

International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.

Law Enforcement Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

**Attendance:** Dave Bales (KS); Barbara Arkwright (VA); Michael Klingenberg (WI); Andrew Markle (ON); Len McLaughlin (WA); Joe Hatcher (MD); Eric Belford (MT); Vincent Wood (NS); Douglas Glanert (IL); Stephen Park (FL)

**Board Representatives:** Stuart Zion (CO), Chuck Ulm (MD)

**IFTA Representatives:** Tammy Trinker (in staff meeting)

**Regrets:** Deb Miese; Bill Haynes (NH); Trent Knowles (Board)

**Call to order**

Called to order the monthly meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee at 14:02 (EST) 13:02 (CST) and 12:02 (MST) by Dave Bales (KS)– Chair

**Agenda issues**

1. Confirmed note taker- Michael Klingenberg (WI)
2. Attendance-Roll Call taken by Michael Klingenberg
3. Meeting notes from October 2017 were brought forward and approved.
  - a. Chuck is rolling off with Stuart.
  - b. Trent will be on for December meeting. Should have a new person for the January meeting.
4. Board Update- **Chuck Ulm (MD)**- Mike Romeo will be the Northeast board representative. Amanda Kohler is no longer with IFTA. **Dave Bales (KS)** – Planning committee had some report that members were not liking the direction of the last meeting. Concerns will be addressed in future planning meetings. All on the call thought the SLC, UT meeting went very well.

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5. Vice Chair- **Dave Bales (KS)**- Barb has been confirmed by the Board effective 11-01-2017. Rob rolled off the committee in October. Thank you Barb for accepting the Vice-Chair position.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair - **Dave Bales (KS)**- Eric Belford (MT) accepts the nomination. **Andrew Markle (ON)** – Preparing the Vice Chair to be Chair and so on is a good succession plan, like was discussed at the SLC meeting. This is a good natural progression.
  - a. Vote on Eric as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair- **Yes- all by voice vote. No- none heard.**
7. Service Thank You letters- **Andrew Markle (ON)** – In the past IFTA Inc. certificates were sent. Andrew will draft an official thank you letter. Can it be sent on IFTA Inc. letterhead or Andrew can make LEC letterhead and send draft to group. **Dave Bales (KS)**- Last year thank you letters were sent on IFTA Inc. letterhead.
8. 2017 IFTA/IRP Workshop Planning Team review: **Andrew Markle (ON)** – Did we get the critiques yet? **Dave Bales (KS)**- Not yet. They should be sent before the next planning call. **Andrew Markle (ON)** – We should find out where the negative comments came from for the last meeting. Topics will be covered. Hopefully the negative comments information is a mistake.
9. Charles Mills Award- **Dave Bales (KS)**- remember, it is not too early to send in your nominations!
10. March and May Compliance- **Dave Bales (KS)**- Barb is taking over the M&M Blitz coordination for the LEC. Deb sends out the emails. She then sends any kickback emails to the LEC member to locate the proper contact. The State IFTA Commissioner should be keeping the contacts updated.
11. LEC membership- **Dave Bales (KS)**- Steve Park has been approved. Glad to have Steve on board.
12. Ballot proposal submitted by LEC- **Dave Bales (KS)**- Comment period is over. The ballots were sent to Deb to be voted on. We need to maintain the decal as an enforcement tool as long as possible.
13. IFTA Inc. Website update- SKIP
14. Committee participation- **Dave Bales (KS)**- Try to be on the calls. If you can't just let people know you will be missing a call.
15. IFTA App update- **Dave Bales (KS)**- Available on the website. Nothing new on the app.

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16. Electronic Credentials sub-committee update- **Dave Bales (KS)**- No word on the EC meetings yet. **Michael Klingenberg (WI)**- There has been nothing new on the WI EC pilot. There has been a change in the head of the pilot because of a retirement in WI IFTA. There has not been much participation from industry, so not many enforcement contacts to test the use of the EC.
17. 2018 Workshop Planning Team sub-committee- **Barbara Arkwright (VA)**- No meetings, yet.
18. Jurisdiction contact list- **Barbara Arkwright (VA)**- We need to look at updating the list. Maybe change the States around with new LEC members from new States. We need a Canadian replacement. We need to get names. Barb asked Vince for suggested volunteers. **Andrew Markle (ON)**- Dave Coupree had a name for Canada, will follow-up with him.
19. IFTA account status - **Dave Bales (KS)**- Wait on this or discuss now? Group response was to wait.
20. New Business –
  - a. **Chuck Ulm (MD)**- There are about 40,000 electric vehicles. How should they be handled? Is electricity a fuel? Think about electric vehicles and what your jurisdiction is doing. **Dave Bales (KS)**- Should there be a per-mile tax over fuels based? We need to encompass all fuels to adapt to new technology and what damages the highway. Each State should use IFTA as the facilitator about electric vehicles. Do we need to modify the existing IFTA structure? Should there be a sub-committee on alternative fuels? Lonette is compiling some materials. Many States and Provinces are looking for feedback on electric vehicles. Next meeting we should address a sub-committee on electric and alternative fuel vehicles.
  - b. **Len McLaughlin (WA)** – I will send an email on the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair to the Board.
  - c. **Steve Park (FL)**- I have been involved in a 10-11 month FHWA – emergency route working group. I will forward the final draft to Dave.
  - d. **Andrew Markle (ON)**- I have an email on a Truckers Against Trafficking and M&M Blitz tie-in.
  - e. **Dave Bales (KS)**- Keep thinking about working and doing the best job for all tax payers.

The next conference call will be on December 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. EDT

The conference call ended at 2:43p.m. EDT

Taken by: Michael Klingenberg (WI)