

NOVEMBER 2008 LEC TELECONFERENCE MINUTES 11/18/2008

ATTENDANCE:

Julian Fitzgerald (Board – NC)
Debbie Meise (IFTA, Inc)
Jennifer Brown (AZ)
Martin Barrow (NC)
Marc Nichols (NC)
Georges Sansfacon (QC)
Trent Knoles (IL)
Davis Couprie (MB)
Andrew Markle (ON)
Michael Calfee (NC)
Joe Noland (OH)

NOTES:

Trent Knoles (IL)

- The October 2008 minutes were circulated by Martin Cano via e-mail on 10/16/2008. Jennifer will re-send the minutes for approval. Once approved, they will be submitted to IFTA, Inc. for posting on the website. Please respond to Jennifer's e-mail to approve/approve with changes the October Minutes.

- As reported in the October Minutes, the 2008 Seminar Critique forms were sent to Jennifer, Marc, and Georges for review. Today they reported that overall the comments were positive and complimentary towards the LEC and the Seminar in general. "Knowledgeable", "Professional", "Fun" and "One of the Best" were some of the comments received. One submission suggested maybe a longer break-out period to perform a complete truck inspection. There appeared to have been more forms turned in this year than in previous years.

Georges suggested that maybe next year the critiques should be completed for each individual presentation. Martin B. suggested maybe a door prize could be given in an effort to receive more critiques.

- IFTAManager's/Law Enforcement Seminar Sept 9-11, 2009 Durham, NC
 - Jennifer stated that she would like the Committee to keep mission of correcting "the lack of uniformity" in forefront for next year's meeting.

- Martin B. and Marc stated they would work on arranging a tour of an operational weigh station along with their Mobile Lab for dyed diesel testing, and their Mobil Command Center. Perhaps a demonstration of a full Level 1 inspection can be performed for the attendees. This will most likely be a ½ day event at which the attendees will need to be bussed to. Martin B. and Marc will further explore the possibility of the demonstration as well as transportation over the next two weeks. They will report on their progress during the December teleconference.
 - Georges suggested maybe a presentation could re-cap the 1-day Joint IFTA Inspections.
 - Marc suggested perhaps a tour of the Governors' Mansion would be possible.
 - Jennifer wants us all to keep thinking of possible presentations for next year's Seminar...one of which could possibly build on Martin's 2008 presentation.

- Jennifer reminded us the Road Show may be in jeopardy due to the LEC not getting FHWA grant money for travel (as reported by Martin B. last month). Georges and Andrew will work on a Power Point that can be used to reach out to administrators in an effort to increase IFTA enforcement. They will report on their progress during the December teleconference.

- April's Face-to-Face Meeting in NC
 - Jennifer asked that we all poll the shot-callers within our jurisdictions as to whether or not we would be able to attend the F2F Meeting in April. She (as well as others) indicated state budgets have been cut to include travel expenditures. During our December teleconference, Jennifer would like feedback regarding your travel possibility. If the numbers indicate "no travel", other options (teleconference) may be put into play.
 - Jennifer hinted at maybe extending travel to the Join Seminar in September prior to the start of the Seminar by a day or two for a F2F meeting. She stated this obviously isn't the best option as there is no time to prepare for the Seminar.

- IFTA, Inc's Board Update – Julian Fitzgerald (NC)
 - Julian reported that 36 out of 42 jurisdictions responded favorably to the IFTA Inc/INLETS survey sent to the IFTA Commissioners last month. This survey asked whether the jurisdiction felt that IFTA demographic information would be a useful tool for roadside enforcement and whether the jurisdiction would support such a project.
 - Julian reported the Board recently approved the LEC Best Practices Guide.

- The next teleconference call will be moved to December 9 at the request of our Canadian friends. The call will occur at the same time on that day; 2:00pm Eastern Standard Time.

Debbie will verify dates, times, and phone numbers contained in all e-mail reminders to the LEC 😊.

No further business. No further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 EST.