

## Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.



### TPCB Exam Schedule



**Computer-based exams for PTOE, PTP, RSP1, and RSP2 may be taken during the following time frames:**

**February 1 to 28, 2020 - application deadline is Dec 5, 2019**

**June 1 to 30, 2020 - application deadline is April 4, 2020**

There are three exam periods throughout the year: February, June, and October. For deadline information, click [here](#) and for information about exam locations, click [here](#).

**For the October 2019 exam**, there are **108** individuals signed up for the PTOE certification exam, **24** individuals for the PTP certification exam, **94** individuals for the RSP1 certification exam, and **68** individuals for the RSP2 exam. We are excited about the number of participants for this RSP2 exam, as it is the first time it is being offered.

## 2019 TPCB Board Meeting Summary

**The TPCB board meeting took place in Austin, Texas this past July. The following are a few summarized items from the agenda:**

- The RSP2 development is on track, recently completing item development/exam assembly and review. The first exam for RSP2 is scheduled for October 2019. ITE contracted Steve Lavrenz and Bob Scopatz to develop refresher courses for the Infrastructure and Behavioral specialties. Those webinars are planned to be released in August 2019. Jeff Paniati added that for those who take RSP2, Level 1 will become subservient to Level 2 with the renewal date aligning with the Level 2 certification date.
- ITE chief operating officer Kathi Driggs reported that the continuation of Policy and Procedures are updated and language for the RSP certification program was also added.
- *ITE Journal* senior editor Holly Stowell updated the board on newsletter highlights, including

Terecia Wilson's article for the Road Safety Professional. Ms. Stowell mentioned that the *ITE Journal* is always looking for ideas to promote the certification programs.

- ITE senior marketing director Pam Goodell reminded the board of the overall marketing plan to support the certification programs separately. Recently, flyers were developed for each program, and promotional emails are being sent out encouraging individuals to take the exam.
- For #ITEAustin2019, the TPCB Booth received a facelift with banners and balloons, celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PTOE exam. Attendees also received an email invitation to visit the booth if they had specific program questions.

## TPCB Board Member Profile: Earl E. Newman, PTOE, PTP, RSP1 (M)

In this month's board profile, TPCB board member Earl Newman discussed how TPCB certifications have enhanced his professional credentials while working as a city traffic engineer, a transportation consultant, adjunct professor, and expert witness. While certifications assist transportation professionals in myriad ways, Earl explains specifically how they have enhanced his professional life.



### **How do you feel certifications have boosted your career?**

Certifications have set me apart from others and opened career advancement and opportunities. I obtained my PTOE certification in 1999, which proved to be an important credential in support of service as ITE International President in 2007.

In 2010, I added the PTP Certification. As a traffic engineer, I have been pigeonholed as only having interested in moving vehicular traffic. I wanted to demonstrate that I have transportation planning abilities to support my ability to design for all users. After becoming an adjunct professor teaching Transportation Engineering for Missouri University Science and Technology and expanding my opportunities to be an expert witness, it was important to me to obtain the RSP1 certification in 2018.

### **Will you take the new RSP2 certification exam this year?**

Yes, I will be taking the first exam for the RSP2 certification (Infrastructure Specialty) this October.

### **Why do you feel certification has been an important part of your professional development and do you believe becoming certified is something that may prove helpful to others in their transportation engineering careers?**

Transportation engineering is my passion and I want to be the best transportation engineer I can be. It has been important for me to be as well-qualified in transportation engineering as the consultants are who would submit plans to my agency for approval.

It was also important in the selection of transportation engineering consultants to demonstrate advanced TPCB certifications in their statement of qualifications. I have observed how certifications have helped to develop leadership skills in our members. Young engineers who want to serve in higher positions of responsibility in ITE will find that certifications set them apart. I have found certifications are an investment well worth the cost and this investment reflects my commitment to the profession.

### **How has your experience been during your time on the TPCB Board of Directors?**

It has been a high honor to serve on the TPCB board of directors for the last 5 years. I take pride in knowing that I am equipped to make a difference in the transportation system for all users.





# Upcoming RSP Level 2 Webinars:

**RSP (Level 2) Infrastructure Specialty Modules 3,4,5 --- Live Q & A with Instructor**

October 3, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

**RSP (Level 2) Infrastructure Specialty Modules 6,7,8 --- Live Q & A with Instructor**

October 4, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

## Refresher Courses Now Available!

### **PTOE, PTP, RSP Level 1, and RSP Level 2 (Behavioral and Infrastructure Specialties) Refresher Courses and Practice Exams**

ITE provides a full suite of preparatory materials for the upcoming October 2019 certification exams.

[PTOE Refresher Course](#)

[PTOE Practice Exam](#)

[PTP Refresher Course](#)

[PTP Practice Exam](#)

[RSP1 Refresher Course](#)

[RSP1 Practice Exam](#)

[RSP2 Behavioral Refresher Course](#)

[RSP2 Behavioral Practice Exam](#)

[RSP2 Infrastructure Refresher Course](#) (plus Live Q&A webinar - see schedule above for dates and times.)

## TPCB Snapshots from #ITEAustin2019



Joe Balskus, P.E., PTOE (right), was the recipient of the Harvey B. Boutwell Award for Distinguished Service, presented by Mr. Gordon E. Meth, P.E., PP, PTOE, PTP, RSP1.



Dr. Benjamin Colucci-Rios, P.E., PTOE, giving a big thumbs up during at the TPCB booth at the #ITEAustin2019.



Richard F. Beaubien, P.E., PTOE, RSP1 (left) and Dr. Kenneth W. Ackeret, P.E., PTOE, visit the TPCB booth.