



## Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

Good afternoon:

You are being sent this e-mail because you are licensed by TBPG or have expressed an interest in TBPG activities.

**Recent Board meeting.** The TBPG Board held a full Board Meeting on May 2, 2014. In addition to the usual items of business, the following actions were taken by the Board:

- The Board reviewed TBPG Committee reports/recommendations for proposed changes to the TBPG's rules based on Committees' reviews of TBPG's rules, in compliance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 2001.039, that requires state agencies to review and consider for re-adoption each of its rules at least every four years. Some rules sections were recommended to be re-adopted with no changes, some rules sections were recommended to be re-adopted with changes, and some sections were recommended to be repealed.
- The Board approved the Committees' recommendations with some modifications for posting to the Texas Register for public comment. The public comment period will be opened for a minimum of 30 days. Please note that the TBPG Board is very interested in receiving public comments. The TBPG Board historically has actively listened to public comments and has made changes to what was actually adopted when it was warranted.
- A notice will be sent via e-mail (through this system) when the proposed changes have been published in the Texas Register, along with links to text of the submission on the Texas Register and on the TBPG website. All public comments should be in writing and submitted to the Executive Director.
- TBPG Committees plan to review public comments that are received when Committee meetings are held on **August 22, 2014**. More specific information regarding the agendas, start times, and meeting locations will be provided in early-mid August, 2014.
- The Board resolved ten complaint cases, nine of them by approving proposed Agreed Board Orders.
- The TBPG Board approved a draft Strategic Plan for 2015-2019, with a few minor edits. Once the minor edits and certain other updated information has been added, the Strategic Plan will be submitted to the appropriate state leaders; governmental oversight agencies; and posted on the TBPG website.
- The Board considered whether it would request any additional funding in the Legislative Appropriations Request for fiscal years 2016-2017. The Board voted to request its current budget, along with an increase in appropriation to increase the salary of the Executive Director.
- The Board reviewed written information and received a report on

progress on the implementation of Senate Bill 138, which requires the TBPG to post certain information on the TBPG website regarding complaints, provide a manner in which a person may file a complaint online, and provide training to staff of TBPG Board-identified state agencies on the TBPG's complaint process. SB 138 also requires state agencies to refer information to the TBPG when state agencies become aware of information that may indicate a violation of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act or TBPG Board rules.

The date of the next TBPG full Board meeting will be September 19, 2014.

Sincerest regards,

Charles Horton

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### **Justin McNamee**

July 31, 1958-April 18, 2014

TBPG Board Member Justin McNamee of Rowlett, Texas, passed away on April 18, 2014 in Dallas, Texas. Member McNamee was appointed to the TBPG Board by Governor Rick Perry in 2010.



Justin McNamee

McNamee was a senior schedule analyst for the Raytheon Company and volunteered much of his time to the benefit of many organizations, including TBPG and the State of Texas.

We are all deeply saddened by his loss.

More information regarding Member McNamee can be found [here](#).

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