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Idaho Member Meeting in Las Vegas – February 19, 2019

Thanks to those who joined us in Las Vegas for our Idaho State Member meeting. We appreciate our Idaho members taking time away from their busy convention schedule to connect as Idaho members and compare notes on industry issues, legislation and upcoming events. With the legislature in full swing, our Las Vegas meeting is a perfect time to review the issues we need to watch, and to identify those that require action from our industry. 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.

Our focus for the 2019 session has been on delaying implementation of the federal UST rules. IPM&CSA sponsored H26 which pushes the compliance deadline to October 2021, giving industry much needed additional time to meet federal testing and compliance requirements. Passage of H26 is important to ensure that Idaho law is no more stringent than what is required by the federal EPA and that PSTF insurance policies are not put in jeopardy. We are pleased to report success with H26 which passed the House 68-0, passed the Senate 35-0 and was signed by the governor on February 27. Passage of H26 marks a huge achievement for IPM&CSA and is a significant benefit for UST owners. Thanks to our bill sponsors Rep. John Vander Woude and Senator Jim Guthrie.

Thanks to all for taking a few minutes out of your busy WPMA Convention schedule 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 2020!

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. Compared to last year, the 2019 session has been blessedly calm for our industry and we have been able to achieve some quiet victories, including extending federal UST compliance to Oct. 2021. Here are some of the bills and proposals IPM&CSA is working on this legislative session:

Legislative Update – 2019 Session

Environmental/Regulatory/DEO/UST/PSTF

- PSTF board openings – New Chairman Bob Nonini & Senate seat vacancy
- H26 – UST Compliance Date extended to Oct 2021 for new EPA Rules (IPM&CSA)

Transportation Funding/Truck Registration/Surplus Eliminator

- H107 – Sales tax distribution increased from 1% to 2% to Transportation Expansion & Congestion Mitigation program (Palmer)
- H125 – Vehicle weights, fees – \$75 registration fee on all vehicles over 8,000 lbs, by countywide highway district vote (ACHD) (Gannon)
- S1051/S1052/1066/1067 – Weight-distance registration for over 60,000 lbs (Brackett)
- S1063 Transportation Funding – Surplus Eliminator (Brackett/Den Hartog)

- Surplus Eliminator – RS Unanimous Consent/State Affairs 2/15
- S1065 Transportation bonding – Transportation Expansion & Congestion Mitigation (Brackett/Chou)

Retail/Tobacco

- H151 Food establishment fees – Compromise bill (legislative oversight)
- Tobacco purchase age increased from 18 to 21 (Sen Martin and health coalition)
- Vape Tax – 15% tax on e-cigarettes (Gannon)
- Ban the Box – prohibiting criminal background checks by employers (ACLU)

E Vehicles/Propane/Alternative Energy

- E Vehicles –Laying the groundwork by Idaho Power/Idaho National Laboratory/Office of Energy & Mineral Resources
- H94 Petroleum gas containers – restrictions on filling tanks by third parties (Rural Coops)

Income/Business Taxes

- H61 Income Tax Credit on Tier 3 Rail Road, transferable to vendors (House Failed 28/42)
- On Line Sales Tax – collections (will come late in the session)

Driving Restrictions/Public Safety

- S1064 – Driving, mobile Device/Infraction – first offense, first offense (Rice/Kane)
- H77 – Wireless Devices, driving/Prohibits municipalities from restricting use (Christensen)

Legislative Wrap-Up

Much of the action takes place in the final days of the legislature, when it is never safe to leave the Statehouse. The going home issues in 2019 will be all about education funding and Medicaid expansion. Look for a thorough review after the 2019 session wraps up, hopefully in late March.

Upcoming Event Reminders

IPM&CSA Board Meeting - April 4, 2019 – IPM&CSA board members will meet April 4 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 8-10, 2019 — 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.

IPM&CSA Convention and Trade Show – August 5-7, 2019 Sun Valley Resort – Call now and reserve your room at the Sun Valley Resort. Our room block always fills up early for our annual event, so be sure to get your spot reserved early. (Register online at <http://www.wpma.com>)

NOTE: Our Convention Schedule for 2019 is **Monday to Wednesday** rather than our traditional Wednesday to Friday dates.