

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
of the
INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX ASSOCIATION
July 14, 2005
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

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.) The minutes of the January 2005 meeting of the committee were approved.

Deann Williams of Kansas Motor Carrier Association was appointed to the steering committee. Membership is updated and posted on the IFTA Website.

Gary Frohlick – Shared gratitude for the participation of industry in the annual meetings.

Tom Klingman presented the handmade box for the chairperson's gavel.

IFTA Ballot Review – IAC Comments are on the website.

Comments: FT6-2005 Decal Range Printed on License. Cost increase is passed on to carriers. This also creates a challenge of logistics to insure compliance. Currently some states print serial ranges on licenses and require that the vehicle have the license with the correct range in the vehicle. Tom Klingman mentioned that such a practice appears to be out of compliance with IFTA. Sandy Johnson believes no benefit is gained by serializing decals. Doug Shepherd (Asst. Commissioner in CA) said that his state does print the range on the license. They believe that it has been an effective method of compliance enforcement. They have their own database for their own carriers.

Law Enforcement Seminar – Doug Shepherd asked for specific information to be presented from industry concerning the efforts required to get a vehicle on the road. Gary Bennion made a request to industry to attend. Vic Parra requested that the bus industry be included in the discussions had at the seminar.

Special Board Committee – Tom Klingman expressed gratitude to Mike Dougherty of Maryland for his work on the committee, the purpose of which is to harmonize the language between sections of the agreement. The phrase “May-Shell” committee was coined and the work of the committee was discussed.

Industry Presentation at the 2006 Audit Workshop – Bob Pitcher will make the presentation and approximately 1 hour is given on the proposed agenda. There was a question of whether industry assistance was necessary for any of the breakout sessions.

North Carolina Notice – Grace period mentioned is for the decal display only, not for license application. Some jurisdictions are critical concerning the early display of decals and want old decals displayed through the last day of the year.

Richard L. Reeves Leadership Award – The award will be presented by Donna Burch just before noon on the first day of the meeting.

Other IFTA matters – Tom Klingman brought up specific law changes in several states. IFTA resolution concerning blended fuels appears to support paying normal fuel tax rate on the return and filing request for refund with specific jurisdictions offering exemptions.

Next IAC Meeting will be held January 10th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in conjunction with the 2006 Audit Workshop to be held January 6th through 10th in Tempe.

Non-IFTA Discussion

Cross-Border carrier issues – Mexico border is not yet open. The hang up is the US is not yet able to work on Mexican soil and the main body of Mexico carriers is not in favor of an open border. The Canadian border patrol is working to decrease wait times.

Extension of Highway bill is probable. Passage of bill appears probable by July 31st. Other discussion included effective dates and challenges to get it up and going. IRP – Rewrite Committee work was mentioned. There is nothing new to mention concerning weight/distance taxes. There was a brief discussion concerning the loss to the industry of the Michigan fee case. The greatest concern is that other states will feel that they now can also impose fees to raise money in their states. The Highway Re-Authorization Bill includes allowing states to toll highways. There seems to be a challenge with transponder reciprocity. Also, transponders seem to age quickly and fail. FHUT electronic filing requirement is being put on hold because the IRS is not prepared to accept the filings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bennion – IFTA IAC Vice-Chair

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