

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 of the 82nd Regular Legislative Session

- **Architects and Engineers:** House Bill 2284 by Hardcastle passed during the regular session and is intended to solve the overlap issues between architects and engineers. The bill clarifies activities that are engineering and architecture and creates a grandfathering provision for engineers that meet certain requirements. TBPE is working with the Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) on implementation and will be communicating new information as it develops. The language of this bill can be viewed at:
<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=82R&Bill=HB2284>.
- **Sunset Review of TBPE:** The Sunset date for the agency has been moved from 2015 to 2013. The Sunset Advisory Commission reviews specific agencies and programs and determines whether they are still fulfilling a public need or whether the agency should be abolished. TBPE will be working hard over the next two years to communicate how the agency protects the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the importance of professional engineering in Texas, and the innovations and important work of the agency.
- **For a complete update on bills tracked by TBPE,**
http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/legislature_82.html

Other Board Highlights

- The Board is announcing the deployment of a new system that allows individuals seeking professional engineering licensure to apply online through a secure and encrypted website. For additional information refer to this press release:
http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/downloads/onlineapp_press_release.pdf
- The Board held its May 2011 meeting at the Board office in Austin, TX. To view the meeting agenda and to listen to recordings of the meeting click here:
<http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/vid/051911/051911.html>. Note that you can earn continuing education credit as self-study for watching Board meetings.
- Rules proposed at the board meeting are now posted in the Texas Register and are available for public comment. The proposed rules will be considered for adoption at the next TBPE board meeting August 18, 2011. The rules are mostly housekeeping rules that clarify language around examinations, temporary foreign licensure, and the need to notify the board of a name change.
http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/proposed_6311.html
- Also, several enforcement actions were taken against individuals and engineering firms. For more information about these cases, go to <http://www.tbpe.state.tx.us/da/da051911.html>.

- Don't forget that if your firm or organization would like to have a presentation to earn the one hour of ethics continuing education, TBPE is happy to help arrange a presentation on your premises. Please contact Executive Assistant Dorothy Gonzales to make your request at outreach@tbpe.state.tx.us.
- In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and via an [RSS feed](#). Join today!

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