



## TBPG Winter Newsletter 2019

### *Opportunities at TBPG*

#### *Opportunities to Volunteer!*

**Are you interested in sharing your knowledge, experience and expertise?**

TBPG is seeking volunteers to serve as Subject Matter Experts on Workgroups and Advisory Committees. We recognize that our license holders can provide valuable input and guidance on various licensing and registration issues throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to get involved and share your knowledge, experience and expertise with a minimal time requirement.

If you are interested, please send a message to:

[volunteer@tbpg.texas.gov](mailto:volunteer@tbpg.texas.gov)

Please include a current CV or resume as well as a statement of your area(s) of expertise so we can match you with future opportunities.



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

TBPG is seeking qualified candidates to fill a Compliance Coordinator position in Austin, Texas.

#### **Compliance Coordinator Job Posting**

This position performs licensing, compliance, and enforcement work related to the practice of geoscience in Texas and provides educational and outreach work on behalf of TBPG.

**Applications must be submitted through Work In Texas.**

[www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com)

### ***TBPG welcomes a new Board Member!***



**Mr. Edward F. Janak, Jr., P.G., CPSS**, of Fredericksburg, is a Soil Scientist. He is a past president of Professional Soil Scientists Association of Texas, and previously served on the national executive council of the American Society for Mining and Reclamation. Currently, he is the technical editor of the Soils of Mississippi Project for the Professional Soil Classifiers Association of Mississippi and a member of both the Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists and the Soil Society of America. He volunteers with 4H and Future Farmers of America. Mr. Janak received a Bachelor of Science in agronomy from

## TBPG's Appointed Chair

We are pleased to announce that current TBPG Chair Becky L. Johnson, P.G. was re-appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to continue in her role as Chair of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.



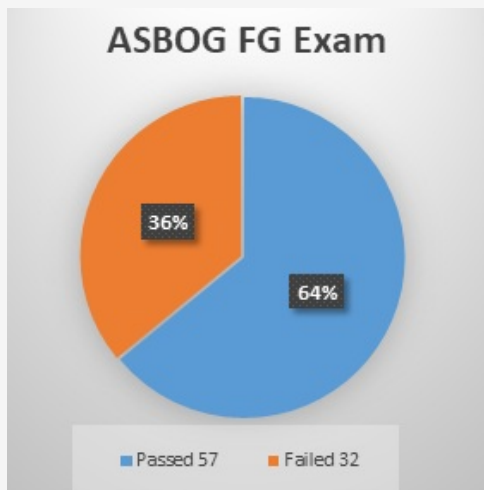
## Rollout of TBPG's new Online System

If you have logged into the online licensing system recently, you might have noticed some changes in its looks and format. TBPG's licensing database and online renewal system has now become part of an online database hosted by the State of Texas Health Professions Council (HPC). HPC and its team handles IT and other areas for many Texas state agencies. This rollout has been an extensive undertaking, but we anticipate fewer technical issues and increased reliability.

Let us know if you have any questions when you try it out! [licensing@tbpg.texas.gov](mailto:licensing@tbpg.texas.gov).

## October 2019 ASBOG Exam Results

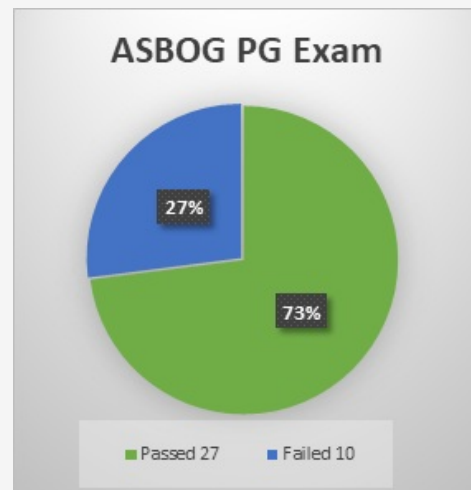
### ASBOG FG Exam



#### ASBOG FG Exam Results

Out of the **89 individuals** who sat for the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examination in October 2019, **57 passed** the exam for a passing rate of 64%.

### ASBOG PG Exam



#### ASBOG PG Exam Results

Out of the **37 individuals** who sat for the ASBOG Practice of Geology examination in October 2019, **27 individuals** passed the exam, for a passing rate of 73%.

## CURRENT TBPG LICENSE AND REGISTRATION TOTALS

12/1/2019

## Licenses, Registrations, and Certifications



## ASBOG Examination Deadline

The next ASBOG examination will be held on March 20, 2020.  
The deadline to submit your request to TBPG is 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2020.  
*For more information about the ASBOG examinations, please visit:*  
[Exam Information](#)

## Highlights from the November 15, 2019 Board Meeting

### Advisory Committees

The Board discussed the importance of continuing to identify opportunities to establish advisory committees. Currently, there are two recommendations:

1. Identify ways to strengthen current licensure and discuss additional licensing needs in the geosciences.
2. Identify impacts of eliminating geoscience Firm Registration in Texas as recommended by the Texas Sunset Commission.

### Texas Geophysics Examination

The Board reviewed recommendations from a recent workgroup made up of subject matter experts in the discipline of Geophysics. The workgroup was tasked with reviewing historical performance data on the Texas Geophysics Exam (TGE) to evaluate exam questions and the current set passing score. As a result of this group's intensive evaluation of the test's statistical data, the Board adopted the new set passing score of 78 for the TGE.

Additionally, the workgroup recognized the value of TBPG providing an opportunity to evaluate basic knowledge in the discipline of Geophysics similar to what has been available to candidates seeking licensure in other disciplines like geology. The Board agreed and voted in favor of creating the first ever Texas **Fundamentals** in Geophysics Examination. When this new exam is rolled out in 2020, it will allow individuals to test their basic knowledge, obtain a Geoscientist-in-Training (GIT) certificate and, if desired, provide a path toward achieving full P.G. licensure in the discipline of Geophysics.

### Waiver Requests

The Board received two applications for P.G. license, both requesting waiver of the ASBOG licensing

examinations. After extensive review of the TBPG waiver policies and the specific requests, the Board unanimously approved a waiver of the ASBOG FG and PG examinations for the first applicant, and a waiver of the FG examination only for the second applicant.

## **Proposed Agreed Board Orders**

Proposed Agreed Board Orders are disciplinary orders that were proposed by TBPG's Complaint Review Team, and subsequently agreed to by the Respondent of the Complaint. After review of the proposed orders, the Board approved the Agreed Board orders for Complaints #2019014 and #2019015, both unanimously.

## **Proposed Default Orders**

A Proposed Default Order is an order taken by default because the Respondent to a complaint did not respond to TBPG's notice of violation. TBPG rules allow for the Board to approved orders by default if certain legal requirements are met. The Board unanimously approved a default order for Complaint Case #2019011.

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## **Upcoming TBPG Meetings Austin, Texas**

### **February 20, 2020**

9 a.m. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee

1 p.m. General Issues Committee

3 p.m. Compliance and Enforcement Committee

### **February 21, 2020**

8 a.m. Financial Review and Strategic Planning Committee

9 a.m. TBPG Board Meeting

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We welcome any suggestions you may have to improve our service to this State, our license holders, and to the geosciences community. Additionally, we welcome any ideas or suggestions on information that would be beneficial to include in future newsletters. In that regard, please feel free to send any comments or suggestions to me by email at [rtruau@tbpge.texas.gov](mailto:rtruau@tbpge.texas.gov)

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