## Welcome to the Texas Board of Professional Engineers' (TBPE) Quarterly Board e-Newsletter!

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication between TBPE and license holders, an email notice will be sent out after each Quarterly Board Meeting with news, highlights, and updates on Board activities. This e-Newsletter is in addition to the yearly paper newsletter.

## **Highlights:**

- The 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session is in full swing and is promising to be an extremely busy session as state leaders tackle important issues. We are tracking a significant number of bills related to engineering and have posted links to a number of these on our Web site.

  http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/legislature 82.html
- The Board held its February 2011 meeting at the Board office in Austin, TX. To view the meeting agenda and to listen to recordings of the meeting click here:
   <a href="http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/vid/021711/021711.htm">http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/vid/021711/021711.htm</a>

   Note that you can earn continuing education credit as self-study for watching Board meetings.
- One rule change was adopted at the February meeting: 133.27 which clarifies international licensure temporary licensure requirements and how to apply. The rule was posted for public comment, heard by the Board and adopted at the meeting.

  <a href="http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/temporary">http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/temporary</a> international licensure.htm
- Also, several enforcement actions were taken against individuals and engineering firms. For more information about these cases, <a href="http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/da/da021711.html">http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/da/da021711.html</a>.
- Our fiscal year 2011 is off to a great start for outreach for continuing education and ethics. Engineering Week in February led to some great outreach at schools in early March in Austin by a number of engineers including TBPE staff. If you are interested in having a representative from the Board visit with your organization, company, or university to make presentations on ethics, licensure, enforcement, or any other issue relating to professional engineering in Texas, please contact our outreach coordinator Dorothy Gonzales at dorothy.gonzales@tbpe.state.tx.us.
- In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, TBPE has added new options to keep you up-to-date with the Board. You can now follow us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, and via an <a href="RSS feed">RSS feed</a>. Join today!

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