

# Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

Affiliated with the Institute of Transportation Engineers

## Fall Newsletter: October 31, 2017

### TPCB Election Results

The Transportation Professional Certification Board has filled the two vacancies on the board for 2018. Congratulations to Dan Hardy, P.E., PTP, who has been elected as Organizational Director (PTP), and Deborah L. Snyder, P.E., PTOE, who has been elected as Discipline Director.

The Board thanks everyone who expressed interest in the positions. Individuals were selected by the nominations committee, and the new directors were subsequently elected by the certificants. The terms of office will begin at the conclusion of the current directors' terms on December 31, 2017. Thank you to John McFadden, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE and Gordon E. Meth, P.E., PTP, PTOE, whose terms are ending.

### **Dan Hardy, P.E., PTP Incoming Organizational Director (PTP)**

Dan Hardy, P.E., PTP is a principal with Renaissance Planning in Arlington, VA, USA. He has more than 25 years of experience in developing transportation solutions that balance transportation and land use options to optimize multimodal travel demand and transportation network services in congested communities. Prior to joining Renaissance, Dan served as the transportation planning chief for the Montgomery County, MD Planning Department where he led all aspects of land use and transportation integration, focusing on developing and applying growth management policies and practices.



Dan is the chair of the measurement subcommittee of the Transportation Research Board's Transportation and Sustainability Standing Committee. He is a former chair of the Institute of Transportation Engineer's (ITE) Transportation Planning Council and Sustainability Task Force and a co-author of ITE's Recommended Practices on Transportation Impact Analyses for Site Development and Planning Urban Roadway Systems. He is a member of ITE.

### **Deborah L. Snyder, P.E., PTOE Incoming Discipline Director**

Deborah L. Snyder, P.E., PTOE, is a senior transportation engineer for VIBE in St. Petersburg, FL, USA. She has 31 years of civil engineering experience with more than 21 years working as a traffic/transportation engineer. Her experience includes 18 years working for the Florida Department of

Transportation, seven years working for City and County government agencies, and six years working in the private sector as a Senior Traffic Engineer or Senior Transportation Engineer. She has a master of science in civil engineering from the University of South Florida and a bachelor of science in civil engineering from the Cleveland State University, Fenn College of Engineering.



Deborah's specialties include; safety, traffic operations, access management, context sensitive studies, land use, corridor, and planning traffic studies. She is a current member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and was one of the expert panel, writers, and voting committee members for the ITE *Trip Generation Handbook*, 3rd Edition.

### Get to Know Your TPCB Board Members

The TPCB Board is comprised of twelve voting directors and one ex officio director. Thank you to all current and past directors for your service! Bios and pictures of current directors are [here](#) and will be updated in January 2018.

## Congratulations to New PTOE and PTP Certificants



The Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. and the Institute of Transportation Engineers congratulate the following 76 new Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOEs) and 9 new Professional Transportation Planners (PTPs) who passed the certification exams in June 2017. To learn more about these certifications and how to apply, visit [www.tpcb.org](http://www.tpcb.org). The next application deadline for the February 2018 exam period is December 7, 2017.

### New PTOE Certificants

Bahareh Bakhtiari  
Heather Marie  
Balgowan

David M. Giel  
William David Gilchrist  
Adam Lawrence

Stephanie B. Privette  
Joseph Ethan Puhr  
Victor Armand

Christopher Benitez	Greenstein	Rachael, Jr.
Rebecca L. Biro	Daren T. Grilley	Neil Martin Robinson
Jason Raymond Bodell	Brian Joseph Haas	Joseph Edward Roman
Stephen Joseph Calderon	Daniel Richard Hennessey	David John Rotella
Derek Hyatt Caldwell	Juan Carlos Hernandez	Laurence A. Sack
Grace Lin Cheng	Jeffrey Phillip Hochanadel	Joseph N. Samus, Jr
Jialei Cheng	Andrew James Horgan	Kevin L. Schneider
Katherine T. Craig	Sachiko Huang	Genevieve Marie Schnell
Timothy Kellen Curns	Md Shah Imran	Matthew W. Skelly
Ian S. Degutis	Amy F. Jackson	Ramakanth Goud Soudari
Christopher Robert Dew	Jalil Kianfar	Michelle Marie Sweeney
Leslie Amponsah Dodoo	Zachary S. Kirkemo	Marissa Angela Tarallo
Monica Jo Harwood Duncan	Clifton E. Lawson	Lee Thomas
Aaron Alan Edelman	Samuel James Leckrone	Ashley Nicole Tracy
Tabot Nzume Eneme	Donald David Logan	Neal Allen Underwood
Matthew Bryan Ewell	Dominic Anthony Marchesano, Jr.	Christopher T. Van Zanten
Kelly Christine Farabee	Joseph A. Milanese Jr.	Venkata Naga Pavan Kumar Velpuri
Ashley E. Finley	Joseph A. Norby	James A. Vena
Matthew Preston Fleming	Patrycja T. Padlo	Tracey Hien Wang
Daniel Ray Fritz	Chandra Shekhar Parasa	Anne Marie Warnick
Adam James Frosino	Lori Joan Pawlik	Jaclyn A. White
Anthony Gallo	Cara N. Pirkey	Haifeng Xiao
Heather Grace Gardner	Alicia Benazir Portal Palomo	Laura Beth Yates
Michael Ge		

## **New PTP Certificants**

Michelle Renee Beiler	Louis D. Hausmann	Thomas Michael Worker-Braddock
Dyan Cheryl Damron	Keli Paul Kemp	Yinghua Zhan
Merixell Font Bou	Justin M. Maderia	

## **Audit of Recertification Materials**

In the certification and licensure industry, it has become common for a certain percentage of recertification applicants' attestation materials to be audited and verified. TPCB has been working with Castle, TPCB's certification and licensure testing company,

to determine that percentage as well as the process that must be implemented to reapply for its accreditation.

Please be advised that beginning January 1, 2018, TPCB will implement a policy in which 20 percent of recertification application materials will be audited. This means that randomly selected certificants will be required to provide evidence of their completion of the continuing education requirements, such as the professional development hours (PDHs), contained within their recertification application.

Additionally, TPCB must reserve the right to selectively audit individuals in certain circumstances such as:

1. Individuals who were previously audited and did not meet the standards;
2. Individuals who have been given a hardship;
3. Individuals who may be subject to discipline by the TPCB Board.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ann O'Neill at [aoneill@ite.org](mailto:aoneill@ite.org).

## **New Renewal and Application Fees in 2018**

To enable TPCB, Inc. to continue delivering quality certification programs that are timely and current with today's engineering and planning practices, the TPCB Board has approved an increase in PTOE and PTP certification program renewal fees beginning in 2018. This is the first increase in renewal fees in 10 years.

Effective January 1, 2018, renewal fees will increase from \$275 to \$315. The exam application fee will be raised to \$175.

As a non-profit organization, TPCB, Inc. uses the revenue from application and renewal fees for the operation and maintenance of the certification programs it offers. The increase will enable TPCB to keep pace with the costs of maintaining the programs it offers. Going forward, the Board has determined that renewal fee increases will be reviewed on a 3-year cycle.

## **Update on TPCB's New Safety Certification**

The TPCB, supported by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), has been in the process of developing a new Safety Certification, the Road Safety Professional (RSP), for North America. A Steering Committee with representation from a wide range of organizations active in the road safety discipline in the U.S. and Canada was assembled in early 2017 to guide the development of this new certification. The Steering Committee has laid the groundwork for this new RSP certification by defining the structure, target audience, and prerequisites, as well as identifying subject matter experts (SMEs) to guide its development. The Federal Highway Administration has stepped forward to provide financial support for this effort.

This new safety certification will have two levels: Level 1 is aimed at a broad audience of transportation professionals from the engineering, motor vehicle, behavioral, law enforcement, and emergency response communities. The goal is to ensure these individuals have foundational knowledge of the multidisciplinary dimensions of road safety. The level 2 certification is directed at transportation professionals whose primary focus is in the practice of the road safety profession. In addition to having completed the requirements for Level 1, the certificate holder will have passed a second exam that demonstrates a deeper level of understanding and proficiency in the application of the science of road safety. This exam would be aimed at transportation professionals responsible for development and implementation of engineering or behavioral programs aimed at reducing the number of fatalities and injuries due to road crashes. The initial RSP Level 1 exam is anticipated to be given in October 2018 with the Level 2 exam available in 2019.

In December the SMEs will gather at ITE Headquarters to work with TPCB's certification consultant, Castle Worldwide, Inc., to begin the detailed work of a job analysis study that delineates the competencies-domains and subdomains, tasks, knowledge and skills- for the Level 1 Road Safety Professional. While this is just the first step toward the development of this new certification, it is a very important one.

Read the complete message about the new certification from Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E., who serves as Executive Director for both ITE and TPCB, [here](#) in *ITE Journal*.

## **Spread the Word on 2018 Certification Exams Next Application Deadline: December 7**

Do you know a colleague interested in pursuing PTOE and/or PTP certification? Share this! December 7, 2017 is the deadline to apply for the certification exams taking place in the February 2018 timeframe.

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

## **Updated PTOE Exam and Refresher Materials**

Studying for the PTOE exam or know a colleague who is? PTOE certification applicants now take an updated exam that began with the October 2016 test administration. 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](#).

## **Certification Programs Continue to Grow**

Application and renewal rates continue to be strong for both the [Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® \(PTOE\)](#) and [Professional Transportation Planner® \(PTP\)](#) certification programs, and with each exam period, we continue to increase the number of PTOEs and PTPs.

The PTP program now has 412 certificants after reaching the milestone of 400 in the fall. There are 3,251 certified PTOEs. With the applications received for the current February 2017 exam period, there have been more than 4,200 applications to take the PTOE exam since the program began in 1999, and more than 600 applications to take the PTP exam.

Share this newsletter with colleagues who seek professional growth through certification and help these programs continue to add value to the profession!



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](http://www.tpcb.org).

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