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### TAX RATES

The 4Q14 tax rate matrix has been finalized and can be found on the IFTA, Inc. website. Jurisdictions now have until **March 1 (Sunday)** to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **1Q15** matrix. Currently seven new tax rates have been reported to IFTA, Inc. 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](http://www.iftach.org) to prevent emails being returned with a delivery failure notice.

### THE IFTA, INC. STAFF

Lonette L. Turner, CEO

Debora K. Meise, Senior Director

Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director

Amanda McNally Koeller, Comptroller

Tammy Trinker, Office and Events Administrator

Tom King, Webmaster

Richard O. Beckner, Program Compliance Administrator

Patricia Platt, Program Compliance Administrator

### CHANGES AT IFTA, INC.

By Lonette Turner

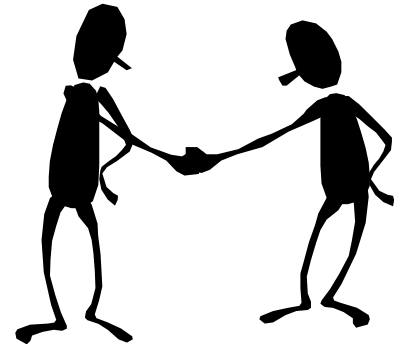
I am very pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2015, Amanda Koeller is working for us as a full-time employee. Her title has changed to Comptroller. As part of our succession planning, Amanda will be assuming all financial duties in addition to the funds netting process and daily accounting responsibilities. Amanda, under my supervision, will be developing the proposed IFTA, Inc. budget for 2015. I will continue to develop potential partnerships with new vendors in an attempt to reduce costs. Amanda will estimate costs for the remainder of this year, prepare the budget for Board review and approval, distribute the approved budget to our membership, and make the financial presentation at the Annual Business meeting. Amanda will play a key role in our ongoing Strategic Planning to ensure we remain financially stable. Please join me in congratulating Amanda!

On February 28, 2015, Richard Beckner is retiring. Dick has done a terrific job for us, and we are going to miss him. Dick we wish you the very best as you retire. We wish you wonderful days of golfing and travel. We hope that retirement is all you are hoping it will be and more. We expect to see you and your lovely wife often here in Arizona. We're not going to say goodbye. We'll see you later!

**CONGRATULATIONS DICK!**



## *IFTA Comings and Goings*



**Coming:**

*South Dakota*

*IFTA Commissioner:*

*Peggy Laurenz*

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*Michigan*

*Assistant IFTA Commissioner:*

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The following jurisdictions have updated the Jurisdiction Communication List (JCL) in some manner since *January 15, 2015*. Please visit their JCL on the secure website to ensure that you are working with the most current information for these jurisdictions:

**Alabama**

**Georgia**

**Iowa**

**Michigan**

**New York**

**North Carolina**

**South Dakota**

**Tennessee**

**Utah**

**Washington**

# Upcoming Compliance Reviews



JURISDICTION	TEAM MEMBERS
<b>Iowa</b> February 9-13, 2015	Kevin Dawkins (CO) Bill McInerney (WY)
<b>Kansas</b> March 2-6, 2015	Kathryn Randall (LA) Kyle Boyer (UT)
<b>Wisconsin</b> March 23-27, 2015	Janice Marshall (AB) Lisa Kelley and Courtney Paul (MN)

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship Opportunities are now available for the 2015 calendar year. This opportunity affords your company the chance to intermix with our members and display your company's product. If you are a service provider to our member jurisdictions, or are a new company looking for a way to meet, greet, and interact with future clientele, we invite you to sponsor a Networking Event at our upcoming meetings. As always, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to your sponsorship. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Trinker, our Office and Events Administrator, at [tdrinker@iftach.org](mailto:tdrinker@iftach.org) or by calling her at (480) 839-4382 ext. 1.

# ***Upcoming IFTA Meetings***

**The IFTA and IRP Audit Committees** are looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio, TX at the end of this month. Please continue to keep your eye on the IFTA, Inc. website for any information pertaining to this upcoming event. Materials will be posted and forwarded by email to all pre-registered attendees. The committees ask that you print this material and have it on your person as you attend this special workshop. Limited printed materials will be provided on-site; attendees are urged to print or download the forthcoming materials to ensure a more well-rounded and successful workshop.

**The IFTA Attorneys' Section Steering Committee** is investigating an Attorneys' Section Meeting for the fall of 2015. Discussions and negotiations are underway to allow this special event to take place later this year. As more detailed information becomes available it will be announced in THE IFTA NEWS.

Keep checking the IFTA, Inc. website for these and other related events of importance that might impact your jurisdiction. If you are aware of any other related functions for 2015 please feel free to forward that information to Mrs. Tammy Trinker at [tdtrinker@iftach.org](mailto:tdtrinker@iftach.org) for posting to the calendar.

## **2015 Ballot Deadline**

**April 10, 2015**

### **1Q15 Notes from the Board**

The Notes from the Board for the First Quarter 2015 Board meeting will be included in the March 2015 edition of THE IFTA NEWS. We look forward to sharing the events of this meeting with you at that time. While you wait, please congratulate the 2015 Executive Committee:

*Ron Hester (ON), President*  
*Stuart Zion (CO), First Vice President*  
*Chuck Ulm (MD), Second Vice President*

## IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

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

### Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee have been posted on the IFTA. Inc website.

### 2015 M&M Blitz

The 2015 M&M Blitz invitation is now posted on the Law Enforcement Committee web page. The database for the LEC will be ready for data entry starting in March. The result from the 2014 M&M Blitz will be posted soon on the LEC web page.

## IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

By: Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director ([jdegraf@iftach.org](mailto:jdegraf@iftach.org))

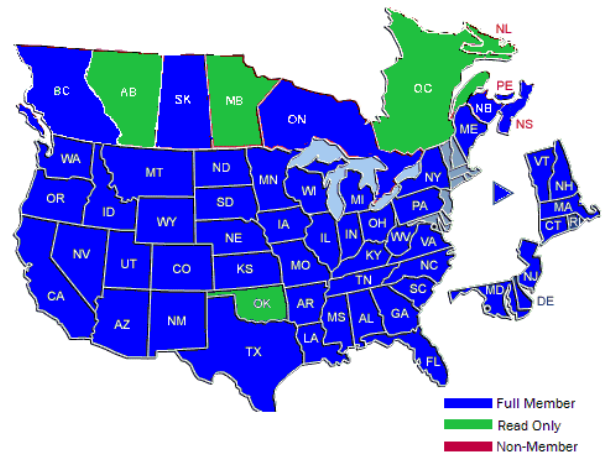
### Good Data In Good Data Out

One issue the IFTA Community is repeatedly running into is old data on the Clearinghouse. Old demographic records do exist on the Clearinghouse; in some cases the jurisdiction has no way to change this data, even if they send in a new update file.

In other cases some carriers can't get a license due to old data on the clearinghouse that is no longer accurate, such as a suspended status from 1998.

The solution for this is to have your jurisdiction send us a complete baseline/snapshot of your demographics on a daily basis. This way, on our end, we can delete data nightly, and always have the latest data in the clearinghouse based on your most recent snapshot.

Not doing this will allow old records to sit in our database indefinitely, till the next crisis or the next carrier is can't get a license. So please consider these changes and contact your vendors if you use one.





# SAVE THE DATE!

***2015***

***IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop***

*February 24 – 26, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas*

***CVSA Workshop***

*April 12-16, 2015  
Jacksonville, Florida*

***AAMVA Board of Directors' Meeting***

*April 22-24, 2015  
Hilton Arlington*

***IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting***

*April 28 - 29, 2015  
Chandler, Arizona*

***IRP Annual Meeting***

*May 18 – 20, 2015  
Savannah, Georgia*

***2015 Nlets Annual Business Meeting***

*June 30 - July 1, 2015  
Boise, Idaho*

***IFTA Annual Business Meeting***

*August 12-13, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas*

***AAMVA Board of Directors' Meeting***

*August 23-24, 2015  
Des Moines, IA*

***AAMVA Annual International Conference***

*August 25-27, 2015  
Iowa Events Center*

***CVSA Annual Conference & Exhibition***

*September 13-17, 2015  
Boise, Idaho*

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

*October 6 – 8, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas*

***IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting***

*October 20 - 21, 2015  
Chandler, Arizona*

