

Minutes of the Meeting of the
INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Of the
INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT
January 10th, 2006
Tempe, AZ

Donna Burch, Chairperson of the Committee, opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees, and referred to the anti-trust policies and guidelines of the Committee. Self-introductions followed. (An attendee list is attached.) Additional members have petitioned to join the IAC. The minutes of the July 2005 meeting of the Committee were approved and will be presented to the IFTA Board.

The Committee reviewed the proceedings of the workshop and thanked the industry presenters for their work. Questions were raised concerning changes in the dates of the workshop. The current dates often present challenges following the holidays. It was noted that the auditors again need to be reminded of the history of IFTA. Also, there was concern that the auditors lacked an understanding of the basic principles of sampling. Auditor turnover at the workshop makes it difficult to train them at the workshop alone, but it was suggested that the industry representatives assist with the sampling breakout session, as well as prepare an industry presentation on the history of IFTA and on the changes in technology affecting the industry.

The Committee had a short discussion concerning the level of apparent trust between jurisdictions, believing that it was not complete. Chris Allen, formerly with North Carolina now in private practice, commented that there was strong auditor support within each jurisdiction and he felt that that increased the level of trust between jurisdictions. It was concluded that it is not currently a problem, but something to watch.

There was a short discussion on biodiesel and the minimal impact on the industry. It was questioned whether that topic should be included in future workshops.

IFTA Meetings Schedule for 2006 – The Attorney’s Section meeting will be held April 21st and 22nd in Chandler, AZ; the Annual Business Mtg. will be held July 21st and 22nd in Las Vegas, NV; and the Law Enforcement Workshop will be held September 20th through the 23rd in Mesa, AZ. The IFTA website has all of the meeting information.

Tom Klingman gave an oral summary of the work of the Plan Review Committee and explained that the review did not result in a multitude of changes. The review will likely generate some ballots which will be submitted for comments in the near future. The summary of the work will be posted on the IFTA website.

Lonette Turner discussed the organization of the Dispute Resolution Committee. Tom Klingman and John Jabas will be the industry representatives for the DRC.

The 2005 ballot results were briefly discussed and are posted on the IFTA website. The 2006 ballots are due February 11th. It is expected, for now, that most of the ballots will involve interaction between jurisdictions and will not have a major impact on the industry.

The next IFTA IAC meeting will be held in Las Vegas, NV at the Alladin Hotel and Resort.

Non-IFTA Discussion

SSRS Update – The UCR bill passed in predominantly favorable format. It is currently slated to become effective 1/1/2007. The challenges to implementation by that date were discussed.

IRP Update – The Plan rewrite is progressing. Donna Burch, Bob Pitcher and John Jabas are the industry reps on the committee. A final draft is expected at the June meeting and all jurisdictions are encouraged to submit all comments by or at that meeting so that the rewrite can pass in Nov.

Weight-Distance Taxes – The Oregon appeal was dismissed. New Mexico has extended their grace period for display of 2006 permits until 2/28.

2006 Legislation – Toll roads and problems with automated toll booths were discussed. Also mentioned were changes in the HVUT. The highway fund is not sufficient to fund all projects listed in the bill. A fuel tax increase is possible. Alternative taxation was also mentioned.

Other Items – John Jabas is the new chairperson of the IRP IAC. The Rick Reeves award nomination forms will be distributed in March or April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bennion – IFTA IAC Vice-Chair

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