



## Transportation Professional Certification Board e-Newsletter

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### October Certification Exam: Deadline Quickly Approaching

The application deadline for the October PTOE, PTP, RSP1, and RSP2 certification exam is **close of business, July 23rd**. All applications must be received (not postmarked) in our offices by this date.

For the October timeframe, we will be monitoring the COVID situation very closely. As of today, there are no cancellations or delays.

You may submit your application electronically. To download an application, please visit the TPCB website and select the certification.

#### TPCB Website

### Solicitation Notice: Discipline Director Vacancy



*The original issue of this newsletter included the incorrect logo. This has been corrected. We apologize for the inconvenience.*

The Transportation Professional Certification Board has one vacancy on the board for Discipline Directors 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 directors' terms on December 31, 2018. 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.

The Certification Board shall have sole and complete authority, supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Corporation, its committees and publications; shall determine its policies and rules and changes therein; shall promote its objectives; may employ an Executive Director and such other employees as it determines; and shall supervise the disbursements of its funds. It may enter into contracts and sue or be sued.

The Certification Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it shall deem advisable, and may, from time to time, delegate or rescind the delegation of certain of its authorities and responsibilities to the Chair, the Executive Director, or others.

The Certification Board shall prepare an annual statement of the principal accomplishments of the Corporation and its financial operations. This statement shall be available to all Directors and certified transportation professionals.

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 [Jeff Paniati](#) to arrive no later than August 1, 2020.

## **TPCB Annual Business Meeting Scheduled for July 16**

Please join the TPCB Board for the Annual Business meeting on July 16 from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. ET. The meeting will happen virtually this year.

The agenda is as follows:

- Welcome and Introduction
- TPCB Updates
  - PTOE/PTP/RSP
  - RSP Saudi Arabia
  - Accreditation
  - Database Integration



To join the meeting, please use the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)  
[Learn more about Teams](#) | [Meeting options](#)

## We Want to Hear How Being Certified Has Helped You



We are seeking testimonials from PTOE, PTP, RSP1, and RSP2 certified individuals on how receiving these certifications have personally improved your career and/or personal development. These testimonials will be used in future marketing materials for certification. Please send your testimonials (50-75 words), along with a preferred profile photo, to [Pam Goodell](#).

## Interview with Steve Manhart, P.E., PTOE, TPCB Board Member



**TPCB:** How long have you been a TPCB board member?

**Steve:** I joined the Board in 2019. This is the middle year of my three-year term.

**TPCB:** Why is certification so important?

**Steve:** I think the better question is how can certification not be important to one's career?!? I believe that certification gives both the transportation professional and the clients/agencies with whom we work an added measure of assurance that we have attained a high level of skill and proficiency in our field.

Further, our certifications provide us instant recognition as experts in traffic, transportation and/or safety when proposing for projects, solving problems, preparing plans and studies, or meeting with concerned stakeholders.

**TPCB:** Has being certified helped you?

**Steve:** Most definitely! I was an early proponent of certification, having attained my PTOE in 2001. I gained my PTP in 2007, and just earned my RSP1 earlier this year. Throughout my career, I have worked for a variety of agencies and companies. In each of these positions, my employers looked at my certifications as benefits -- both in terms of affirming my expertise, but also in terms of marketing and pre-qualification for various work tasks and job skills achieved.

**TPCB:** How do you think this may help the careers of others?

**Steve:** Professional certification is more than just letters added to the end of your name. It reflects a documented measure of success, as established by an internationally recognized professional certification board.

It also reflects professional maturity. Becoming certified as a PTOE, PTP or RSP proves that the certificant has worked in the industry, gathered real-world experience and has garnered a level of professional excellence that is recognized by others in the transportation and safety fields.

Considering all of the challenges our world faces in terms of transportation and safety, I believe that the future will require professionals who are in step with the state-of-the-practice and who are recognized for their expertise. The TPCB will work to ensure that certification programs are in line with the latest advances in technology and trends, so that our profession will benefit from certifying leaders in our field both now and into the future.

## **Jeff Paniati Serves as Panelist during the Lifesavers Kick-Off Webinar Series**

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Lifesavers Conference, hosted by the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, was transitioned to a webinar series.

ITE Executive Director and CEO, Jeff Paniati, joined Hillsborough MPO Executive Director Beth Alden, and NYC DOT Assistant Commissioner Kim Wiley-Schwartz on the series' kick-off webinar to discuss how to effectively implement Vision Zero and to provide lessons learned from current established programs. Jeff also spoke about the road safety professional certification.

A link to this webinar is below.

### **Listen to Lifesavers Kick-Off Webinar**

## **Webinar Focuses on the Benefit of Being Certified**



On June 26, **Carrie Falkenrath, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP1**, **David Petrucci, P.E., PTOE, RSP2I**, **Dan Hardy, P.E., PTP**, and **Deborah Snyder, P.E., PTOE** spoke about how certification has helped with their professional and personal development as well as shared their input on how they prepared for the exam.

TPCB Certification Program Manager, **Ann O'Neill**, and ITE Marketing Senior Director, **Pamela Goodell**, provided an overview of administrative aspects of the certifications, including deadlines, renewals, and audits.

If you have a friend or colleague considering PTOE, PTP, RSP1, or RSP2 certification, encourage them to listen to this webinar.

The next certification webinar is scheduled for October 20, 2020.

### **Stream the Certification Webinar**

**Plus! Access the Webinar on How and Why to Become a Certified Road Safety**

## Virtual Opportunities to Earn PDH Credits to Renew Your Certification

Below is a list of professional development webinars from ITE that offer PDH credits.

[Traffic Analysis, Modeling and Simulation: Roundabouts, Ethics and Managing Stakeholder Expectations](#)

July 9, 1.5 PDH Credits

[Clear Signals 101](#)

July 15, 1.5 PDH Credits



**Plus! The upcoming ITE 2020 Annual Meeting and Exhibition offers attendees can earn up to 22 PDHs during the live event and up to 67 PDHs by accessing the on-demand content (available through October). This is enough to meet the certification renewals for most certifications.**

**ITE is offering significantly discounted registration rates through the early bird deadline of July 15.**

[Learn More about the ITE 2020 Annual Meeting and Exhibition](#)

## Important Recordkeeping and Audit Information

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 worked with its psychometrician to determine that percentage and TPCB has implemented a policy in which 20% of application materials will be audited.

In the event you are audited, you must be able to show evidence as noted above to support the minimum number of certification hours required for renewal. ITE has set up the [Professional Development Record Keeping System](#) as a tool for transportation professionals to keep track of PDH credits earned. Units of activities entered in a log will be converted into Professional Development Hours (PDHs). Supporting documentation should be maintained and can be stored in the system. The log created by the ITE Professional Development Record Keeping System conforms to the guidelines set forth by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

[Learn More about Renewal Requirements and Audit Information](#)