

Minutes of the Meeting of the
INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Of The
INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT
January 8, 2007
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. (Attendee list is attached.) Minutes of the July 20, 2006 meeting were amended and approved. Gary Bennion was voted Chairperson of the Steering Committee and Mahlon Gragon, Vice-Chair.

There was a broad discussion of the workshop and the closed session. The closed session was held despite the Committee's opposition and it is expected that it will continue in future workshops. It was recommended that the IFTA audit committee include non-voting members as the IRP Audit Committee does. It was also recommended that there be an attorney present at the closed session, that anti-trust guidelines be established and reviewed, and that the agenda for the closed session be published with the regular workshop agenda. It was also recommended that the IAC request that the closed session be placed at the close of the workshop after the Town Hall meeting. These recommendations were voted on and approved. Jay Starling of Alabama invited the IAC to have greater involvement in the workshop planning.

The Committee discussed the IFTA Board's request for participation from industry on a special committee for alternative fuels. Donna Burch and Bob Pitcher have volunteered to participate. There is currently confusion among states that have implemented tax incentives for use of alternative fuels concerning the administration of those tax incentives.

The 2007 IFTA meetings were reviewed.

The 2006 IFTA Ballots were reviewed. The IAC engaged in discussion concerning the passing ballots that the IAC had been opposed to, namely FTFBPs #2, 4, 6 and 8, as well as #12 which failed that the IAC had supported. A brief discussion was had concerning a memo from Julian Fitzgerald and the Law Enforcement committee. The memo brought up the change in color selection for the decals.

The IAC members have been invited to participate specifically in the individual breakout sessions of the next annual workshop. Some suggestions were made on how the Committee could assist.

Donna Burch shared a letter from NC discussing the failing decals the state issued for 2007.

The next IAC meeting will be in Chesterfield, MO on July 19th in conjunction with the ABM.

Lonette Turner personally thanked Donna for her work as Chairperson for the last 2 years.

Non-IFTA Discussion

Bob Pitcher discussed the progress of the UCR Board. Congress did not extend SSRS, so legally the states cannot collect fees from interstate carriers in 2007. Bob gave the schedule of proposed fees, although they have not yet been formally proposed to the UCR Board. Tom Klingman and Bob Pitcher were commended for their work on the Board. The AAMVA website has a list of FAQs on UCR.

The ballot for the IRP Plan Rewrite is on the IRP website and is out for vote. Final date for voting is February 13th, 2007.

The credential display requirements for weight-distance taxes will have to be eliminated under UCR according to a letter from John Hill of FMCSA, responding to a petition from Oregon.

There is no significant legislation pending. John Lynch from TRALA is now with ATA.

Tom Klingman had a list of concerns and questions regarding the privatization of toll highways such as in Indiana. There was brief discussion concerning the expansion of responsibilities of the IAC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bennion – IFTA IAC Vice-Chair

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