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## THE IFTA NEWS

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### TAX RATES

The 1Q16 tax rate matrix was finalized on March 2. Jurisdictions now have until **June 1, 2016 (Wednesday)** to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **2Q16** matrix. Currently there is one new tax rate that has 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.

It is recommended that all membership review their Jurisdiction Communication Lists at this time. If your revised date is more than one year, but there have been no changes, please click to update your communication list so that the revision date shows for 2016. Thank you!

### THE IFTA, INC. STAFF

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Patricia Platt, Program Compliance Administrator

# 2016 Ballot Deadline

## April 22, 2016

# 1Q 2016

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) held its First Quarter 2016 meeting on February 8 – 9 in Las Vegas, NV. All Board members were in attendance as well as several guests as the meeting was in conjunction with the IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop. Before the meeting was open to the public, the Board met and voted for officers for 2016. The result is as follows: Mr. Stuart Zion (CO), President; Mr. Chuck Ulm (MD) First Vice President, and Mr. Stephen Nutter (VA) Second Vice President.

The meeting was opened and called to order. Self-introductions were made. Mr. Zion welcomed Mr. David Helton (FL), to the Board. Mr. Helton was elected as a Southeast Region representative at last year’s Annual Business Meeting. The Board then voted on and approved: the Fourth Quarter 2015 meeting minutes as amended and the minutes of the Board Actions by Email as written. The Committee and Jurisdiction Liaisons were appointed. A list of those appointments follows.

2016 Committee Board Liaisons		
<b>Agreement Procedures Committee</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Clearinghouse Advisory Committee</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 Committee</b>	<b>Industry Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Information Technology Advisory Committee</b>
Hugh Hughson (BC), Steve Nutter (VA) -lead	Hugh Hughson (BC), Lead Chuck Ulm (MD)	Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead David Helton (FL)
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Program Compliance Review</b>	<b>Attorneys Section Steering Committee</b>
Chuck Ulm (MD), Lead Stuart Zion (CO)	Trent Knoles (IL), Lead Joy Prenger (MO)	Stuart Zion (CO), Chuck Ulm (MD) -lead
<b>Electronic Credentials Working Group</b>	<b>Dual Fuels Working Group</b>	<b>IFTA/IRP Board Subcommittee</b>
Garry Hinkley (ME), Lead Trent Knoles (IL)	Hugh Hughson (BC), Lead David Helton (FL)	Stuart Zion (CO) David Helton (FL)
		Chuck Ulm (MD)

2016 Jurisdiction Board Liaisons								
J. Prenger	D. Helton	G. Hinkley	H. Hughson	T. Knoles	S. Nutter	S. Zion	C. Arnold	C. Ulm
AR	AL	CT	AB	IL	NC	AZ	ID	DE
IA	GA	ME	BC	KS	SC	CA	MT	MD
IN	FL	MA	MB	KY	TN	CO	OR	NJ
MO	LA	NH	NB	MI	VA	NM	UT	OH
NE	MS	NY	NL	MN		TX	NV	PA
ND		RI	NS	OK		WY	WA	WV
SD		VT	ON	WI				
			PE					
			QC					
			SK					

The consent agenda was then accepted by the Board. Committee reports contained in this agenda included the reports of the Audit Committee, Agreement Procedures Committee, Clearinghouse Advisory Committee, Dispute Resolution Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee, and the Law Enforcement Committee.

Quarterly reports were offered by members of the IFTA, Inc. staff for Funds Netting, the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse, and the financial report. Tom King (IFTA, Inc.), Webmaster, gave a demonstration of a modernized IFTA, Inc. website. The work will continue and a review will be given at the Annual Business Meeting. In the meantime, IFTA, Inc. will survey its members and stakeholders regarding content of the current website. Updates were given on behalf of the Electronic Credentials Working Group, the Industry Advisory Committee, and Quarterly Regional Board calls.

Seven 2015 IFTA ballots are currently out for vote by membership. Voting on these ballots will close on March 24, 2016. Ballot submissions for 2016 are being accepted through April 22. The Board discussed a possible ballot drafted by the jurisdictions of Illinois and Nevada. This ballot proposes verbiage throughout the Agreement to specify that only the votes that are actually cast be counted towards the final disposition of the vote. By doing this, the intent is to have the voting results representative of those jurisdictions that actually voted.

The Board discussed a request submitted by the IFTA Attorneys' Steering Section Committee to meet again in 2016. It was approved that the committee could meet in late October 2016 in Chandler, Arizona. IFTA, Inc. will work to obtain the hotel location and contract for this event.

Other items discussed by the Board included the timing of election of Board officials as well as a review of the suggestions and proposals received from membership for IFTA-related projects. The costs related to these projects could be funded from the JPM investment portfolio. Several suggestions and proposals were fielded from various member jurisdictions and the Board reviewed each of them. Each of the jurisdictions submitting a suggestion or proposal will be contacted.

The Program Compliance Review Committee (PCRC) reviewed the agenda for their upcoming meeting in early March at the IFTA, Inc. offices. The PCRC was very appreciative of the Board's support to permit this meeting. The primary focus of the meeting will be to review IFTA FTFBP 3-2014 to ensure that the Review Guide and worksheets are updated to meet the requirements. The committee will also be working to streamline the review process so that the time committed to reviews would not become a burden to any one individual or jurisdiction.

During a review of the technology committees, the Board approved the nomination of Mr. Ron Hester (ON) as Chair of the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC). Discussion was also held regarding the future of the ITAC and whether it should remain as a standing committee or be changed to a special committee. The Board Liaisons will connect with the committee to discuss this possibility.

The Board also discussed the Strategic Plan at length. They also approved the audited financial report received from Lumbar & Associates. It was also decided that a ninety (90) day window be provided to membership for change to the Annual Report data submitted before the reports are final. IFTA, Inc. will work to implement this.

Concluding the business discussions, the Board adjourned the First Quarter 2016 Board meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

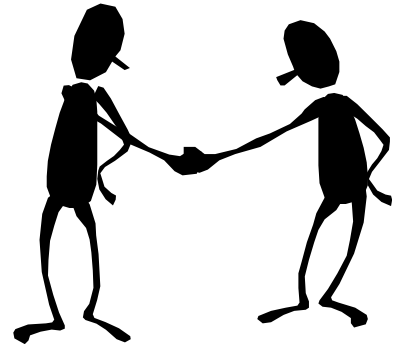
## ***Sponsorship Opportunities***

Sponsorship Opportunities are available for the 2016 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 or (480) 244-9115.



# *IFTA Comings and Goings*



## Coming:

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The following jurisdictions have updated the Jurisdiction Communication List (JCL) in some manner since *February 15, 2016*. Please visit their JCL on the secure website to ensure that you are working with the most current information for these jurisdictions:

**Indiana  
Kansas  
Manitoba**

**Maryland  
Nevada  
New Mexico**

**North Carolina  
Ohio  
South Dakota**

# Happy Easter



**Easter Sunday is March 27.  
IFTA, Inc. hopes that you and  
your family will have an  
enjoyable celebration.**

## IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

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

### Reminder Update your JCL and User Control

This is a friendly reminder to take a look at your Jurisdiction Communication List and make sure you don't have someone listed that has retired or taken another position. After that, check **"User Control"** to make sure they no longer have access control for your jurisdiction. The Clearinghouse has a similar feature to control its users and it's called **"User Registration"**. You'll need level 5 or higher access to get those control systems.

### Reminders

The Voting Booth is open for IFTA Commissioners to vote on the 2015 Full Track Ballot Proposals. The deadline to get your vote is in **March 24, 2016**.

## IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

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

### New Servers

We have updated both our Transmittal and Demographic servers.

There have been some bumps, but so far, minor.

Sorry about any delay as we make this transition.

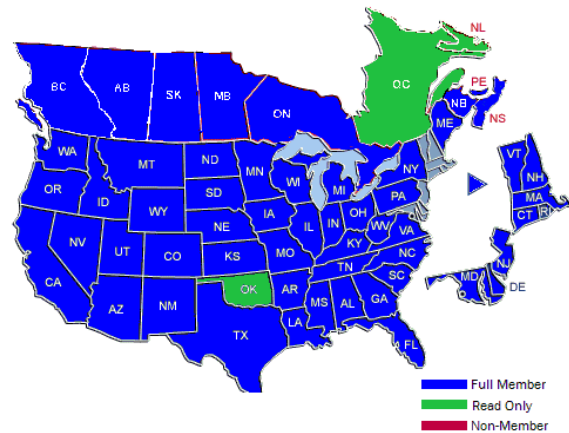
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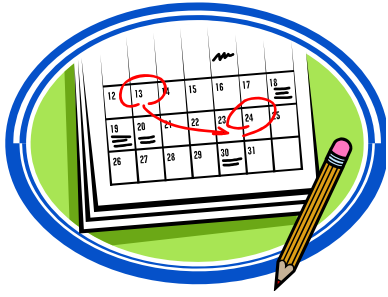
Want to sign up a user? Your IFTA Commissioner will have to sign you up on [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org).

Lost your login info? E-mail me at [jdeggraf@iftach.org](mailto:jdeggraf@iftach.org).

Uploaded the wrong Audit File? Delete it under the Search option on the IAR pages.

Always check your Transmittal Data monthly. You are ultimately responsible for your data.





# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2016

**HELP, Inc.**  
**Spring Board of Directors Meeting**  
March 2 – 4  
San Antonio, Texas

**Pacific Region Conference**  
April 17 – 19  
Austin, Texas

**IRP Annual Meeting**  
May 2 – 4  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting**  
May 13 – 14  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

***2Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting***  
*May 24 – 25*  
*Chandler, Arizona*

**Southern Region Conference**  
June 19 – 21  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Tobacco Annual Conference**  
August 14 – 17  
Providence, Rhode Island

***Annual IFTA Business Meeting***  
*August 17 – 18*  
*Indianapolis, Indiana*

**HELP, Inc.**  
**Summer Board of Directors Meeting**  
August 17 – 18  
Broomfield, Colorado

**Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting**  
September 16 – 17  
Portland, Maine

**FTA Motor Fuel Tax Section  
Annual Motor Fuels Conference**  
September 18 – 21  
Portland, Maine

**IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law  
Enforcement Workshop**  
September 27 – 29  
Tampa, Florida

***4Q IFTA Board Meeting***  
*October 18 – 19*  
*Chandler, Arizona*