



## THE IFTA NEWS

### Executive Director Buzz

Carmen Martorana Jr.

Despite some crazy weather recently, Spring is here for most of us and with it, the feeling of better days ahead. Although for us Phoenix residents, it also brings the prospect of 100 plus degree weather days soon.

The beginning of 2025 has certainly been newsworthy so far. Some of what has been happening on a national level may have an effect on our community. For example, the status of the approved grants to allow jurisdictions to send additional representatives to our Educational Forum is still unclear. The removal of incentives and the removal of the EPA guidelines related to commercial vehicles along with the postponement of the California CARB rules, means that the sense of urgency to account for a large influx of alternative fuel commercial vehicles, is no longer an urgent issue. However, the continued gap between the amount of jurisdiction fuel tax revenue received and the cost of infrastructure, continues to grow larger and remain an issue for jurisdictions and the federal government. The Federal Highway Trust Fund is still on schedule to have a multibillion-dollar deficit in a few years. Jurisdictions and the federal government will eventually have to study and implement a change to the way in which we source revenue for infrastructure.

For now, we will continue to monitor changes that occur relating to alternative fuel vehicle legislation and pilot programs that study alternative means of sourcing revenue for infrastructure and keep our community informed.

Spring also means we are getting very close to the registration deadline for our 2025 IFTA Educational Forum. If you have not already reviewed the agenda, you should take some time now and review all that this year's IFTA Educational Forum has to offer. This includes separate tracks for auditors, law enforcement, administrators, and careers. The separate tracks allow you to focus on your major carrier field of study but at the same time, you will still have the opportunity at the end of each day to come together and learn from different stakeholders in the third breakout session of each day. We believe this format significantly enhances the educational experience from the past Audit Workshops and separate Managers and Law Enforcement Workshop. Auditors, for example will still be trained, have the ability to network with auditors from all other jurisdictions, discuss common issues, and share best practices in

the audit world. At the same time, auditors will also be able to learn from and share ideas with stakeholders from law enforcement, attorneys, administrators, managers, industry service providers, and carriers. It is a unique format that provides an opportunity that you won't find anywhere else; to enhance your knowledge and skills. We are also very excited about our Keynote Speaker this year which has his own unique

style to convey important messages using illusions. It will be a great way to kick off this year's IFTA Educational Forum. In addition, if you plan on coming to the optional day, you will be treated to a full truck inspection given by the Florida Highway Patrol and our Law Enforcement Committee members right in the parking lot of the hotel.

It also will not be long before our registration will be posted for our Annual IFTA Business Meeting in August. Be on the lookout for registration information coming very soon.

Finally, as my announcement on 3/7/2025 (posted to our website) stated, IFTA, Inc. has had some staff changes. Our rock, our mentor, and the face of IFTA, Debbie Meise is ready to retire. She was gracious enough to allow us one more year of her services as a part-time employee before retiring completely in June 2026. Because Debbie will be working part-time for the next year, we will need some additional administrative support. After an extensive interview search, we are pleased to announce the addition of Nicole Alvey who will join our team on March 24th. She will be working closely with Debbie and others to learn everything about our Agreement, our community, and our processes.

By now you have seen the IFTA Board of Trustees Appeal Decisions with respect to the three Jurisdiction Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) Orders from August 19, 2024, DRC Hearings. The IFTA Board of Trustees reviewed all the arguments from the three jurisdictions and all details on how the DRC arrived at their Order before arriving at their decision. The appeal's decision should not reflect on the view that the IFTA Board of Trustees very much appreciates the hard work the DRC performed in arriving at their decision.

At our next Annual IFTA Business Meeting this August in Salt Lake City Utah, on Thursday, August 21st, we will once again have a DRC hearing to address a PCRC Final Findings of Non- Non-Compliance for the Jurisdiction of Kansas. The information on the Non-Compliance issue can be found on our website on the DRC page.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the 2025 IFTA Educational Forum in Orlando, Florida. Mark your calendars now for the 2026 IFTA Educational Forum which will be the first week of June 2026 in San Diego!

Sincerely,



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# The President's Address...Rodney Richard (AR)

## Greetings IFTA Community,

As we enter the year 2025, it is a good time to reflect on our collective achievements in 2024 and how those accomplishments have positioned us for success in the new year.

IFTA Inc. has begun the process of hiring new personnel to accommodate the transition of Debbie Meise, who will be moving to a part-time role for the next year before her retirement. While Debbie's departure marks a significant change, she will always be irreplaceable. Over the years, Debbie has been one of the most integral members of the IFTA Inc. team. Her invaluable knowledge of our history has shaped our understanding of IFTA's present form and serves as a guiding resource for the future. Please join us in celebrating Debbie's final year with IFTA Inc.

As we know, each new year brings its own set of challenges. Together, we can and must face these challenges head-on, resolving any issues that may arise. No system or decision is without room for improvement, as demonstrated by the DRC's decision regarding penalties for jurisdictions found out of compliance. The Board of Trustees agreed that the jurisdictions were indeed out of compliance; however, we disagreed with the level of penalty imposed and the methods used to bring them back into compliance.

Looking ahead, we have many exciting developments on the horizon, including significant improvements to our LMS system and updates to our servers. I am confident that 2025 will be a successful year for IFTA, and with the continued support of each member jurisdiction, we can make it even greater. Together, we will remain IFTA Strong.

Sincerely,

Rodney Richard  
IFTA President, Board of Trustees



# IFTA Subscribers

The fee for 1 year is \$400. Click here to see the benefits: [Subscriber Information](#)

## IFTA Awards

Nominations are **ALWAYS** open!

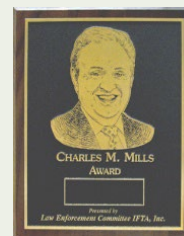


### Richard L. Reeves Leadership Award

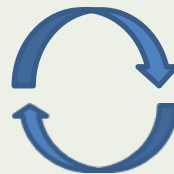
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### Charles M. Mills Award of Excellence

To nominate someone [Click here...](#)



### *IFTA Comings and Goings*



Please remember to keep your Jurisdiction Communication List current. Any changes should be updated via the website [as soon as they occur!](#)



# IFTA, Inc. Events



**2Q2025 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
April 15-16, 2025  
Atlanta, Georgia

**IFTA Educational Forum**  
June 2-6, 2025  
Orlando, Florida

**3Q2025 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
August 18, 2025  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**IFTA Annual Business Meeting**  
August 19-20, 2025  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**4Q2025 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
October 28-29, 2025  
Chandler, Arizona

## IFTA Volunteers



Volunteering is a fantastic way to not only enhance your knowledge about IFTA but also meet and network with other jurisdiction representatives.

Click here to volunteer: [Volunteer](#)

Don't forget, you will need to log in to the website before volunteering!

## Important Notices:

Please visit our website for the latest information.  
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**Decals Decals Decals – 2025 Decals are [BLUE](#)**



Just an FYI...you are **NOT** required to exchange decals with your fellow member jurisdictions. However, if you would like to see your 2025 IFTA Decal on your Carrier Contact page on the IFTA Inc. website, please submit one to [tking@iftach.org](mailto:tking@iftach.org).

***JURISDICTIONS:*** Click here for decal specifications:  
[Decal Specifications](#)

## 2025 Ballots

DATE	ACTION
<b>May 23, 2025</b>	Ballot Proposals Due to IFTA, Inc.
<b>May 30, 2025</b>	Ballot Proposals Distributed for Comment Period
<b>June 29, 2025</b>	Comment Period Ends
<b>July 18, 2025</b>	Ballot Proposals and Comments Distributed for Pre-ABM Review/Vote
<b>August 19-20, 2025</b>	<b>Open Discussion/Vote at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting</b>
<b>September 20, 2025</b>	Sponsors must submit changes to ballot proposals to the Repository (R1620.300.005)
<b>September 27, 2025</b>	Ballot Proposals Not Voted on or Failed at ABM - Distributed for Comment Period
<b>October 27, 2025</b>	Comment Period Ends
<b>November 3, 2025</b>	Ballot Proposals Distributed for Vote
<b>December 18, 2025</b>	Voting Ends

# CLEARINGHOUSE CHATTER

by Jason DeGraf, IT Manager

The Clearinghouse Interjurisdictional Audit Report, (IAR), search page has a new feature thanks to the idea submitted by Tanyika Lindsey-Watkins during the PCR Training held in Scottsdale, AZ during the second week of March 2025. When doing a search for IARs, users can now download multiple files at once, up to 40, by using the checkboxes seen on the right-hand side of the results. When initiated, the files will be delivered to you as a .zip file. This should be useful for allowing you to grab your related reports without having to download each .pdf individually.

The Program Compliance Review team has been busy and has created a plethora of new reports on the PCR-Tools page you can reach through the Transmittal website. If you are looking to take a deep dive of your data, then the reports on this page will give you are great insight into your Jurisdictional data and where you might stand under PCR scrutiny.

As a reminder, be sure your e-mail contacts are updated on [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org). Login, then go to the Secure Area and scroll down to Jurisdiction Communication. Use the 'Automatic Emails' link to set email preferences for Clearinghouse notifications.

## WEBSITE INSIGHTS

by Tom King, Software Developer

### Logins Updated

Building upon the login updates I previously mentioned I continued to work on improvements that are logical next steps. One of the most notable improvements is the implementation of an automatic alert when Caps Lock is enabled. This feature aims to prevent login failures caused by accidental capitalization errors, reducing user frustration and support inquiries related to incorrect passwords.

Additionally, a new checkbox option has been added to streamline the login process. Users now have the ability to select an option to be taken directly to the secure area upon logging in. When this option is selected, the system sets a cookie that remembers the user's choice, ensuring a smoother experience for future logins without the need for redundant navigation.

### LMS launched

As you may already know, the LMS has been brought in-house and is now hosted on the IFTA website server. This transition was a collaborative effort and served as an intensive learning experience in working with third-party software, which features an extensive database of nearly 1,000 tables. It was a significant undertaking, with some team members working around the clock to ensure a successful launch by the deadline.

The board also approved new branding for the platform, now officially named TRUedu, which launched seamlessly without any issues. With the LMS now under our complete control, we have the flexibility to develop custom software solutions and establish seamless communication between the IFTA databases and the LMS, enhancing both functionality and integration.

### Annual Reports

While this update was underway, efforts were also made on other critical system enhancements. As part of ongoing software improvements, work on the LMS update continued in parallel. During this period, Jason contributed significantly by coding new features and refining details in the Annual Reports section. These include high and low mileage audit requirements and much more on record review stats. His updates on the IFTA Inc. website helped me include those into the existing spreadsheets which you can view the year 2023 and 2024 to see the new software updates.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## 1Q2025 Board Meeting

IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees (Board) met for the First Quarter 2025 Board Meeting in Palm Springs, CA on February 5 - 6, 2025.

Nine (9) Board members were present. Guests included Mr. Tim Adams, CEO, IRP, Inc., and Mr. Collin Mooney, Executive Director, CVSA.

- ❖ The Fourth Quarter 2024 Board Minutes and Board Actions via Email and Conference Call were approved.
- ❖ 2026 IFTA Events:
  - IFTA Educational Forum: June 1 – June 5, 2026. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA.
  - IFTA Annual Business Meeting: August 25 – 26, 2026. Omni Austin Downtown, Austin, TX.
- ❖ 2026 Board Meetings:
  - 1Q2026: February 3 – 4, 2026. Hard Rock Daytona, Daytona Beach, FL.
  - 2Q2026: April 28 – 29, 2026. Sable at Navy Pier, Chicago, IL.
  - 3Q2026: August 24, 2026, in conjunction with the ABM.
  - 4Q2026: October 27 -28, 2026. DoubleTree Downtown Little Rock, Little Rock, AR.
- ❖ Learning Management System (LMS):
  - The birth of our new platform went LIVE on January 31, 2025, along with our rebranding. The rebranding is IFTA TRUedu (Taxable Road Use Education). A huge shout-out to Mr. LaRose for steering the LMS project!
- ❖ Committee Vacancies Update:
  - Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) has three (3) vacancies for the NE, W and Canada.
- ❖ The Board moved to approve the funding for one (1) voting delegate and any Board member that is not an IFTA Commissioner for the 2025 ABM.
- ❖ The board moved to approve that any IFTA committee member will roll off (term date) on December 31, effective April 1, 2025.
- ❖ IFTA continues to be present at conferences and meetings.
- ❖ The overall organizational financial budget and the investment portfolio remain financially sound.

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 click on [Board of Trustees](#). Your Board and IFTA Team continue to work for you and are available by phone or email.



## News from the Deputy Director's Desk...

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Greetings everyone!

Hope Springs eternal! And in Spring, a young (or old) man's fancy turns to baseball and...IFTA! There's so much exciting news to share with you:

On January 31, 2025, IFTA's new learning management system debuted. This was an incredible effort by everyone involved to get this up and operating efficiently and on time (actually a day early!). Kudos to Jason DeGraf, Tom King, and our video production vendor Necym for the amazing job! Officially named TRUedu (Taxable Road Use Education), this is clean, fresh, easy to navigate, and far more robust than our original system. IFTA now has its own homegrown online education platform available to all jurisdictional personnel and other authorized stakeholders with login access to the IFTA, Inc. website. This single sign on platform contains all of your favorite courses you are accustomed to and more! Simply login to the IFTA, Inc. website and scroll down to select the link to TRUedu. On the homepage you will see all of the available courses. Each course will now have a *Certificate of Completion* that is downloadable after your successful completion of the course. We are in the process of reworking several of the outdated sessions from the retired LMS. Look for newer versions in the months to come. By the time you read this, we will have our newest course available for you, *The IFTA Dispute Resolution Process*. The timing for this course could not be more perfect. Over the next year, we will be unveiling several additional courses. For those who are members of the Board of Trustees or Committee Chairs we will be taking a look at the standard by which meetings are held, *Roberts Rules of Order*. Even if you are not a member of the Board or a committee member, you will greatly benefit from taking this course. We will demonstrate how these rules were developed, how they are used to keep meetings on task and organized, and how IFTA uses them in several of its meetings. We are also in the process of polishing the first two sessions of the long-awaited *New Auditor Training* series. We will be unveiling the entire series over several months. It's an exciting time for us on the learning management front. The possibilities are endless! TRUedu is the perfect platform to learn about all things IFTA. When you think of IFTA online education, look for the logo below. TRUedu, IFTA's new home for learning with you in mind.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER!** With Spring here that means school graduations, vacation planning, and legislatures in session. Time can indeed get away from each of us. Keep in mind that the IFTA Tax Rate Matrix for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2025, will be *posted* to the IFTA, Inc. website as final on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**. This is in accordance with Section P1120 of the IFTA Procedures Manual. Section P1120 requires that member jurisdictions notify IFTA, Inc. (repository) at least 60 days prior to the due date of a tax return of any tax rate change(s). Also keep in mind that if a jurisdiction fails to meet the tax rate notification deadline, fellow member jurisdictions are "*relieved from taking extraordinary measures to implement the change*". The direct language of Section P1120 **does not** provide for an extension of the due date to report tax rate changes (e.g. like a return due date on a weekend or holiday). Thus, with the 60<sup>th</sup> day (in this case) falling on *Saturday, May 31, 2025*, please ensure that your tax rate changes are submitted by your jurisdiction's close of business on Friday, May 30, 2025. **Please make the necessary arrangements to be timely in your reporting.**

That's it for now. Til next time.

Rick LaRose  
Deputy Director

# Money Matters

by John Szilagyi, Director of Support Services

Spring is in the air and IFTA's two events are right around the corner. The 2025 IFTA Educational Forum is set for June 2 through June 6 at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, Florida. The 2025 IFTA Annual Business Meeting follows next on August 19 and 20, 2025. The ABM is being held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter IFTA Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board voted to fund the Plus One Person (POP) Program for the 2025 Events. As of this date, 33 jurisdictions are using POP to have someone from their jurisdiction attend the Educational Forum. That means that 25 jurisdictions have not yet submitted their POP paperwork.

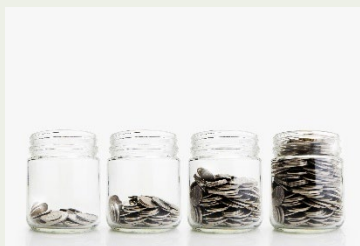
The POP program allows one additional person from each jurisdiction to attend one of the IFTA Events with all costs (Travel, Lodging and per diem expenses) covered by IFTA, Inc. The program is funded through your membership dues payments. Last year, 19 jurisdictions did not choose to use their POP funding. That means 19 people were not able to increase their knowledge of IFTA and network with their peers.

While the deadline for submitting a POP application for the Educational Forum has passed, the deadline to submit a POP application for the ABM is May 23, 2025. To those attending Educational Forum, we look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Please reach out to [travel@iftach.org](mailto:travel@iftach.org) if you have any questions concerning the POP program.

Another reminder is that the invoices for the Fiscal Year 2026 Membership Dues will be emailed on March 31, 2025. The dues have increased to \$27,000 for the 2026 fiscal year. The due date for payments is July 1, 2025. There is a grace period until July 31, 2025 for payments to be received at IFTA. If payments are not received by the extended due date and an arrangement has not been worked out, jurisdictions may be listed as inactive and their voting authority rescinded per R1545, R1546 and R220.

Please contact me at [accounting@iftach.org](mailto:accounting@iftach.org) if you have any questions concerning the Membership Dues.



# Canadian Corner:



## **Relief at the Pump in Canada**

There was some welcome news for the trucking industry in Canada this month as newly sworn in Prime Minister Mark Carney has ended the consumer carbon tax on fuel in Canada on his first day in office. This change will have a direct impact on the price of gasoline and diesel across Canada.

## **What was the Carbon Tax?**

Implemented in 2019, the federal carbon pollution pricing system aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by placing a price on carbon pollution. It had two components: a fuel charge on consumers and a system for large industrial polluters. The price of carbon emissions started at \$20 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> and had risen to \$80 per tonne when the program was ended. This added a significant 17.6 cents to every litre of fuel in most provinces, representing approximately 10% of the total fuel cost.

## **A Win for the Trucking Industry**

This announcement comes at a crucial time for the Canadian trucking industry, which has faced significant challenges with the pandemic and now the impact of US tariffs. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) recently appealed to federal, provincial and territorial governments for relief measures, with the immediate removal of the carbon tax being a key demand.

## **Au Revoir Antoinette!**

After 17 years as the IFTA Commissioner for the Province of Quebec Antoinette Tannous has moved on to bigger and better things – traveling extensively and spending time with her three (soon to be four!) amazing grandchildren.

Antoinette joined Revenu Quebec as an income tax Auditor in 1996 and worked her way up to become an Audit Manager overseeing 30 Auditors working on sales tax, income tax, fuel tax, and of course IFTA. In 2008 she accepted the IFTA Commissioner position and went on to serve on the IFTA Board of Trustees from 2017 through 2022, with her final year serving as President of the Board.

Antoinette retired at the end of 2024 after attending her final Annual Business Meeting last August in St. Louis and will be dearly missed by her colleagues on both sides of the border at this year's meeting in Salt Lake City.

Thank you for all your contributions, Antoinette and best of luck in your retirement!

Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors and Supporters...  
you ALL make a difference!

*2025 Opportunities are STILL available!*



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