

Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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Spring Newsletter: June 6, 2016

Board of Directors Call for Candidates

The [Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.](#) (TPCB) Board of Directors is seeking nominees to stand for election to serve a three-year term of office as a Director on the Board. If elected, the three-year term of office will commence January 1, 2017. To be considered, you will need to submit the following:

1. A copy of your resume
2. A one page or less statement as to why you wish to serve on the TPCB Board.
3. A letter from your employer indicating that if elected, you will be able to attend two one-day meetings annually.

All candidates must be a current holder of one of the TPCB certifications (PTOE, PTP, TOPS, or TSOS) to be considered.

Send your information with a cover letter and the attachments to:

Jeff Paniati, P.E.

Executive Director and CEO

Transportation Professional Certification Board

jpaniati@ite.org

Spring 2016 TPCB Board Meeting Highlights

In March 2016, the TPCB Directors, pictured below with TPCB Executive Director Jeffrey Paniati and Certificate Programs Associate Ann O'Neill, conducted their spring board meeting in Washington, DC, USA. The items below were discussed during the meeting.



TPCB, Inc. Annual Business Meeting and Exhibit Booth

TPCB, Inc. will have its Annual Business meeting at the ITE Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Anaheim, CA, USA on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. All certificants are welcome and encouraged to attend. TPCB, Inc. will also be exhibiting in ITE's Exhibit Hall on August 15-16. Please stop by to ask any questions or gather information for potential certificants in your organization. We look forward to our certificants continuing to show pride in their certification during the meeting by wearing the PTP and PTOE ribbons on their conference name badges.

PTOE Exam Being Updated

With each Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) exam, we continue to increase the number of PTOEs. The program is thriving with more than 3,000 certified PTOEs and a growing number of employers recognizing the value of the PTOE. More than 92 percent of PTOEs renew their certification.

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, TPCB is currently working to update the PTOE exam and associated refresher course materials. A team of professionals assembled by the TPCB Board have written new exam questions that will be launched starting with the October 2016 exam period. For applicants applying to take the exam during this time, the new refresher materials being developed will be announced soon. An article with more details about the update process will be in the next issue of the TPCB newsletter.

Thank you to the following individuals who met at ITE Headquarters in March 2016 to develop the refreshed PTOE exam questions:

Mr. Brian S. Bochner, P.E., PTOE
Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Dr. John McFadden, P.E., PTOE
Federal Highway Administration

Dr. Seri Park, PTP
Villanova University

Mr. Daniel L. Carter
North Carolina State University

Dr. Francis Gross
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), Inc.

Dr. Raymond A. Krammes, P.E.
Federal Highway Administration

Mr. Vivek Hariharan, P.E., PTOE
RS&H

Ms. Patricia Timbrook-McMullan, P.E., PTOE
T3 Design, P.C.

Mr. Kevin S. Lee, P.E., PTOE
Kittelsohn & Associates, Inc.

Revised Certification Renewal Fee Schedule

For those holding Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) and/or Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) certification, a revised fee structure for renewals will go

into effect July 1, 2016. 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](#)

Celebrating Certification Success: Recognizing Our 100th, 200th, and 300th PTP Certificants

Three TPCB certificants, recognized as the 100th, 200th, and 300th person respectively to receive PTP certification, recently shared their certification stories. Know a colleague that would benefit from certification? Share these stories and help grow our body of certified professionals!

100th PTP:

Darryl F. Nelson, PTP
Senior Transportation Engineer
Associated Transportation Engineers

What prompted you to seek certification as a Professional Transportation Planner?

I sought certification as part of my career growth.



How has PTP certification set you apart and/or advanced your career?

The PTP certification gives me credibility in the field of transportation planning.

What do you think new professionals should know about certification?

The PTP certification demonstrates the fact that an individual has real world experience and knowledge in the field of transportation planning. The certification demands that you continue to grow professionally through continued education and training.

200th PTP:

Neha Rathi, PTP
Senior Transportation Planner
CH2M



What prompted you to seek certification as a PTP?

I started working as a travel demand modeler and soon found myself working on the planning projects in the region. My seniors were involved in the conception of this certification and encouraged me to take the certification exam. It became the logical next step, as certification would give me credibility for the work I was going to do in my career.

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

Having PTP certification gives my work credibility. Clients understand that my work and recommendations are backed by my professional knowledge.

What do you think new professionals should know about certification?

PTP certification is not known that well yet with general industry folks, but with time it is gaining the awareness and importance of a Professional Engineer (P.E.) license. Preparing for the PTP gives a broader insight on planning processes and helps you in your planning projects.

300th PTP:

Raju Porandla, P.E., PTP
Connected Corridors (California ICM Program) Technical Lead Engineer



California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

What prompted you to seek certification as a PTP?

I was working earlier for a metropolitan transportation planning organization and thought it would add some weight to my resume and advance my career.

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

It has given me some leverage in addition to being a registered Professional Engineer.

What do you think new professionals should know about certification?

Most of the private professionals (consultants) who are engineers and planners do not understand the life cycle of transportation projects, and the policies and laws that surround them in every step of the project. So I recommend them to get the PTP certification to understand transportation policies and laws, be more aware of the other side to excel in both areas of their careers, and to keep abreast of the rules and regulations working on federal and state projects.

Tell Us Your Certification Story

How have you benefitted from PTOE or PTP certification? Send your certification success story to Ann O'Neill, Certificate Programs Associate, at certification@tpcb.org.

Spread the Word on 2016 Certification Exams Next Application Deadline: August 4

Do you know a colleague interested in pursuing PTOE and/or PTP certification? Here is information to share! **The application deadline for computer-based exams to be taken in the October 1 to 31, 2016 time frame is August 4, 2016.**

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](#).

Know Someone Taking the PTOE or PTP Exam?

ITE offers individuals taking the upcoming PTOE and PTP exams the following preparatory resources:

- [Professional Traffic Operations Engineer \(PTOE\) Online Practice Exam](#)
- [PTOE Refresher Online Course](#)
- [Professional Transportation Planner \(PTP\) Online Practice Exam](#)
- [PTP Refresher Online Course](#)

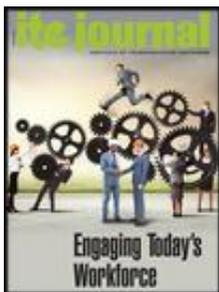
Click on the links above for complete information.

TPCB, Inc. Featured in the June issue of *ITE Journal*

The PTOE and PTP certification programs were recently featured in the June 2016 issue of *ITE Journal* in the article, ["Your PTOE and PTP Certification Questions Answered."](#)

Also in this issue is a [staff profile of TPCB Certificate Programs Associate Ann O'Neill](#), who has served the TPCB since its inception.

Read these articles and more through this [link](#).



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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