

Idaho Insider

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Idaho Member Meeting in Las Vegas – February 20, 2018

Thanks to those who joined us in Las Vegas for our Idaho State Member meeting. We had a great turnout, as usual, and lots to talk about. We have been inundated by bills, both good and bad, in the 2018 legislative session, and the Las Vegas meeting is a perfect time to connect. Timing is good to review the issues we need to watch, and to identify those that require action from our industry. We get a few minutes to connect as Idaho members and compare notes in industry issues, legislation and upcoming events. Members also dip in to their wallets for the PMAA PAC. Idaho continues to exceed our annual goal for PAC fundraising at the federal level, and for our state.

Thanks to all for taking a few minutes out of your busy WPMA Convention schedule to join the IPM&CSA member meeting in Las Vegas! We will do it again next year – same time, same place – so please plan to join us again in 2019!

The IPM&CSA Legislative Agenda: Industry Issues to Watch

IPM&CSA is on the ground and engaged at the Idaho Statehouse when lawmakers come to town. But the 2018 session has been unusually crazy. We expect some excitement in an election year, but this session has seen more legislation impacting our industry than any in recent memory – and not in a good way. Here are some of the bills and proposals IPM&CSA is working on this legislative session:

Legislative Update – 2018 Session

Retail / Tobacco / Below Cost

- **S1255** Tobacco purchase age increased from 18 to 21 (Sen Martin and health coalition)
- **H405** Below Cost Selling Repeal (Sen Burgoyne and Rep. Harris)
- **H341** \$100 fee on tobacco retail outlets (Department of Health and Welfare)

Propane / Natural Gas / E Vehicles

- **H516** LNG/CNG/E Vehicles –50% state sales tax exemption on purchase of qualifying vehicles (Natural Gas Vehicle Users Association & Idaho Power)

Environmental / Regulatory / DEQ / UST / PSTF

- **S1209** PSTF board restructuring – Sen Nonini / Rep. Armstrong (IPM&CSA/PSTF Board)
- DEQ UST Program – Sump Testing

Income/Business Taxes & Private Property

- Federal and State Tax conformity for 2017 **H355** and 2018 **H463**
- **H335** Unemployment Insurance Rate Reduction
- **H375** Income Tax Credit on Tier 3 Railroads, transferable to vendors of RR
- **H658** – Protecting private property and enhancing trespass penalties

Fuel Tax and Transportation Funding

- **Tax Commission** Motor Fuel Rules (housekeeping)
- **H362 and H 363** – Tax Commission gas and special fuels (housekeeping)

Legislative Wrap-Up

Much of the action takes place as the legislature comes to a close, and there's never a good time to leave the Statehouse. The going home issues in 2018 will be all about tax cuts, education funding and elections. Look for a thorough review after the 2018 session wraps up in late March.

Upcoming Event Reminders

PAC GOLF EVENT – Treasure Valley – Nampa / Ridgecrest Golf Club– April 24, 2018 – 1:30
Shotgun Start (Register online at www.wpma.com/idaho)

IPM&CSA BOARD MEETING - April 25, 2018 – IPM&CSA board members will meet April 25 in Boise to review the legislative session and plan for the upcoming convention in Coeur d'Alene.

PMAA DAY ON THE HILL – Washington D.C. – May 16-18, 2018 – Marriott at Metro Center – IPM&CSA will make our annual trip to Washington D.C. to visit members of the Idaho Congressional Delegation for PMAA Board Meeting and Day on the Hill.

PAC GOLF EVENT – Magic Valley – Twin Falls / Blue Lakes Country Club – June 6, 2018 – 10 a.m. tee times. (Register online at www.wpma.com/idaho)

IPM&CSA CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW – August 8-10, 2018 – Coeur d'Alene Resort – Call now and reserve your room at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Our room block always fills up early for our annual event, so be sure to get your spot reserved early. (Register online at www.wpma.com/idaho)