

Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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TPCB Board of Directors Election Results

The [Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.](#) (TPCB) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Jennifer A. Rosales, P.E., PTOE has been elected as a Discipline Director to serve a three-year term of office on the Board. Her term will begin January 1, 2017. She is filling the role of Bernard Arseneau, who will complete his term on the board on December 31, 2016. Congratulations to Jennifer, and thank you to Bernie for his service!

Jennifer Rosales is a senior transportation engineer at the City of San Clemente, California, USA. She has more than 20 years of extensive experience in traffic engineering, transportation planning, and public transportation. Jennifer specializes in developing multimodal transportation design solutions that improve traffic flow, transit accessibility, and enhance corridors for all modes including walking, cycling, and transit to enrich quality of life and advance economic prosperity.



Jennifer is a registered professional engineer and holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University. She is a Fellow of ITE and has served as ITE Western District International Director, ITE Western District President, Oregon Section President, Student Chapter President at Oregon State University, and past chair of ITE's Standing Committee on Ethics.

Congratulations New PTOE and PTP Certificants!

Congratulations to the 70 new Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) certificants and 10 new Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) certificants. **Click on the image below to see the names of new certificants.**

The Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. and the Institute of Transportation Engineers congratulate the following new Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planners (PTPs) who passed the certification exams in August 2016.



New PTOE Certificants

Clark B. Bailey
 Jessica Victoria Belowich
 Rachel Cathay Bolton
 Jacob John Bongard
 Sarah E. Bowman
 Jenna R. Brose
 Daniel Bliss Cook
 William John Corbett III
 Stuart William Day
 Marie C. Dennis
 Rachel E. DePan
 Dustin L. Elliott
 Arthur Forrest Gamble
 Sarah B. Gengler
 Subhasis Ghosh
 Randall J. Gorton
 Mark R. Green
 Arpita Guha

Richard L. Guidi
 Kiran B. Guntupalli
 Rebecca Ruitto Hall
 Michael Timothy Hare
 William L. Haynes
 Jedidiah Scott Hellmich
 Joel Alan Hinnenkamp
 Kyle William Huffman
 Omer Inegol
 Brian Timothy Jatzke
 Shichen Ja
 Valerie L. Kaiser
 Om Prakash Kanke
 Adam Krogman
 Yuyang Lin
 Michael A. Lobdell
 Shilpa Mallern
 Eric A. Mason

James Travis Miller
 Thomas Jude Montz Jr.
 Bnaven Naik
 Scott D. Nelson
 Robinson P. Nicol
 Susan C. Paulus
 Graham Tyler Peck
 Daniel W. Peterson
 Amanda Sue Phillippi
 Kashyap Revalli Prabhakar
 Thomas Bowne Ruff
 Muhammad G. Saleque
 Grant Spaugh Sanders
 Lindsay S. Saner
 Christopher Robert Schultz
 David Howard Sheely
 Mark S. Sherfy
 Jesse Joseph Skinner

Lisa A. Slorus
 Fatemeh Soltani
 Nicholas J. Sparola
 Devin Squire
 Haralampos N. Stathopoulos
 Jeremy Scott Stretz
 LuAnn Theiss
 Sandra M. Thoms
 Kenneth Charles Thornemwell, Jr.
 Alicia Ulmes
 Nathan S. Umberger
 Gaurav Vasisht
 Christopher Steven Vokurka
 Katherine Lee Wagner
 David A. Wright
 James M. Yuratovac

New PTP Certificants

Sridhar Basetty
 John M. Beery
 James J. Carr II
 Rosemarie Draskovic
 Forrest N. Hardy
 Mansoureh Jelhani
 Prasanth Malisetty
 Joseph Lafayette Meek III
 Robert Harold Wertman
 Michael R. Yates

With each exam period, we continue to increase the number of PTOEs and PTPs. There are more than 3,100 certified PTOEs, and the PTP program is very close to reaching a new milestone of 400 certificants! For a full list of PTOE- and PTP- certified individuals, visit the Directory of Certification Holders [here](#). New certificants are also recognized in the October 2016 *ITE Journal*.

PTOE Exam and Refresher Materials Now Updated

Beginning with the October 2016 test administration, PTOE certification applicants will take an updated exam. The Transportation Professional Certification Board, in conjunction with the test administrator Castle Worldwide, Inc., updated this exam to insure that it covers the current terminology and practices used by professionals. In addition, the traffic safety portion has been revised to focus on the Highway Safety Manual. This update of examination questions is in keeping with the high standards of providing an accredited demonstration of the requisite knowledge, skill, and ability in the specialized application of traffic operations engineering.



For applicants preparing to take the new exam, new refresher materials are now available. The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) offers an [on-demand webinar series](#) and [a practice exam](#) to help applicants prepare for taking the new PTOE examination. Learn more at [here](#).

Highlights from the TPCB 2016 Annual Business Meeting

The TPCB held its Annual Business Meeting and summer board meeting in conjunction with the August 2016 ITE Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Anaheim, CA. All current and prospective certificants were invited to attend the TPCB Annual Business Meeting for an overview of current initiatives underway. The discussed initiatives included:

- **Update of the PTP Exam and Refresher Materials:** TPCB Board member Gordon Meth is conducting a job task analysis in preparation for updating the PTP exam and refresher materials. The updated exam is planned for release in Fall 2017. This update, like the recent PTOE exam and refresher material update, reflects TPCB's commitment to ensuring the certification programs stay timely and current with today's engineering and planning practices.
- **Safety Certification Development:** Planning continues for the development of a new safety certification program to be offered by TPCB. The Board is working with Canadian colleagues for the development of a North American exam and accreditation process. More details will be provided as they become available.
- **Improved Communications:** The Board discussed recent advances in the marketing of PTOE and PTP certification programs, from increased TPCB news and exposure in the ITE bi-weekly Spotlite newsletter, to new certificant announcements in the ITE Journal, which is now available online to the public in the current month for those who are not ITE members. A professional development issue in ITE Journal also highlights TPCB initiatives in more depth each year, with more frequent feature articles in development on certification activities.
- **Presence at ITE 2016 Annual Meeting & Exhibit:** TPCB, Inc. exhibited in ITE's Exhibit Hall on August 15-16, with board members and staff available to answer questions and provide information for potential certificants. PTOE and PTP attendees in Anaheim were able to show pride in their certificant status with special PTOE and PTP ribbons attached to their name badges, and for the first time, TPCB Chair Dr. Ken Ackeret, P.E., PTOE presented an overview of TPCB's certification programs during ITE's opening business meeting and plenary session.



Pictured above from left to right: Alfred A. Guebert, P. Eng, PTOE, Organizational Director, Canada; Ann O'Neill, TPCB Certificate Programs Associate; and TPCB Chair Dr. Ken Ackeret, P.E., PTOE at the TPCB exhibit booth during the ITE Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Anaheim, CA, USA.

Celebrating Certificant Success: Katherine (Kate) D'Ambrosio, P.E., PTOE Promoted

Recent *LeadershipITE* graduate Katherine (Kate) D'Ambrosio, P.E., PTOE successfully passed the PTOE exam in February 2016 during the course of the leadership program. She was assistant state signal engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in Atlanta, GA, USA at the time of passing the examination. Kate just shared the good news that she received a promotion and has started her new role as the GDOT

State Signal Engineer effective October 1, 2016.

What prompted you to seek PTOE certification?

Several engineers in higher positions in my office had already obtained the PTOE certification. I decided to get it as soon as I was eligible before life got too busy.



How did you balance your preparation for the PTOE exam with your other work?

I took the PTOE when the workload from *LeadershipITE* was not too overwhelming. I studied whenever I got the chance after work and on the weekends for probably four weeks.

How has PTOE certification set you apart and advanced your career?

I've only had the certification for a few months now but it has helped me prove to my supervisors that I see my future in Traffic Operations and I really enjoy what I do. It shows people what I can achieve. I was just promoted to State Signal Engineer effective October 1, so I'm advancing in my career.

Have you Been Promoted? Share Your Good News!

Share your good news following certification with Michelle Birdsall at mbirdsall@ite.org to be featured in the TPCB newsletter!

Revised Certification Renewal Fee Schedule

For those holding Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) and/or Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) certification, a revised late fee structure for renewals is now in effect. Fees cover the processing costs incurred by the Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB), Inc., which is a non-profit autonomous certification body affiliated with ITE.

The TPCB requires renewal applications be received no later than 90 days after your renewal date. Please avoid penalty fees by completing your renewal form and payment on time. The new fee structure has been instituted to cover the additional administrative costs associated with the special processing time required with late renewals.

In the renewal process, the review committee is looking for five items on your renewal form pertaining to your PDHs:

- 1) Hosting organization name;
- 2) Title or subject matter;
- 3) Event (webinar, seminar, etc);
- 4) Dates; and
- 5) Number of PDH's.

Without all five items, your renewal will need to be returned for clarification. Please ensure you submit all necessary items within your renewal period to avoid late fees.

Late Fee Schedule (begins after 90-day grace period expires)*

1-2 months late: \$25.00
3-6 months: \$50.00
After 6 months: \$100.00
Duplicate Certificate Cost: \$ 40.00
Hardship Application: No Charge

*All fees for deployed Military will be waived, except fees for duplicate certificates.

Visit the following links for more information on renewals:

[PTOE Renewals](#)

[PTP Renewals](#)

Spread the Word on 2016 Certification Exams Next Application Deadline: December 5

Do you know a colleague interested in pursuing PTOE and/or PTP certification? Share this! December 5, 2016 is the deadline to apply for the next round of certification exams taking place in the February 1 to February 28, 2016 time frame. Visit www.tpcb.org/examschedule.asp for more information on applying and registering to take an exam.

Complete exam information is available at www.tpcb.org/examschedule.asp. Application forms are available [here](#). For a list of available exam cities please click [here](#).

The Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), an autonomous certification body affiliated with the Institute of Transportation Engineers, offers the following certification programs: Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner® (PTP). For more information, visit www.tpcb.org.

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