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### TAX RATES

The 1Q15 tax rate matrix has been finalized and can be found on the IFTA, Inc. website. Jurisdictions now have until **June 1 (Monday)** to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **2Q15** matrix. Currently two 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 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. On Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, an important tax notice was sent and the following jurisdictions had failed messages: FL, IA, IL, MA, ME, NH, RI, SD, SK, TX and UT.

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## ATTENTION!

### ATTENDEES OF THE FEBRUARY 2015 IFTA/IRP AUDIT WORKSHOP

If you are permitted and looking to receive continuing education credit for attending this year's workshop, please send your request by email to Tammy Trinker at [tdtrinker@iftach.org](mailto:tdtrinker@iftach.org). Mrs. Trinker will be able to provide a signed, electronic letter certifying the number of agenda hours. Past attendees have found this letter valuable in earning additional credits. This letter is being made available only to those that were in attendance and have paid their registration fees. If you would like this letter but have received an invoice for registration fees you will need to pay those costs prior to receiving this letter. Please contact Mrs. Trinker with any questions or concerns you might have regarding any outstanding registration fees or this letter of certification.

# 1Q 2015

## ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees held its First Quarter 2015 Board meeting at the IFTA, Inc. offices February 3 - 4. Eight Board members were present in person and Mr. Garry Hinkley (ME) attended by conference call on both meeting days. There were three guests in attendance and these guests included Ms. Sandy Johnson, NorthStar Fleet Solutions, Ms. Lisa Lumbard and Mr. Carlos Valdivia, both from Lumbard & Associates. During this two-day meeting many relevant issues were addressed. Some of these matters included, but were not limited, to the following:

- The 2015 Executive Committee of the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees were elected as follows:
  - Mr. Ronald Hester (ON), Board President
  - Mr. Stuart Zion (CO), First Vice Chair
  - Mr. Chuck Ulm (MD), Second Vice Chair
- A review of the audited financial statements and SOC II Auditors Report showed clean findings and the Board adopted the reports as presented by Lumbard & Associates
- Minutes from the 4Q14 Board meeting were approved as amended
- Minutes of the Board actions by Email during October through December 2014 were approved
- Committee assignments and Jurisdiction Board Liaison assignments were reviewed and approved. No changes were made from the 2014 to 2015 assignments. This list is printed in the March edition of THE IFTA NEWS and can be found on the IFTA, Inc. website.
- Committee reports included in the Consent Agenda were adopted by the Board. These reports were from the following committees:
  - Attorneys Section Steering Committee
  - Audit Committee
  - Clearinghouse Advisory Committee
  - Dispute Resolution Committee
  - IFTA Compliance Audit Working Group
  - Information Technology Advisory Committee
  - Law Enforcement Committee
  - Program Compliance Review Committee

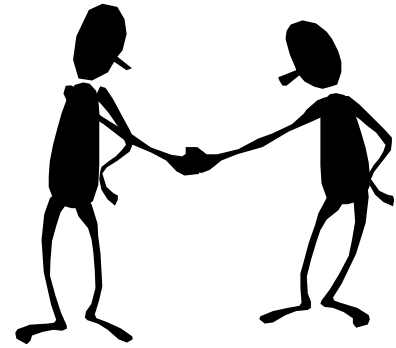
- The APC will be tasked with reviewing the manual definitions of suspended, cancelled and revoked licensees. The purpose of this task would be to either remove or redefine these terms to ensure membership is using them in the same manner.
- Mr. Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director, reported that the former Regional Processing Center (RPC) jurisdictions have all tested and uploaded data into the Clearinghouse. Rhode Island experienced issues related to the posting of transmittals and not providing demographic updates. Mr. Hinkley will contact the jurisdiction to ensure that everything is operational.
- It was determined by the Board that should any jurisdiction not update clearinghouse data, or not update in a timely fashion, the jurisdiction should be contacted by their Board liaison to inquire as to the reasons
- Nevada has signed the agreement to have their data go live with SAFER
- Apps have been researched but IFTA, Inc. is unable to further these programs with the current system. Additional equipment would be required should app programs be something membership is interested in pursuing.
- Late payments from 2013 to 2014 were reduced through the funds netting process
- IFTA, Inc. will contact Newfoundland to review the procedures for full participation in the Clearinghouse. Manitoba anticipates becoming a full member in the Clearinghouse in July 2015 and is currently conducting internal testing
- IFTA, Inc. will work with the host hotel for the 2015 IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop to schedule the 2015 IFTA Attorneys' Meeting
- The Board will contact the IRP, Inc. Board of Directors in regards to the two-year test regarding the hosting of the IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop and IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. It is recommended by IFTA that the hosting of these workshops remain as they are currently arranged, with IFTA, Inc. hosting the Audit Workshop and IRP, Inc. hosting the Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop.
- Reviewing the IFTA ballots, the following was reported:
  - FTPBP 01-2014 was withdrawn following the 2014 Annual IFTA Business Meeting
  - FTFBP 02-2014 is out for vote by membership
  - FTPBP 03-2014 is out for a third comment period
  - FTFBP 04-2014 is out for vote by membership
  - STFBP 05-2014 did not receive a sufficient number of votes to pass or fail and therefore the ballot failed

- Reviewing the IRP ballots, the following was reported:
  - Ballot 399, a re-vote for Region IV (US) Board Election resulted with Ms. Dawn Lietz (NV) as the elected candidate
- A conference call with the various IFTA committees was held. Those in attendance from the committees included the following personnel:
  - Mr. Jeff Hood (IN), Chair, Audit Committee
  - Mr. Randy Boone (IN), Chair, Clearinghouse Advisory Committee
  - Mr. Mark Byrne (NE), Chair, Dispute Resolution Committee
  - Ms. Johnson, Chair, Industry Advisory Committee
  - Mr. Thom Rabaglia (WI), Vice Chair, Information Technology Advisory Committee
  - Insp. Andrew Markle (ON), Vice Chair, Law Enforcement Committee
  - Mr. Joe Dian (IN), Chair, Program Compliance Review Committee
  - Mr. Collin Davis (IN), Chair, Attorneys' Section Steering Committee
  - Mr. Hugh Hughson (BC), Chair, Dual Fuel Working Group
  - Mr. John Smith (KS), Chair, Electronic Credentials Working Group
  - Mr. David Nicholson (OK), Chair, IFTA Compliance Audit Working Group
- During the committee conference call the Committee Charters were reviewed and later approved, as presented, by the Board
- Of the 13 Program Compliance Reviews scheduled for 2015, the Illinois review has been completed and seven more are currently underway
- A Reviewer Training webinar will be finalized within the coming weeks for presentation in mid-March
- A Jurisdiction Review Expectations webinar has been completed and will be presented soon
- Mrs. Amanda Koeller, Comptroller, reviewed the financial report and informed the Board that IFTA, Inc. remains financially sound
- A new five-year lease was recently signed for the rental unit B-3 effective February 1, 2015
- The Board appointed Mr. Hinkley as Chair of the Electronic Credential Working Group (ECWG) and Ms. Johnson as Vice Chair. Lonette Turner will reach out to the Law Enforcement Committee for a volunteer to the ECWG

- During discussions of committee vacancies the Board decided that the Best Practices Guides should be updated to include the committee responsibility to reach out to the various regions where they need representation to ensure that there is an adequate list of potential committee members to choose from
- Reviewing the Dual Fuel Working Group ballot Short Track Ballot 5-2014, it was decided that the Attorneys' Section Steering Committee should review this failed ballot to offer comment on the issues outlined in the ballot. Additionally, IFTA, Inc. will reach out to those jurisdictions that did not vote to inquire as to whether there was a reason that they did not vote on the ballot.
- The IFTA, Inc. Contingency Plan was reviewed and was updated to include what the Executive Committee should do in the event that the IFTA, Inc. staff is not available and options for when a jurisdiction becomes unable to communicate or provide pertinent IFTA data. IFTA, Inc. will also research how long IFTA, Inc. could operate outside of Arizona should another jurisdiction need to run the daily operations until the IFTA, Inc. offices could be re-established in Arizona.
- A Quarterly Board Regional Conference Call will also be initiated to increase communications between the Board and membership
- Discussion was also had regarding the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inquiry to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to require a Universal Electronic Identifier for every commercial motor vehicle. It was the position of the Board that IFTA, Inc. not support this request since mandating transponders is outside the scope of IFTA's authority.
- The Board reviewed the current Strategic Plan and made revisions to the Action Items
- Reviewing the Quarterly Board Meetings, the Board determined that three meetings were necessary. No changes were made at this time to the scheduling of these meetings.



## IFTA Comings and Goings



### **Coming:**

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#### *Washington*

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

**Delaware**  
**Kentucky**  
**Maine**  
**Manitoba**

**Massachusetts**  
**New Jersey**  
**North Carolina**  
**Ohio**

**Prince Edward Island**  
**Quebec**  
**Saskatchewan**  
**Washington**

## 2014 Ballot Update

Ballot	Status
FTFBP 2-2014	<i>Failed – 37 Yes; 15 No; 5 Non-votes</i>
FTPBP 3-2014	Under Review by sponsors prior to vote. Deadline for changes: April 20, 2015
FTFBP 4-2014	<i>Failed to receive a sufficient number of votes to pass or fail. The proposed language dose not move forward.</i>

Complete voting results and rosters will be available soon on our website at [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org) under Ballot Proposals and then Ballot History.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available for the 2015 IFTA Annual Business Meeting. 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 meeting. 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 Debora Meise, our Senior Director, at [dmeise@iftach.org](mailto:dmeise@iftach.org) or by calling her at (480) 839-4382 ext. 3.

## *Upcoming IFTA Meetings*

**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.

**The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees** will be meeting in late April for the 2015 Board Meeting. This meeting will be held at the IFTA, Inc. offices and are open to the public. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have an issue that you'd like the Board to address, please reach out to your Board liaison or contact IFTA, Inc. We'll make sure your question is presented for discussion.

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 [tdrinker@iftach.org](mailto:tdrinker@iftach.org) for posting to the calendar.

## 2015 Ballot Deadline

**April 10, 2015**

## WANTED! NEEDED!



**A Volunteer for the Agreement Procedure Committee from the Canadian Region is needed! The Committee has a conference call once a month and help with the planning of the Annual IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. This workshop will be in San Antonio, Texas this year. The dates of the workshop are October 6-8.**

**If you have someone you would like to nominate please let the committee know. If you would like to join, visit the IFTA, Inc. website at <http://www.iftach.org/> and click on the committee button. You can submit an application to the Agreement Procedures Committee or contact [Kim.Knoxlawrence@maine.gov](mailto:Kim.Knoxlawrence@maine.gov) to find out more information.**

**If you do not have anyone who would like to join the committee, please consider sending someone from your jurisdiction to this year's 2015 4<sup>th</sup> Annual IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop. It will be a great way to meet new people, share ideas, and work with others to solve problems and discuss current issues affecting your jurisdiction.**

## Clearinghouse Advisory Committee Southeast Vacancy

The IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse Advisory Committee has a vacancy in the SE. This Committee helps to ensure that the Clearinghouse operates within the IFTA requirements and that members find the data usable and accessible. It meets via teleconference on the third Thursday of the month at 11am Eastern time. If you are interested in joining this important group, and have Clearinghouse and or Funds Netting experience, please register online at [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org) under Jurisdiction Communications or contact Randy Boone at [rboone@dor.in.gov](mailto:rboone@dor.in.gov).



## IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

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

### Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for the updated for the following committees.

- Board of Trustees
- Clearinghouse Advisory Committee

### Reports

The 2014 Annual Report in excel format is now available on the IFTA, Inc. website.

## IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

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

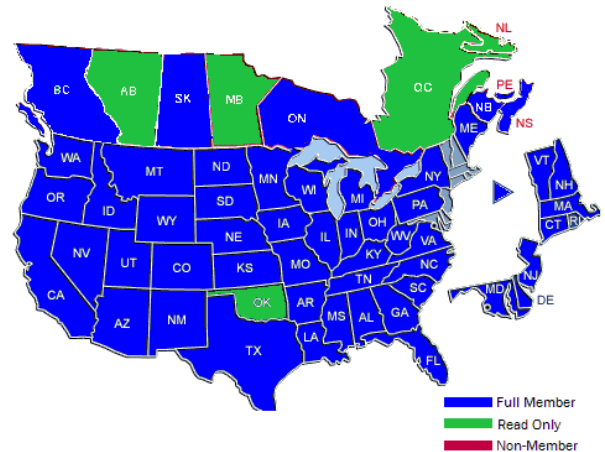
### Good Data In Good Data Out

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.



<b>2015 STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEE BOARD LIAISONS</b>		
<b>Agreement Procedures</b>	<b>Audit</b>	<b>Clearinghouse Advisory</b>
Cindy Arnold (NV), Lead	Steve Nutter (VA), Lead	Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead
Trent Knoles (IL)	Joy Prenger (MO)	Cindy Arnold (NV)
<b>Dispute Resolution</b>	<b>Industry Advisory</b>	<b>Information Technology Advisory Committee</b>
Hugh Hughson (BC), Lead	Hugh Hughson (BC), Lead	Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead
Steve Nutter (VA)	Chuck Ulm (MD)	Cindy Arnold (NV)
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Program Compliance Review</b>	<b>Attorneys' Section Steering</b>
Chuck Ulm (MD), Lead	Trent Knoles (IL), Lead	Stuart Zion (CO), Lead
Stuart Zion (CO)	Joy Prenger (MO)	Chuck Ulm (MD)
<b>Audit Working Group</b>	<b>Dual Fuel</b>	<b>IFTA/IRP Board Subcommittee</b>
Steve Nutter (VA), Lead	Hugh Hughson (BC), Lead	Stuart Zion (CO)
Garry Hinkley (ME)	Garry Hinkley (ME)	Ron Hester (ON)
<b>Electronic Credentials Working Group</b>		
Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead		
Trent Knoles (IL)		

<b>2015 JURISDICTION BOARD LIAISONS</b>								
Joy Prenger	Ron Hester	Garry Hinkley	Hugh Hughson	Trent Knoles	Stephen Nutter	Stuart Zion	Cindy Arnold	Chuck Ulm
AR	NL	CT	AB	IL	AL	AZ	ID	DE
IN	NS	ME	BC	IA	FL	CA	MT	MD
LA	ON	MA	MB	KS	GA	CO	OR	NJ
MO	PE	NH	NB	MI	MS	NM	UT	OH
NE	QC	NY	SK	MN	NC	TX	NV	PA
ND		RI		OK	SC	WY	WA	WV
SD		VT		WI	TN			
				KY	VA			



# SAVE THE DATE!

**2015**

**CVSA Workshop**  
April 12-16, 2015  
Jacksonville, Florida

**CVSA Annual Conference & Exhibition**  
September 13-17, 2015  
Boise, Idaho

**AAMVA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
April 22-24, 2015  
Hilton Arlington

**IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement  
Workshop**  
October 6 – 8, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas

***IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting***  
*April 28 - 29, 2015*  
*Chandler, Arizona*

***IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting***  
*October 20 - 21, 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

