

THE IFTA NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUZZ

Carmen Martorana Jr.

As the end of the year 2020 approaches, I think we will all have a big sigh of relief with the hope of a new year and new promises of brighter days ahead.

Despite the challenges we have all faced this year, I continue to be amazed at our membership and the team at IFTA, Inc. for their ability to adapt and

change with the evolving challenges that we face every day.

Over the past few months, we at IFTA, Inc. have started some new projects and are at the end of completion for some major strategic plan initiatives. [To read more click here...](#)

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Scott Bryer (NH)

This was a rough year to say the least. 2020 is a year no one will forget and has resulted in some challenging times for everyone. Whether diagnosed with COVID-19, knew someone who had it, or lost a loved one because of COVID-19, I think we have all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way. It has adversely affected the economy and the way we conduct business. The Board of Trustees was only able to meet in person once this year, and that was for the first quarter Board meeting before our world changed drastically. In addition, the last in-person event where we had the opportunity to see and interact on a personal level was the Audit Workshop in February of 2020.

In March when the pandemic had its first surge, we all experienced a lock down which eliminated travel between jurisdictions and the ability to meet in person. It has forced everyone to learn new ways of performing work by learning to use new software to conduct remote meetings virtually. I personally have become quite proficient in using Microsoft Teams, WebEx and GoToMeeting. IFTA, Inc. has utilized these technologies throughout the year for two quarterly board meetings and the Annual Business Meeting. [To read more click here...](#)



HIGHLIGHTS from the BOARD

4Q 2020

On October 6 - 8, the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) met for the Fourth Quarter 2020 Board meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually.

All nine Board members were present. Guests included Mr. Tim Adams, IRP, Inc. CEO, Mr. Drew Clark (KY), Clearinghouse Advisory Committee 2nd Vice Chair, Ms. Tammy Day (IN), Electronic Records Standardization Working Group Chair, Mr. Scott Greenawalt (OK), Dispute Resolution Committee Vice Chair, Mr. Omer Guzman (MI), Dispute Resolution Committee Chair, Mr. Jeff Hood (IN), IRP, Inc. Board of Directors Chair, Mr. Robert Pitcher, Consultant, Ms. Joni St. John (NS), Agreement Procedures Committee Chair, Ms. Cindy Swanson (CA), Agreement Procedures Committee Ex-Officio, and Mr. Dennis Vanderslice (ARI Fleet), Industry Advisory Committee Chair.

Below are some of the highlights from this three-day virtual meeting.

- The Board Actions via Email and Conference Call were approved.
- The Board tabled the discussion regarding the 2021 IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop until the First Quarter 2021 Board meeting.
- Learning Management System (LMS)
TotaraLearn is the platform that would be utilized for the Learning Management System (LMS) and EClass4Learning is the vendor that would support this platform.

A draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was provided to the Board and the organization's attorney for review and outlined the agreement between both IFTA and IRP and clarifies the responsibilities and expenses to both organizations. Once the MoU has been approved, the vendor contract could then be presented for consideration.

- The Board approved the funds netting calendars as prepared for 2022 and 2023.
- IFTA, Inc. Audits
IS Partners were accepted as the IFTA, Inc. SOC auditors for the next three years as presented by IFTA, Inc.

A financial audit is currently underway for the fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 and is anticipated to be completed prior to the end of the year.

- 2021 Meetings
The Board approved planning for a hybrid event for the First Quarter 2021 IFTA Board meeting. This event will be scheduled for February 9 – 11.

The Second Quarter 2021 IFTA Board meeting is currently scheduled as an in-person event at the Sonesta Resort in Scottsdale, AZ for April 20 – 22.

The Third Quarter 2021 IFTA Board meeting has not been officially scheduled but could be aligned with the Annual IFTA Business Meeting at the San Diego Marriot Mission Valley hotel in San Diego, CA on August 18 – 19.

The Fourth Quarter 2021 IFTA Board meeting will be considered during the First Quarter Board meeting.

- The election of the Executive Committee of the Board was held. The results of this election were as follows and will be effective as of January 1, 2021:
 - Treasurer – Mr. David Nicholson (OK),
 - Secretary – Ms. Helen Varcoe (MT),
 - Vice-President – Ms. Antoinette Tannous (QC), and
 - President – Mr. Scott Bryer (NH)

- Committee Update:

The APC created a subcommittee to address the Board charge of investigating the modernization of the ballot procedures. The subcommittee presented recommendations resulting from this charge.

The Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (CAC) has been working on the Board charges one of which was to provide clear direction in support of the modernization of the Clearinghouse. Two platforms, NetCore and PHP, were presented in this regard.

The Board had charged the DRC with reviewing the Dispute Resolution Process (DRP). The timeline for this charge was amended by the Board to permit the committee more time to complete its research and provide written recommendations for the First Quarter 2021 Board meeting.

The Board directed the PCRC to allow jurisdictions to utilize the options presented and approved at the Annual IFTA Business Meeting regarding the 3% audit requirement for all PCR conducted in the years 2021 through 2025. These options were to either omit 2020 or include 2020 in the 3% audit requirement.

- The overall organizational financial budget and the investment portfolio remain financially sound.
- An IRP/IRP, Inc update was provided by Tim Adams, CEO.
- A recommendation to increase the number of Board members was presented. When increasing the representation from nine to ten members it was explained that each region could then have two members on the Board.
- The Board moved to amend the Bylaws to expand the IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees to consist of ten members with each region having two members. This change will become effective January 1, 2022.
- The Board was apprised of the progress with the various Strategic Plan action items and ongoing items of interest were reviewed.

- Working Groups:

An Alternative Fuels Study Group was charged by the Board in December 2019 to conduct research and provide guidance regarding alternative fuels. Due to the pandemic the group has not been able to meet in-person and requested an extension to complete the Board charges. The Board pushed the study out for an additional year, to be completed by the Annual IFTA Business Meeting in 2022, to assist the group in completing their research and creating guidelines.

The Electronic Records Standardization Working Group was established to review the format for the electronic data and provide recommendations for a standard format and analyze the electronic recordkeeping requirements in the IRP Plan and the IFTA Agreement.

A full account of the minutes from this Board meeting is available on the IFTA, Inc. website. If you have any questions regarding the discussions from this event feel free to contact your Board liaison which you can identify from the IFTA website and clicking on the Board's web page link found in the header section of the home page. Your Board and IFTA Team continue to work for you and are available by phone or email.

Reflection's as we close out 2020 leave us wondering what 2021 has in store for us. Having made it through 2020 whatever it is, we will endure!

Coming Soon: Online IFTA and IRP Training!

As part of our shared goal to provide high quality, topical training to our stakeholders IFTA, Inc. and IRP, Inc. have embarked on the creation of a shared learning management system (LMS). The yet-to-be-named LMS will provide training for members and industry associates/affiliates to provide a consistent source of educational content about IFTA and IRP topics.

This project kicked off on December 4th and we expect to launch the LMS in the Spring, 2021. Our committees and team members have started to prepare educational content, an endeavor that will continue long after the initial implementation.

IFTA, Inc. and IRP, Inc. solicited suggestions for names for the shared LMS. A naming announcement is expected by the end of the year.

In the coming weeks, jurisdictional members will be asked for some information about your team structures. We will be establishing jurisdictional hierarchies within the LMS to enable management to view the learning records of their team members. When these requests are made, please respond with the necessary details in a timely manner to streamline the implementation process.

BOTH IFTA, INC. AND IRP, INC. ARE EXCITED AT THE PROSPECT OF EXPANDING OUR SERVICES TO MEMBERSHIP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO "SEEING" YOU ON THE LMS!

Annual Reports



The Annual Report Database will open on Friday, January 1, 2021, for your input. If you are looking for a list of all the information you will need to complete your annual report, please refer to the Procedures Manual, Section P1110.100.

The due date for submitting the Annual Reports are *Monday, March 1, 2021.*

If you have questions or concerns regarding the completion of your Annual Report please contact IFTA, Inc. at team@iftach.org.

Grace Period Memo - 2021

In early November, IFTA, Inc. posted the annual Grace Period memorandum to the website. A copy of this memorandum can be found by clicking here ➡ [2021 Grace Period Memo](#). This memorandum explains that “Carriers renewing their IFTA license and decals have a two-month grace period (January and February) to *display* the renewal IFTA license and decals. To operate in IFTA jurisdictions during this grace period, carriers must display either valid current or prior year IFTA license and decals from the jurisdiction in which they were operating or a valid single-trip permit from the IFTA jurisdiction in which they are operating.”

So remember! To operate in an IFTA member jurisdiction (US or CND) during this two-month period, carriers must have either:

- 1) A valid 2021 IFTA license and two IFTA decals issued by an IFTA member jurisdiction.
- 2) A valid 2020 IFTA license and two IFTA decals issued from an IFTA member jurisdiction (provided a renewal application has been filed for 2021); or
- 3) A valid trip permit issued by the IFTA member jurisdiction through which they are operating.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the grace period please contact IFTA, Inc. at team@iftach.org. Should you have specific questions about the process and status of your renewal application(s), please contact your base jurisdiction by clicking here ➡ [Carrier Information](#)

2020 Ballots...Update

FTPBP 1-2020 - Sponsored by the Jurisdiction of Illinois, remains on the Full Track path. The second comment period has closed, and the ballot is now awaiting any sponsor changes. Voting for this ballot will begin on Monday January 25, 2021.

FTPBP 2-2020 - Sponsored by the Jurisdictions of British Columbia, California, Kentucky, Manitoba, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin, is currently out for Vote. The voting period closes on Wednesday December 30,2020.



by Jason DeGraf, IT Manager

2020 recap from our IT Manager. [To read more click here...](#)



by Tom King, Technical Development & Support

Thanks for your patience and survey feedback. The new site launches on January 1, 2021 this is the 5th major upgrade of the IFTA, Inc. website since it went online. A good idea before the launch on January 1 is to make sure your email address with us is up-to-date so it can be reset properly. This can be checked on your Personal Profile.

All registered IFTA members will need to reset their password to login to the secure area, there is a password reset tool for that on the login page. This must be done to login. [To read more click here...](#)



Important Information:

Please visit our website for the latest information regarding COVID-19 and other Emergency Declarations/Orders. www.iftach.org



Upcoming Events:

- February 9-11, 2021 – 1Q2021 Virtual Board Meeting
- April 20-22, 2021 – 2Q2021 Board Meeting

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We look forward to all that 2021 has to offer!

May your Holidays & New Year be happy, HEALTHY and prosperous!