the IFTA News and further communication from IFTA, Inc. We look forward to seeing you there!

As Board members, we believe that open communication is essential and important to our membership and the Association. We value and welcome any feedback from you. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact myself or any Board member.

Ron Hester
President, IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees

2Q 2014

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees held its Second Quarter 2014 Board meeting at the IFTA, Inc. offices April 29 – May 1. All nine Board members were in attendance and several guests also attended. During this three-day meeting many relevant issues were addressed. Some of these matters included, but were not limited, to the following:

- Minutes from the 1Q14 Board meeting were approved as amended
- Board actions by Email during January to April 2014 were approved
- A Consent Agenda consisting of committee reports was approved
- All read-only jurisdictions indicated a commitment to become full Clearinghouse participating members by 2016
- IFTA, Inc. is researching android apps for the purpose of allowing the Clearinghouse web page to become “mobile friendly”
- The Clearinghouse Advisory Committee Quality Control Review Subcommittee is working with the Program Compliance Review Committee to address non-compliance issues
- Fifty-two (52) members are currently participating in the funds netting aspect of the Clearinghouse
- Amendments were approved by the Board regarding the funds netting rules to comply with the 2015 funds netting calendar and the provision of a single funding period
- Upgrades and new functionalities to the IFTA, Inc. website were demonstrated and IFTA, Inc. continues to move towards a more user friendly login for all members
- Four reviews have been closed from the 2013 program compliance reviews and two of the sixteen reviews from 2014 have been completed to date
- The Dual Fuel Working Group (DFWG) recommends not utilizing a diesel gallon equivalent for LNG and CNG but suggested creating new fuel types to allow for an easier transition into the reporting of dual fuel vehicle operations
- The Board reviewed the preliminary agenda for the Annual IFTA Business Meeting and approved the registration fees as proposed:
 - \$325 for Non-Voting Members
 - \$385 for Industry and General Public and
 - \$700 for Exhibitors
- IFTA, Inc. continues to negotiate with hotels for the 2014 IFTA Attorneys’ Section Meeting in September as well as for the 2015 Annual IFTA Business Meeting

- IAC presented a report identifying areas of concern including electronic credentials, MCS 150 process, global positioning satellite data and the recent DRC Order against the jurisdiction of New Jersey
- 2013 ballots were updated as follows:
 - FTFBP #01-2013 – passed and effective on January 1, 2015
 - FTFBP #02-2013 – failed
 - FTFBP #03-2013 – passed and effective on July 1, 2015
 - STFBP #06-2013 – failed
- Four 2014 ballots are now available on the IFTA, Inc. website for the First Comment Period
- During the Board meeting a conference call was held with the IFTA Committee Chairs and reports were offered by the following committees:
 - Agreement Procedures Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Clearinghouse Advisory Committee
 - Dispute Resolution Committee
 - Industry Advisory Committee
 - Information Technology Advisory Committee
 - Program Compliance Review Committee
 - Attorneys' Section Steering Committee
 - IFTA Compliance Audit Working Group
 - Electronic Credential Working Group

Following the conclusion of the business discussions the Board met in closed session for the purposes of discussing the organization's budget. The Board approved the FYE15 proposed budget as amended. After which the Board held a Strategic Planning Session. During this session the Board reviewed and strategized a new Strategic Plan. This Plan is scheduled to be revealed during the Annual IFTA Business Meeting this summer. The Board thanked their Facilitator, Ms. Laura Webb, for her time and assistance.

If you are interested in the full and complete minutes from this Board meeting they will be coming soon to the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees web page. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your Jurisdiction Board Liaison.



2014 Annual IFTA Business Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites

One Bigelow Square
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(800) 222-TREE (8733)
pittsburghdowntowndoubletree.com



Advance meeting registration deadline	July 11, 2014
On-site registration	August 12, 2014 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Non-Voting Member	\$325.00
Industry and General Public	\$385.00
Exhibitor (Product Display)	\$700.00
Sponsorship Opportunities	Contact IFTA, Inc.



HOTEL FEES:

Room Rate	\$125.00
Tax:	14 %
Nightly Rate Total	\$142.50

*Note: you must identify yourself as attending the Annual IFTA Business Meeting to secure this room rate
These rates will be effective 3 days pre and 3 days post – based upon availability*

TRANSPORTATION FEES:

Super Shuttle (verified through supershuttle.com website)	\$24.00
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For additional options please visit the airport website at <http://www.pitairport.com/transportation>

IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

By: Tom King, webmaster (tking@iftach.org)

About Us

The About Us web page has been redesigned. We hope this makes it easier to understand the difference between IFTA and IFTA, Inc.

Program Compliance

All of the upcoming reviews for the calendar year 2014 are now posted on the Program Compliance web page.

Electronic Credentials Working Group

A new special committee was added to the IFTA, Inc. website. The committee is called the Electronic Credentials Working Group.

Secure Area

A new file was posted for all levels called in the secure area called, On-Line Tax Return Filing.

A new file was posted on the Clearinghouse area called, 2013 Service Auditors Report. This is available only for Level 5 and Commissioner level access.

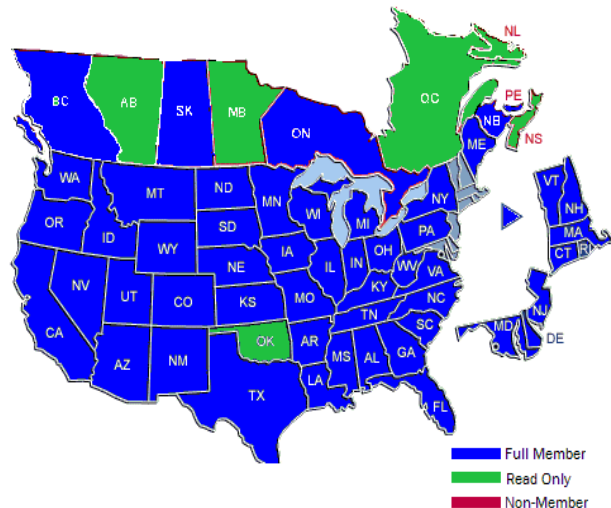
IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

By: Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director (jdeggraf@iftach.org)

CAC – Clearinghouse Advisory Committee

The CAC last month sent out a survey looking for jurisdiction opinions to allow read only members to send Summary Total Data (only) so that they may take part in the funds netting processing without being full members of the clearinghouse.

It was determined that the clearinghouse will not partake in this endeavor, as the ramifications to changing the access agreement could be severe.



SAFER UPDATE

A test file has been made available for SAFER. I am currently awaiting a response from SAFER regarding the file. We will also be asking the jurisdictions who originally said yes to sharing their data with SAFER, to re-verify that they want to participate in this using IFTA, Inc. as the data sender.



SAVE THE DATE!

2014

IRP Annual Meeting

May 13-15, 2014
Albuquerque, NM

IRP Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2014
Albuquerque, NM

**Motor Fuel Tax Northeastern Region
Conference**

May 18 – 21, 2014
Pittsburgh, PA

Motor Fuel Tax Southern Region Conference

Date TBD
Richmond, VA

**Motor Fuel Tax Southern Midwestern
Conference**

Date TBD
Oklahoma City, OK

Annual IFTA Business Meeting

*August 13 – 14, 2014
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

AAMV Annual International Conference

August 25 – 27, 2014
Dover, Delaware

CVSA Annual Conference and Exhibition

September 15 – 17, 2014
Buffalo, NY

Motor Fuel Tax Uniformity Meeting

September 26-27, 2014
Jackson, WY

Motor Fuel Tax Annual Conference

September 28 – October 1, 2014
Jackson, WY

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

October 15 – 17
Kansas City, MO

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting

*October 21 – 22, 2014
Chandler, Arizona*

