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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 and its Rules of Procedure for Enforcement at 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.

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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. **The application deadline is May 14.**

For more information, contact Kim Pendergraft at kim@tml.org or 512-231-7400.

2010-2011 Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Membership Committee reviews applications and interviews candidates for the Clarence E. Ridley Scholarship and the Certified Public Manager Scholarship. The TCMA Board approved the committee recommendations on April 23. The recipients will be recognized at the TCMA Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on June 25 in Galveston. Congratulations to the following individuals:

The 2010-2011 Clarence E. Ridley Scholars: **Judy Davila**, University of Texas-Pan American; and **Paul Fagin**, Texas A&M University, The Bush School of Government

2010 Barney L. Knight Texas CPM Scholars: **Stacy Buckley**, Human Resource Manager, Murphy; and **Murvat Musa**, City Administrator/City Secretary, Ransom Canyon

Election Results

On April 6, the election results were accepted by the TCMA Executive Committee. The following members will serve on the 2010-2011 Board:

President Elect:

David Landis, City Manager, Perryton
TML Board Representative (term begins October 29, 2010):

Randy Criswell, City Manager, Canyon

Vice President:

Bert Lumberras, Assistant City Manager, Austin

Management Transitions

Thomas L. Adams is the new city manager for the City of Pilot Point, effective May 10.

Robert Bradshaw is the new city manager for the City of Port Aransas, beginning in June. **David Parsons** is the interim city manager for that city.

Brandon Emmons is the new city administrator for the City of Bridgeport.

Randy Freeman retired as city manager for the City of Henderson. **Mike Barrow** (current assistant city manager) is serving as the interim city manager for that city.

Bryan Grimes is the new city manager for the City of Petersburg.

Lee Lawrence is retiring May 31 as the city administrator for the City of Princeton.

Deborah L. Loesch, TRMC, is the city administrator/secretary for the City of Hunters Creek Village.

Tom Mattis is no longer the city manager for the City of Kyle.

James Earp (current assistant city manager) is the interim city manager for that city.

William McDonald is the new city manager for the City of Marlin, effective May 10.

Roger McKinney, city administrator for the City of Slaton, announced his retirement, effective September 30.

Mike Mesa is the new city manager for the City of Elsa.

Gary Pelech is no longer the city manager for the City of Floresville.

Andy Joslin is the interim city manager for that city.

Scott Perry is no longer the city administrator for the City of Alvord.

Troy Powell is the new city manager for the City of The Colony.

Alan Taylor announced he will retire at the end of June as the city manager for the City of Amarillo.

Paul Virgadamo is the new city administrator for the City of Conroe.

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.



New Members

The *TCMA Management Messenger* welcomes new members. Their memberships were approved at the TCMA Board meeting on April 23.

Full: **Rick Chaffin**, Deputy City Manager, McKinney; **Jennifer E. Garver**, City Manager, Uvalde; **Kevin Hagan**, City Manager, Merkel; **Gregory W. Leveling**, City Administrator, Runaway Bay; **Leonardo Olivares**, City Manager, Weslaco; **Deck Shaver**, City Administrator, Moulton; **Donald R. Warschak**, P.E., City Manager, Columbus

Associate: **Guy D. Andrews**, Director of Community Development, Conroe; **Russell Dean Grubbs**, Water Utilities Manager, Nacogdoches; **Aretha Harvey**, Assistant to the City Manager, McKinney; **Tina Jauz**, Assistant to the City Manager, Midland; **Traci E. Leach**, Assistant to the City Manager, Farmers Branch; **Trudy Lewis**, Project Coordinator, Arlington; **Mary Ann Miller**, Management Assistant I, Longview; **Cynthia Raleigh**, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Managers, Schertz; **Brynn Reynolds**, Assistant to the City Manager, Temple; **Gina Roberson Rivon**, Assistant to the City Manager, Baytown; **Janay Tieken**, Grants Administrator, McKinney; **Jennifer Wichmann**, Administrative Services Manager, Arlington

Cooperating: **Leticia M. Callanen**, Consultant, Clipboard Consulting, San Antonio; **Octavio A. Garza**, Assistant City Engineer, New Braunfels; **Gregory E. Rose**, President, Member In-Transition, Rose Development Corporation, Cedar Hill; **Joe Tooley**, Attorney, Attorneys & Counselors, Rockwall

Student/Intern: **Mickey Ary**, Texas Southern University; **Jonathan Blackman**, University of Texas, Arlington; **Greg Hutson**, University of Texas, Arlington; **Isaac Linton**, University of North Texas; **Phil Wagner**, University of Kansas; **Nathan Watkins**, University of Houston

Meet Your Colleagues

The *TCMA Management Messenger* introduces and welcomes **Kevin E. Hagan** as the new city manager for the City of Merkel. Kevin's appointment began October 26, 2009. This is his first position as a city manager. Prior to his current position, he served as the public works director for the City of Clyde and worked nine years as an engineering assistant for the Texas Department of Transportation. Kevin started with TxDOT at age 17 and attended night school at Cisco College and McMurry University, where he obtained his B.B.A. in management. Kevin and his wife Kasi have been married for four and a half years. They have two children, Kalli and Will. His hobbies are hunting, coaching, golf, and any activity his children are interested in.

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Jay Stokes to his new position as city manager for the City of Deer Park. Jay's appointment as city manager began on April 1, 2010. Prior to his appointment, Jay served as city manager for the City of Gladewater. Jay also served as city administrator for the City of Jefferson and has worked for the cities of White Oak and Friendswood. Jay received his bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University in 1992 and his master's degree from Baylor University in 1994.

Jay and his wife Erin have been married 15 years and have three children—Aidan, Colin, and Jaci. His hobbies are distance running, travel, and enjoying time with his family.

Certified Public Manager: The Texas Model

An article was recently published in the *Public Administration Times* identifying Texas as "quickly becoming the 'cooperative' model for ASPA and CPM Programs across the United States." To learn more, please click on <http://www.aspaonline.org/scpm/>. The article can be found on pages 6 and 10 of the January/February 2010 issue.

Member News

Chris Reed, city manager for the City of Nassau Bay, assisted the League City police in an arrest. Chris witnessed family violence occurring in the parking lot of a Best Buy parking lot. He chased the suspect and held him with his knee to the man's belly until police arrived. Chris is a former police officer and a professional mixed martial arts fighter.

Sympathy

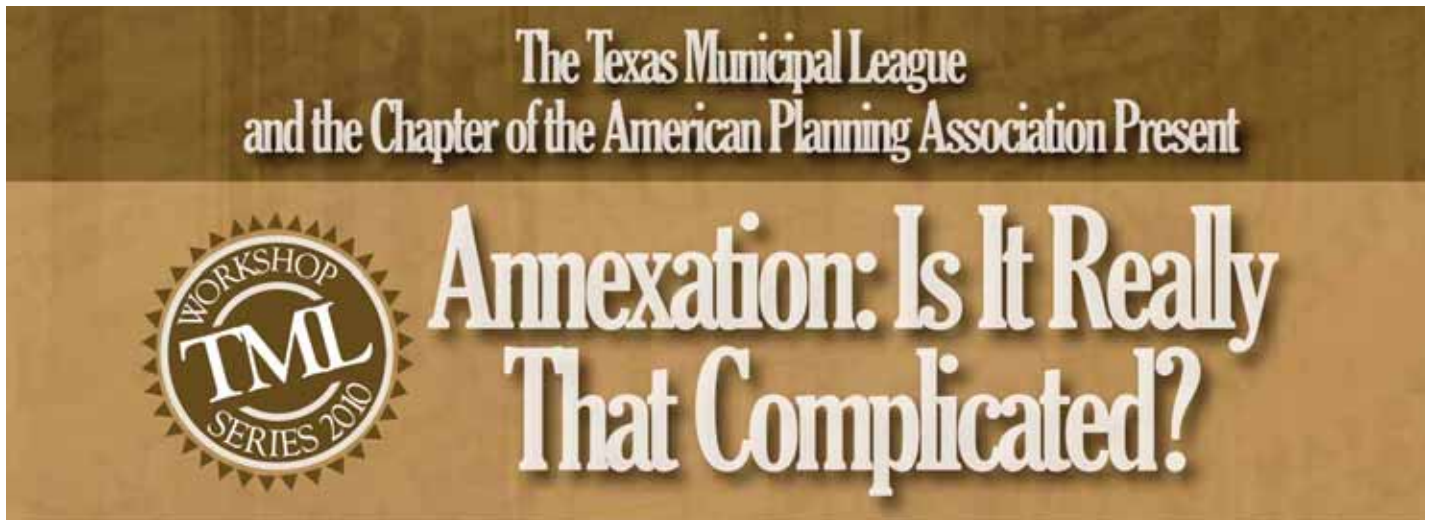
John Ware, former city manager for the City of Dallas, passed on May 1. John served as city manager from December 1993 to August 1998.

Memos on Meetings

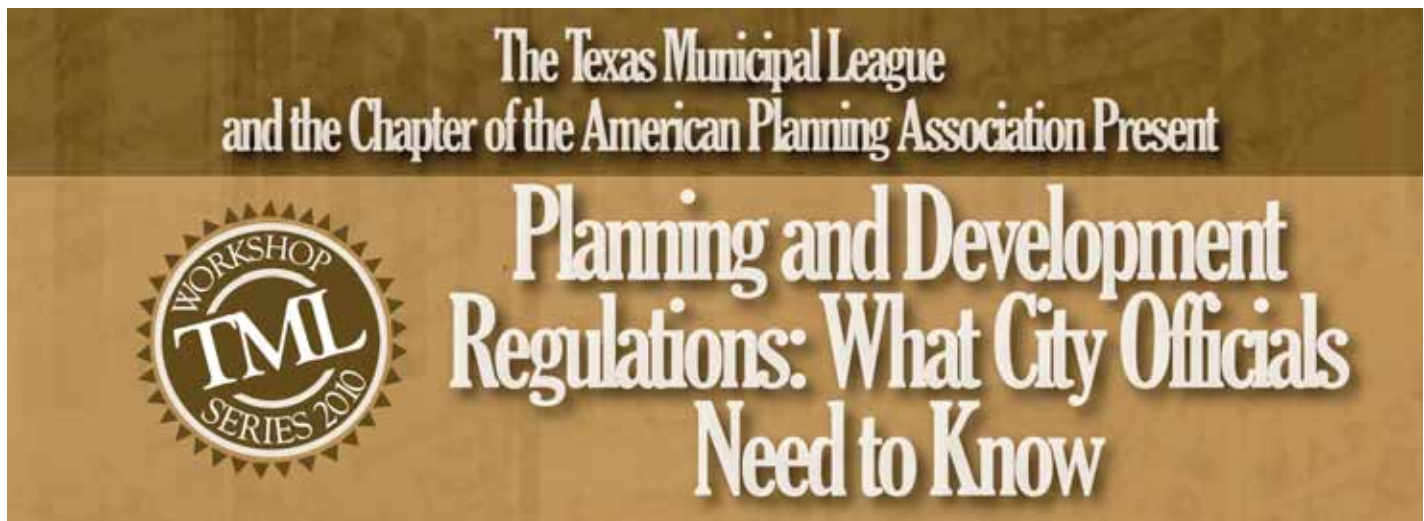
The TCMA Board met on April 23 at the Residence Inn-Marriott Hotel in Midland.

TML Tidbits

Please make a note of these upcoming TML educational events:



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.

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