

IFTA Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

January 8, 2008

Tempe, AZ

IFTA IAC met following the IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop in Tempe, AZ. There were self introductions, and approval of the minutes from the July, 2007 IFTA IAC meeting.

There was a discussion on the changes made to the IAC Charter where the Steering Committee chair and vice chair could not serve more than 1 term. There is a concern that with the dwindling number of industry representatives, the IAC could run out of candidates to serve in these positions. There will be further discussion via email to prepare for consideration of alternatives at the next meeting.

Review of Audit Workshop:

Rick LaRose with the State of Connecticut presented the idea of developing a joint presentation on the history of IFTA, with both industry and jurisdiction representation. Bob Pitcher and Mahlon Gragen volunteered to be the Industry voice in the development of this historical view of IFTA.

There were discussions in the following areas related to future IFTA/IRP Audit Workshops: Industry view should be presented as part of each breakout session, so that the auditors can understand how industry views the subject matter. There should be a serious focus on technology development for IFTA and IRP reporting requirements. There should be a discussion on the proprietary nature of information and access to information derived from technology (i.e. EOBR data). There should also be discussion on the legal status of information not directly involved in the preparation of IFTA and IRP filings. Industry will continue to be a voice in the planning of the workshop.

2009 will be the last year that the IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop is held in Tempe, AZ.

There was a brief summary and discussion of the Alternative Fuels Committee by Donna Burch. There has been little discussion or activity from the Technology Committee.

2008 IFTA Meeting Schedule:

Board Meeting April 17 and 18 in Chandler, AZ

Attorney's Meeting April 18 and 19 in Tempe, AZ

Annual Business Meeting July 18 and 19 in New Orleans, LA

Managers Workshop September 17th – 19th in Mesa, AZ

Board Meeting October 23rd and 24th in Chandler, AZ

2007 IFTA Ballots:

Ballots 1 through 5 failed.

Ballot #6 passed – but it should be noted that the ballot says jurisdictions may cancel an IFTA account if there are no miles in more than one jurisdiction for 3 or more consecutive quarters. It is not required.

Ballot #8 passed – related to totaling interest on the IFTA return

2008 Industry Topics for the IFTA/IRP Annual Workshop in 2009

-Joint Jurisdiction and Industry presentation on the history of IFTA

-Indian Reservation fuel. Some are taxed, some are not, some are Indian Reservation taxed and still not available for IFTA credits. This information should be on the annual reports.

The next IFTA IAC meeting is scheduled prior to the annual meeting, July 17th afternoon in New Orleans, LA.

The following was a general discussion of items after the IFTA IAC adjourned.

There was a discussion on jurisdictions putting bar codes on the IRP cab cards. It is part of the PRISM process for a few jurisdictions. The information coded into the bar code could be weight, US DOT number, plate #, vin #, etc.

UCR Update – working on a fee structure for next year, should be set in June or July. There has been no noticeable punitive enforcement.

IRP Plan Re-Write Update – there have been a few small issues, nothing significant. Perhaps it is time to resurrect the Dallas Plan for IRP reconciliation.

Weight Distance Taxes – no significant changes in the near future. Oregon did complete a testing of mileage tracking for passenger vehicles.

2007 Legislative Session – there is a technical corrections bill pending in Congress that would put back the issuance of additional ID credentials (display decals or cab cards) back onto trucks. We should watch carefully.

New Business – work to stop the IRP ballots. And expect the FHVUT filings to be electronic for the 2008-2009 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bennion – Chair and Mahlon Gragen – Vice Chair