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TCMA Statewide Offices

TCMA will be accepting recommendations for prospective candidates for the following 2012-2013 statewide offices: **president-elect, vice president, and TML Board representative.**

As you think about candidates for these statewide TCMA Board positions, we encourage you to consider the following factors: active involvement in TCMA, active involvement in the TCMA region, years of municipal government service, TCMA committee service, desire to serve, level of regional support, and prior TCMA Board service. The committee will consider each person's candidacy in light of the current composition of the Board and will strive to achieve a balance among such factors as geography, size of city, ethnicity, and gender.

See "TCMA Statewide Offices Election Schedule" on page 2 or click on TCMA Statewide Offices.



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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 Statewide Offices Election Schedule

January 3 – A sample petition for candidacy will be posted on the TCMA Web site.

February 28 – Membership recommendations will be received (either by U.S. mail or e-mail) through this date.

March 1–9 – The TCMA Nominating Committee will meet during this time to discuss membership recommendations, verify petitions, and identify, when appropriate, the committee's selection for the ballot.

March 12–April 2 – Ballots will be provided to the membership, including biographical information on each candidate and how he/she was placed on the ballot.

April 9–20 – A sub-committee of the TCMA Nominating Committee (appointed by the TCMA Nominating Committee chair) will canvass the votes.

April 23–April 27 – If a tie occurs, a **second** ballot will be forwarded to voting members this week.

May 4 – If a **second** ballot is necessary, it must be completed and returned to TCMA headquarters by this date.

May 7–11 – If a **second** ballot is necessary, a sub-committee of the TCMA Nominating Committee (appointed by the TCMA Nominating Committee chair) will canvass the votes.

June 9 – Election results will be announced no later than the annual business meeting during the TCMA Annual Conference in South Padre Island and through the TCMA online newsletter.

TCMA Board Announcement

TCMA Vice President **Julie Couch** is no longer serving as city manager of the City of Rockwall. In accordance with the TCMA Constitution (Article III, Sections 2, A (2) and 4), when or if the president, president-elect, vice president, TML Board representative, director-at-large, or immediate past president separates employment from their city or COG, they shall either resign from the Board or petition the Board to complete their term of office.

The Executive Committee has affirmatively accepted Julie's petition to complete her term as vice president. If you have any questions, please contact TCMA President David Landis at 806-435-4014 or dlandis@perryton.net.

TCMA Regional Board Members

The terms for Board representatives from TCMA regions bearing even-numbered designations will end at the TCMA Annual Conference in South Padre Island on June 10, 2012. Each of these regions is responsible for the election of its representative in accordance with the TCMA Constitution (Article III, Section 2, B). The name of the new regional director shall be submitted to the TCMA president no later than **January 31, 2012**.

Management Transitions

Ron Bottoms is no longer the city manager of the City of La Porte. **Stephen Gillett** is the interim city manager.

Brian Boudreaux will no longer be the city manager of the City of Giddings, effective March 15.

Kevin Carruth is the new city manager of the City of Rockport.

Ramiro Garza is no longer the city manager of the City of Edinburg. **Shawn Snider** is the acting city manager.

Bill George is the city manager of the City of Sachse.

Kyle Jung is the new city manager of the City of Manvel, effective January 16. Kyle will be the first full-time city manager for the city.

Michael Kovacs is the new city manager of the City of Galveston.

Ivan Langford is no longer the town manager of the Town of Little Elm. He will be the new general manager of the Gulf Coast Water Authority in Texas City, effective January 17.

John Moran is no longer the city manager of the City of Farmersville. **Benjamin White** is the interim city manager.

Juan Ortiz is no longer the city manager of the City of Elsa.

Chuck Pinto retired as the city manager of the City of Seabrook, effective December 31. **Kelly Templin** is the new city manager.

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.



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2012 TCMA Professional Awards and Scholarships

Each year, TCMA provides opportunities to recognize and honor colleagues and promote the ideals of the association through several awards. Please take time to review and promote each of these awards in your region. The deadline for application for each award is **January 13, 2012**. For more information and application forms, please visit <http://www.tcma.org>. Click on the "Programs" link and select the award you wish to view.

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 December:

Full: **Ryan Douglas Rapelye**, Assistant City Manager, Del Rio;
J. Scott Sellers, City Manager, Kilgore

Associate: **Yvonne Griffin**, Finance Director, Balcones Heights

Cooperating: **Jim Madewell**, General Manager, Lubbock County WCID #1

Member News

Ron Bowman, city manager of the City of Boerne, was elected to the American Public Power Association Board of Directors. The APPA is the national service organization for the nation's more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities that serve more than 46 million Americans.

Jason Gray, city manager of the City of McKinney, was appointed to the board of directors of the North Texas Commission, a regional non-profit consortium of businesses, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development entities, and higher education institutions in North Texas.

Leo Smith, city administrator of the City of Bangs, was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to two boards—the West Central Texas Regional Review Committee and the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council.

City News

The City of Midland was named one of the safest cities in the U.S. with a population of 150,000 or less. To read the full story, click on Midland Safe City.

The cities of Allen, Frisco, Sugar Land, and Round Rock were ranked among the safest cities in the U.S. with populations above 75,000. To read the full story, click on Safe Cities.

The City of Sugar Land was awarded the 2011 ICMA Community Sustainability Award. The award recognized the city for its multicultural program, which meets the needs of residents of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds. To read the full story, click on Sugar Land Sustainability Award.

The City of Southlake was ranked third for quality of life in the southern United States among cities with 10,000 people or more. The City of Colleyville ranked tenth. To read the full story, click on Quality of Life.

Sympathy

Lee Cole, wife of the late William "King" Cole, passed on December 24. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 4.

Bob Sokoll, former city manager of the City of Waxahachie and Life TCMA member, died on December 28. Bob is remembered by city leaders as an inspiring and honest man who looked toward the future. He was also a mentor and respected by those in the city management profession. A memorial service was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waxahachie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Waxahachie (512 East Marvin Avenue, Waxahachie, TX 75165) on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Call for News

If you have news to spread, a story to tell, or knowledge to share, please send the details to kim@tml.org. TCMA wants to share and communicate current stories and provide an outlet for its members to learn, discover, and stay informed.

Memos on Meetings

The Professional Development Committee will meet by conference call on January 17 at 2:00 p.m.

The Membership Committee will meet by conference call on January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board will meet on January 27, 2012, in the Luther Jones Room on the second floor of the Texas Municipal Center in Austin.

TCMA Educational Events: Save the Dates

Texas City Management Association William "King" Cole Session I, Austin January 26-27, 2012

Texas City Management Clinic, Salado February 16-17, 2012

Texas City Management Association William "King" Cole Session II, Lewisville March 22-23, 2012

Texas City Management Association Annual Conference, South Padre Island June 7-10, 2012

TML Tidbits

Please make a note of these upcoming TML educational events:

The Texas Municipal League Presents **Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) Workshop** *Compliance Information and TML Training for City Officials*

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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY • MARCH 1-2, 2012
(for small cities, population 15,000 and under)

PFIA ONLINE TRAINING

Members who choose the online option may enroll at any time and will have a full 90 days from the date of enrollment to complete the course.



Elected Officials' Conference

Sponsored by the Texas Municipal League and the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners

February 17-19, 2012

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk • San Antonio

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SMALL CITIES' PROBLEM-SOLVING CLINIC

February 3, 2012, Laguna Vista • March 23, 2012, Sealy
April 20, 2012, Muleshoe • June 29, 2012, Balmorhea

We also encourage you to visit the entire TML Web site at www.tml.org.

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