



# Management Messenger



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## 2010-2011 TCMA Committee Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve on TCMA committees from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. The TCMA committees include Professional Development, Membership, Ethics, and Advocacy. For current membership lists and a description of the responsibilities of each committee, please visit the TCMA Web Site at [www.tcma.org](http://www.tcma.org) and click on the "Committees" link.

The committees are composed of a chair and vice chair (TCMA Board members appointed by the TCMA president), 10 regional representatives (appointed by their respective TCMA regional presidents), and up to 15 volunteers.

The TCMA president will make the final determination of committee assignments to ensure statewide representation on each committee.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a TCMA committee, please submit your name and which committee(s) you would consider serving on to your TCMA regional president or Kyle Jung ([kjung@tml.org](mailto:kjung@tml.org) or 512-231-7450) no later than May 14, 2010.



The Texas City Management Association is pleased to send you this month's edition of the *Management Messenger*. It features recent changes in city management positions around the state, current job listings, names of new members, information about upcoming educational events, and news about our colleagues. This newsletter and past issues are also posted at <http://www.tcma.org/newsletter.htm>.

You play an important role in the ethics process. Acquaint yourself with the Code of Ethics at [http://www.tcma.org/dev\\_ethics.html](http://www.tcma.org/dev_ethics.html) and its Rules of Procedure for Enforcement at [http://www.tcma.org/dev\\_rules.html](http://www.tcma.org/dev_rules.html).

Please remember to browse through YOUR Web site, <http://www.tcma.org>.

If you have some interesting news that you would like to see included in the *Management Messenger*, please e-mail [messenger@tml.org](mailto:messenger@tml.org).

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## Management Transitions

**Glenn Brown** announced his retirement as city manager for the City of College Station at the end of 2010.

**Ronnie Cain** retired from his position as city manager for the City of Windcrest, effective April 1.

**Eddie Edwards** is the new city manager for the City of Borger, effective April 1.

**Jennifer Garver** is the new city manager for the City of Uvalde.

**Sheyi Ipaye** is the new city manager for the City of Forest Hill.

**Andy Joslin**, current assistant police chief, is the interim city manager for the City of Floresville.

**Jerry McGuire** announced his retirement effective April 30. Jerry is the current city administrator for the City of Conroe.

**Dion Miller** is no longer serving as the city manager for the City of Commerce. **Marc Clayton**, director of administrative services for the City of Commerce, was named interim city manager.

**Delmira Olivarez** is no longer the city manager for the City of Edcouch. **Robert Escobar** is the interim city manager for that city.

**Juan Jose (JJ) Rodriguez** is the new city manager for the City of San Juan, effective April 5.

**Bob Turner** is the new city manager for the City of Port Lavaca.

Visit [tcma.org](http://www.tcma.org) to see if you qualify for TCMA In-transition Services. For a list of current city management job openings in Texas, please visit [http://www.tcma.org/jobs\\_openings.html](http://www.tcma.org/jobs_openings.html).

## Memos on Meetings

The Legacy Leaders Task Force met on March 26 at the Texas Municipal Center in Austin. The Task Force is capturing historical documentation of forerunners to the council-manager form of government in the State of Texas. The final project will be available to TCMA members at the TCMA Annual Conference on June 24-27.

The Membership Committee met April 1-2 at the Texas Municipal Center in Austin. The committee interviewed candidates for the Certified Public Manager Scholarship and the Clarence Ridley Scholarship. Recommendations for scholarship recipients and Professional Awards recipients will be submitted to the TCMA Board on April 23.

## TCMA Annual Conference New Professional's Scholarship

The New Professional's Scholarship is designed to assist new local government management professionals interested in continuing their professional education and development to attend the TCMA Annual Conference. Up to five scholarship recipients will be selected each year by a panel of local government professionals. The scholarships include complimentary conference registration and reimbursement of up to \$500 for travel and lodging expenses.

### Criteria and Eligible Applicants:

- Must be a TCMA member.
- Must be employed full-time by a local government or related agency.
- Must be employed by the current employer for at least one year.
- Past recipients are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

An application is available on the TCMA home page at [www.tcma.org](http://www.tcma.org). The application deadline is May 14.

For more information, contact Kim Pendergraft at [kim@tml.org](mailto:kim@tml.org) or 512-231-7400.

## New Member Applications

TCMA Board policy requires that names of new member applicants be published each month in the *Management Messenger*. Any written objection during the subsequent 30-day period will be reviewed by the TCMA Membership Committee. If no objections are received during this time, the names will be submitted for Board approval at the next scheduled Board meeting. Written objections can be mailed to TCMA, Attention: Membership Committee, 1821 Rutherford Lane, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78754.

### Applications received for the month of March:

**Full:** **Jennifer E. Garver**, City Manager, Uvalde; **Kevin Hagan**, City Manager, Merkel; **Deck Shaver**, City Administrator, Moulton  
**Associate:** **Russell Dean Grubbs**, Water Utilities Manager, Nacogdoches; **Trudy Lewis**, Project Coordinator, Arlington; **Janay Tieken**, Grants Administrator, McKinney  
**Cooperating:** **Gregory E. Rose**, President, Member In-Transition, Rose Development Corporation  
**Student/Intern:** **Greg Hutson**, Student, University of Texas-Arlington; **Isaac Linton**, Student, University of North Texas; **Nathan Watkins**, Intern, Mont Belvieu

## City News

The City of Tyler is celebrating the 95th anniversary of the council-manager plan of governance on April 5 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Tyler Rose Garden Center. Terrell Blodgett will present a monograph on the history of the plan in the City of Tyler.



## Service Awards

The TCMA *Management Messenger* would like to recognize TCMA members who have reached service milestones. These individuals will be recognized at the TCMA Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on Friday, June 25. The service awards honor TCMA members who have been "Full" or "Associate" members and in full-time service as an appointed employee of a local government entity for a minimum of 20 years.

Although TCMA and ICMA are similar organizations, their criteria for service awards are not identical. To review the criteria, please click on Service Awards.

Listed below are the names of those persons who have been identified as meeting the criteria necessary to receive TCMA service year awards. Please review this list and contact Kyle Jung at TCMA (kjung@tml.org or 512-231-7450) by May 15 if you know of any deserving members who should be included or if you can offer any corrections to the list.

### 35-year Service Award

**Glenn Brown**, City Manager, College Station  
**Greg Ingham**, City Manager, Plainview

### 30-year Service Award

**Julie Couch**, City Manager, Rockwall  
**Andres Garza, Jr.**, City Manager, Wharton  
**Lanny Lambert**, City Manager, Leon Valley  
**Dion Miller**, City Manager, Commerce  
**Richard Rockenbaugh**, City Administrator, Spring Valley Village  
**Greg Vick**, Interim Assistant City Manager, The Colony  
**William Yenne**, City Manager, Lake Jackson

### 25-year Service Award

**Allen Bogard**, City Manager, Sugar Land  
**Richard Burdine**, Assistant City Manager, Abilene  
**Rick Cortes**, Assistant City Manager, Seguin  
**Robert Ewart**, City Administrator, Pinehurst  
**Doug Faseler**, City Manager, Seguin

### 20-year Service award

**Pam Burton**, City Manager, Athens  
**Kent Cagle**, City Manager, Duncanville  
**Steve Fitzgibbons**, City Manager, Port Arthur  
**Mark Hindman**, City Manager, North Richland Hills  
**Claude King**, City Manager, Lewisville  
**Paul Parker**, City Manager, Lufkin  
**Sunny Philip**, City Manager, LaFeria  
**Joseph Portugal**, City Manager, McGregor  
**Frank Simpson**, City Manager, Missouri City  
**Dennis Wilde**, Executive Director, Nortex Regional Planning Commission

## Sympathy

**George Dibrell** passed on Thursday, March 4. George began his career as the assistant city attorney for the City of Port Arthur and later served as city manager, retiring in 1990. George also served as the president of TCMA in 1979.

A private service was held at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas on Wednesday, March 10. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 6977 Main, Houston, Texas 77054; Memorial Hermann Hospital Heart and Vascular Institute, 7707 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77054; St. Mary Hospital, 3600 Gates Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas 77642; or the charity of your choice. Cards and notes can be sent to the family at 33 Cousteau Lane, Austin, Texas 78746. Please keep his wife Jean and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Tim Moss**, city manager of the City of Sweeny, passed away on Sunday, March 28. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Dennis Woodard** passed away on Tuesday, March 9. Services were held on March 11 at the Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel. Dennis served as city manager in many Texas cities and for the City of Hewitt for 23 years. Dennis retired in 2007.

Memorials can be made to Fuzzy Friends Rescue, P.O. Box 23406, Waco, Texas 76708 or the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, P.O. Box 91840, Santa Barbara, California 93190-1840. If you would like to send a message or memory to the family, they can be posted in the family "Memorial Guestbook" at [www.wilkirsonhatchbailey.com](http://www.wilkirsonhatchbailey.com). Cards and notes can also be sent to the family at 912 Oakmont Drive, Hewitt, Texas 76643.

Please keep his wife Jeannie and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

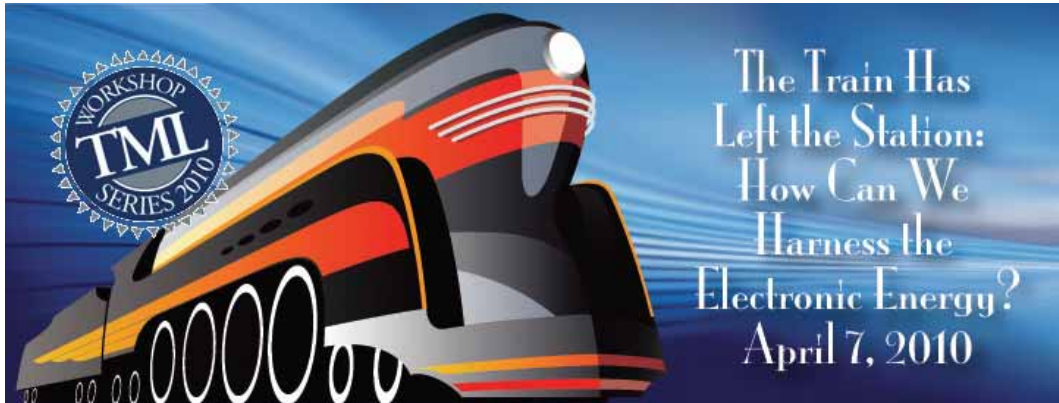
## TCMA Educational Event: Save the Date

Leading Texas Cities:  
**Recovery  
 In Action**



## TML Tidbits

Please make a note of these upcoming TML educational events:



The Train Has  
Left the Station:  
How Can We  
Harness the  
Electronic Energy?  
April 7, 2010

The Train Has Left the Station: How Can We Harness the Electronic Energy? Webinar, April 7



TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinic, Diboll, April 16, and Wharton, April 30



Going Green: A Showcase of City Programs, Austin, April 22-23

Annexation: Is It Really That Complicated? Austin, May 13

Planning and Development Regulations: What City Officials Need to Know, Austin, May 14

We also encourage you to visit the entire TML Web site at [www.tml.org](http://www.tml.org).