

IFTA CAC MEETING -04/15/2010

Participants: Garry Hinkley, Lonette Turner, Pat Platt, Jason DeGraf, Gary Frohlick, Randy Boone, Bill Kron, Scott Miller, Leri McClure, Cherie Woodworth, Scott Greenawalt, Debra Stuart, Nikki Bachelder

Bob VanBuren and Kevin Park did not participate.

LAST CONFERENCE CALL – March 18, 2010.

MARCH MINUTES – March CAC minutes were accepted without any changes.

COMMITTEE EXPANSION – Garry H. welcomed new members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Garry H. is the chair on the Clearinghouse and has participated since it inception in 2003. He is removed from day to day operations but its still an area he is responsible for. He is very proud of the Clearinghouse and Funds Netting.

Gary F. is the ministry of Finance in Saskatchewan Canada. He is currently the only Canadian member and is in hopes to find another at some point. Gary also has been with the committee since 2003.

Pat is with the Kansas Department of Revenue. She is now the board liaison. Pat was a member of the committee since 2003 until she became the liaison. She enjoys her position because she helps the committee get where it needs to be.

Scott M. is with the Kansas IFTA IS. Scott has been part of the committee since 2004. He catches bugs and reports them to Jason. He is the vice president for ITAC. ITAC meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Scott gives CAC reports on ITAC.

Bill is with the Mississippi State Tax Commission. He has been on the committee since the beginning. Bill is also the chair for APC.

Randy is with the Indiana Department of Revenue. He has been with CAC for two years now. Randy manages finances for the Motor Carrier Division in Indiana.

Leri is with the state of Michigan. She was on the RPC and is an expert on RPC.

Bob VanBuren is the other representative of the North East region. He wasn't able to make today's call.

Trishawn Bell works for the Alabama Department of Revenue. She has worked with IFTA tax returns for three years and has been doing transmittals for the last couple of months.

Cherie is from Idaho and has worked with transmittals and payments for three years. Cherie worked for a company doing payments before IFTA existed. She is excited about Funds Netting and would like to get the bugs worked out. She also wishes that an automation feature be added. Cherie comes from the finance area and all finances for the state of Idaho goes through her office.

The IFTA, Inc. advisors to the CAC are Lonette Turner, Executive Director, Debora Meise, Program Director and Jason DeGraf, Information Services Administrator. All three were uniquely essential to the Funds netting implementation.

ITAC UPDATE – Scott M. reported that attendance for the meeting has been good. Sandy Johnson will be voted in as a member and approved at the next board meeting. The meeting minutes for January, February and March were approved. More GPS vendors will be contacted and asked to fill out a survey as to how they comply with IFTA requirements. Only 10 to 15 vendors have been contacted so far and the reliability isn't very good. Garry H. said it looks like they are having accuracy issues and mileage is being underestimated. Scott M. confirmed that accuracy is an issue. Lonette asked if they did the study or used a contractor. Scott M. was unsure who did the study. He will send the report to everyone for review. There also is a 1.2 to 8% underreporting rate.

QUALITY CONTROL – The committee has put off addressing this until there was a full committee. Quality control needs to address issues in the Clearinghouse. Demographics need to be addressed. There should be tests run on data fields. Perhaps there should be a panel or people take turns. The committee wants to make sure all data is at and stays at a high quality. The committee needs to come up with a plan. Perhaps the panels could do quality control testing every six months. Mismatched DOT numbers, names and multiple statuses need to be tackled.

Scott G. entered the call. Scott G. said that he has recently encountered an issue with demographics. A carrier was sited and it was found the carrier had been revoked in Ohio in 2000. Then later, the carrier was registered/licensed by 2-3 other jurisdictions. Jason has a report of carrier that have been revoked in one jurisdiction and registered in another. Jason cannot tell if that report is being looked at regularly by jurisdictions. There could be several reasons why a carrier is active with one jurisdiction and revoked in another. The revocation (in one jurisdiction) could have happened after the other account (in another jurisdiction) was opened. Also could be caused by hopping. Scott G. said that also those who are Clearinghouse members are seeing these statuses and before being a member, they did not. Now it can get cleaned up. It is best for all jurisdictions to check the carrier when they are signing up. Maine checks and so does Kansas. Bill reported that Mississippi does as well. This will need to be stressed at meetings. All jurisdictions need to do a check when signing up a carrier. Another problem is when a jurisdiction posts a revocation, then the carrier clears up the problem and then the jurisdiction doesn't remove the revocation. If a carrier has an "R" anywhere, that should stop any further transactions. Also, if an owner-operator using their carrier's DOT# is revoked, it can look as if the carrier is revoked too. All of this is a quality control issue

and making sure carriers are set up properly to begin with. Leri said she is not sure what her jurisdiction does. Jason said that he has a somewhat useful list, which shows the last 10 days. He isn't quite sure what some jurisdictions are doing with the list. It could be sent to those without access and also to those who participate in the Clearinghouse. Maine is also still providing a revoked list (in an excel sheet) and would be happy to share it with other jurisdictions. Maine updates the list weekly and passes it along to law enforcement. It's a useful tool for law enforcement to have. Perhaps a sub-committee needs to be put together to make quality control suggestions. Demographics are one quality control issue. Also, transmittals are inconsistent. Codes being used in transmittals are the problem. Another issue is having consistent naming for each transmittal. For example, if a transmittal is named 2010-2, then everyone would know it is for February 2010, regardless of what jurisdiction it's from. Naming makes it difficult to compare. Some use coding that isn't in the manual. While this isn't as bad as it was, it is still an issue. There are issues with transmittals as well. We may need two groups. One for demographics; one for transmittals. The committee should talk to at least one person from a vendor system. For example, how difficult will it be to change naming? Now that Funds Netting has been completed, quality control will now be the committee's focus.

COMMITTEE ROSTER- CANADIAN REGION – Gary F. is looking another Canadian on the committee. He has approached others and not had anyone volunteer yet. Gary F. has spoken to Nova Scotia and they are implementing a new system. Jason has talked with Prince Edward Island but hasn't heard from any others. Pat said Nova Scotia might become part of the Clearinghouse once their new system is in place if they can get through their legal channels. Manitoba told Pat that they have a connection issue and are not able to provide an IT address. Pat does however, have a signed agreement. If the jurisdiction doesn't participate in the Clearinghouse, it doesn't prevent them from being on the advisory committee.

FUNDS NETTING UPDATE– Lonette went through the Clearinghouse transmittals for period 3. 6 jurisdictions funded late. There was one payment received before the money was sent, so that money went on time. 3 jurisdictions told Lonette that were not aware they didn't pay. Charts are being kept on those who are funding late and when they do fund. This will help to see if the calendar needs to be changed. Even with sending reminders, some jurisdictions are not sure why they are funding late still. Canadian funds came in on schedule and there haven't been any problems there.

NEW BUSINESS – A vice chair needs to be appointed. Selection of a vice chair will be on the May agenda. Should anyone wish to be vice chair or nominate anyone, please let Garry know. We will also discuss quality control during the next meeting. Garry asked everyone to talk to their systems people to see what they have found for issues.

Garry reported there isn't a CVISN meeting today.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL – Next call will be May 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. EST.

