

# Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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## Spring Newsletter: June 1, 2017

### Call for 2018 TPCB Board of Direction Candidates

The Transportation Professional Certification Board has one vacancy on the board for a Discipline Director and is seeking expressions of interest from certificants who are willing to be considered by the nominations committee to be placed on the ballot.

Individuals will be selected by the nominations committee from those who express interest and who subsequently are elected by the certificants. The terms of office will begin immediately upon ratification of the election results and the conclusion of the current director's term on December 31, 2017. The successful candidate must receive a majority of the certificants that vote. To be eligible for nomination you must have held your certification for at least one year prior to nomination.

The Board is comprised of twelve voting directors and one ex officio director. The Board has met up to three times a year and has held a number of conference calls.

If you wish to express interest in being considered for nomination to stand for election to the Board, please:

1. Send a one page resume listing the professional positions that you have held and the starting and ending date, your professional activities and your education;
2. Provide a one page statement of why you would like to serve as a Discipline Director and what you will bring to that office; and
3. A statement of consent to hold the position of director if elected signed by your employer.

Please send these to TPCB Executive Director Jeff Paniati, [jpaniati@ite.org](mailto:jpaniati@ite.org), to arrive no later than August 1, 2017.

Thank you to all current and past directors for your service! View the bios and pictures of current directors [here](#).

## Congratulations to New PTOE and PTP Certificants

The Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. and the Institute of Transportation Engineers congratulate the following 51 new Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOEs) and 7 new Professional Transportation Planners (PTPs) who passed the certification exams in February 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 October exam period is August 4, 2017.

### New PTOE Certificants

Abdulai Abdul-Majeed	Craig T. Jakobsen	Joseph Andrew Robertson
Javier A. Acosta	Alvin Bernard James Jr.	Christopher M. Rome
Oluwaseye P. Akele	Peter David Kauffmann	Christopher S. Russo
Anam Ardeshiri	Wayne Allen Keefner	Sudarsana Seela
Hetal Harnish Bhatt	Lindsey Susanna Kieres	Ibrahim Mahmoud Shatnawi
Benjamin J. Brubaker	Ravali Kosaraju	Chowdhury Kawsar Arefin Siddiqui
James J. Carr II	Diego Armando Leyva	Jonathan Monaghan Smith
Richard Evan Davies Jr.	Da Li	Alexander George Socarras
Ryan Davis	Jun Liu	Steven A. Stramsak
Carlos Duran	Cody L Long	Christopher N. Sylvester
Alejandra Gallegos	Jinyan Lu	Kyle Tarnoviski
Tony Geara	Jorge A. Martinez	Jennifer Ann Tassan
Thomas James Glueckert	Adam James McArthur	Qing Ye
Andrea Lynn Harth	Ian Andrew McKinnon	Daniel John Zeggelaar
Joshua A. Haydo	Martha Louise Moore	Yongliang Zhu
Andrew David Hayes	Jason Matthew Pittenger	
Elizabeth Mary Schneider	Uriel Ramirez	
James P. Hus Jr.	Roxanna R. Medina	

### New PTP Certificants

Giancarlo Jose Ganddini	Farhan Zaman Khan	Thomas Jude Montz Jr.
Maxwell James Henkle	Yin-Fu Lin	Pradeep Thummala
Troy M. Holloway		

For a full list of PTOE- and PTP- certified individuals, visit the Directory of Certification Holders [here](#). New certificants were also recognized in *ITE Journal*.

## 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.

## Development of a New Safety Certification Underway

The TPCB has launched the initial development of a new Safety Certification, tentatively titled the "Road Safety Professional (RSP)." A Steering Committee with representation from a wide range of organizations active in the road safety discipline in the US and Canada has been assembled to guide the development of this new certification. The initial steps are to identify the target audience and prerequisites for the RSP certification, define the domains and subdomains of knowledge, identify an initial list of references and identify subject matter experts. It is expected that the Steering Committee will complete this first phase of work over the summer and that the full development of the exam will start in the Fall. This new certification is targeted for availability in late 2018.

## 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 403 certificants after reaching the milestone of 400 in the fall. There are 3,175 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!



## Certificant Spotlight: John Lieswyn, PTP

Did you know that while the majority of PTOE and PTP certificants work in North America, there are certificants in Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Africa, Qatar, India, Jordan, Korea, and Kuwait? This month's spotlight is on John Lieswyn, PTP, who is currently a senior transportation planner at ViaStrada Ltd. in New Zealand.

### What prompted you to seek PTP certification?

Professional engineers and certified urban planners have a reasonably clear cut

educational and career path to follow, but when I completed my studies, I was unsure of the next steps. The Institute of Transportation Engineer's (ITE) website directed me to the Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) available through the Transportation Professional Certification Board. Studying for the PTP exam broadened my understanding of where transportation planners fit within a holistic approach to the built environment. I have also found ITE's continuing professional development resources to be invaluable.



### **How does PTP certification set you apart and help advance your career?**

The process of obtaining the certification was key to developing knowledge and confidence for my career advancement when I was in the United States from 2012-2015.

### **What stands out about your PTP certification in New Zealand?**

Few people seem to know what the letters stand for here. In New Zealand, the most common acronyms are CPEng (Certified Professional Engineer), BE (Bachelor of Engineering), and NZPI (member, New Zealand Planning Institute).

### **How might North America and New Zealand work more together for international collaboration?**

We have much to learn from one another. New Zealand is a leader in many areas including the business case approach to transport investment, economic evaluation methods, road safety initiatives such as the Crash Analysis System, and asset management practices and technology. The United States has organizations such as National Complete Streets Coalition, PeopleForBikes (and the Green Lane Project), National Center for Safe Routes to School, and many more doing incredible work.

Although we drive on the opposite sides of the road and use different terminology and spelling, we have a lot more in common than one would think. At least in terms of European influence, both countries are relatively young and have largely developed around automobility. As members of the professional bodies for our field in each country, we can do more to share successful tools and techniques. As an affiliate member of the IPENZ Transportation Group and a member of ITE who has worked in the field in both countries, I'm looking forward to helping cross-pollinate.

**For more on John, [click here](#).**

## **Register Now to Earn PDHs at the Joint ITE/CITE 2017 Annual Meeting and Exhibit**

Looking for opportunities to earn professional development hours (PDHs) to keep your certification current? Make plans now to attend the Joint ITE/CITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 30 - August 2, 2017. A full technical program focused on the theme, Transportation for All: Putting New Ideas into Practice, will provide many opportunities to earn PTOE and PTP PDHs, with topics ranging from automated and connected

vehicle technologies to multimodal approaches to creating vibrant, healthy, and livable communities. Learn more and register at [www.ite.org/annualmeeting](http://www.ite.org/annualmeeting).



## **Spread the Word on 2017 Certification Exams Next Application Deadline: August 4**

Do you know a colleague interested in pursuing PTOE and/or PTP certification? Share this! August 4, 2017 is the deadline to apply for the certification exams taking place in the October 1 to October 31, 2017 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](#).

## **PTOE Job Task Analysis Update**

The TPCB Board thanks all the volunteers who contributed their time participating in the PTOE Job Task Analysis Webinars that took place in the Fall of 2016. As a result of these efforts, the PTOE job analysis panel completed its review and update of the examination content outline, adding roughly 250 knowledge statements to supplement the existing domains and subdomains.

Currently the PTOE Job Task Analysis is still ongoing. After the online survey of PTOEs was conducted, demographics were provided for the PTOEs, which were then validated. A preliminary blue print for the updated exam, domains, and subdomains, was then determined. Work is being conducted on the final report, and then the PTOE exam will be updated accordingly. The process is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Thank you to all certificants who have contributed their time to this effort!

## PTP Exam and Refresher Materials Update

TPCB Board member Gordon Meth recently led a PTP Steering Committee of volunteers in redefining the PTP exam as part of the process for updating the exam and its refresher materials. The PTP Steering Committee redefined the domains and subdomains of knowledge, updated the list of references, and identified subject matter experts.

Work is now beginning on the PTP Job Task Analysis. It will follow a similar course to the PTOE in reviewing and updating the exam context to correspond to the new directions set by the PTP Steering Committee. The primary changes will be to create a greater focus on planning for active and sustainable transportation with the exam.

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. The updated exam is expected to be completed in late 2017. The TPCB Board thanks everyone who has contributed their time to this effort.

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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