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Texas Legislative Update

The Legislative Session in Texas begins in **30 days**.

In the Texas House, the presumptive Speaker's back hall continues to take shape with the announcement of former Parliamentarian Sharon Carter joining Chairman Bonnen's staff to again serve as Parliamentarian along with attorney Hugh Brady.

Friday was the last day of early voting to fill the vacant Senate District 6 seat in Houston, and election day is Tuesday, December 11th. If no candidate earns more than 50%, the runoff will take place with the top two vote-getters.

The Texas Public School Finance Commission will this week to discuss legislative recommendations regarding school finance plans. More information about the upcoming meeting as well as all of the presentation documents may be found [here](#).

The Texas Railroad Commission will meet on December 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. for their final conference of the year. The Agenda may be found [here](#).

New Mexico Legislative Update

The Legislative Session in New Mexico begins in **37 days**.

State Sen. Carroll Leavell, a Republican state lawmaker from Jal who has served in the Roundhouse since 1997, announced his resignation Tuesday. This position will be filled by current Governor Susannah Martinez in the next few weeks after she receives recommendations from the Lea and Eddy County Commissions. To view an article regarding his resignation from the Hobbs News Sun, please click [here](#).



Recent Events

Stanford Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity Research Meeting

On Thursday, November 29, 2018, representatives from the Stanford Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity (SCITS) held the organization's 2018 Research Meeting in the Permian Basin at the Midland Country Club. PBPA staff and members were on hand to hear presentations and engage in discussions on research from teams at Stanford University, the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, and others. The meeting gave geologists, seismologists, other scientists and engineers the opportunity to discuss the complex nature of seismic activity, particularly as that activity relates to the Permian Basin.

Thank you to all those member companies who attended and engaged in the meeting. We are greatly appreciative to SCITS for holding their 2018 Research Meeting in the Permian Basin and look forward to continuing to work with the organization to provide for a better understanding of the seismic activity in our region.



Apache Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, November 6, 2018, PBPA Member Apache Corporation hosted a ribbon cutting for their new facility, showcasing their continued commitment to their employees, the city of Midland, and the entire Permian Basin. PBPA was honored to participate and join Apache while they opened Midland Building II, which includes additional office space, an early childhood learning center, health clinic, fitness facility, and café.

And a special congratulations to Apache employee, and PBPA Regulatory Practices Committee Chair, Mark Henkhaus whose recommendation, "Pump", was chosen as the name for the new Apache workout facility.

2018 Biennial Seismic Report

The University of Texas at Austin Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) recently released its 2018 Biennial Report on Seismic Monitoring and Research in Texas. The research going into this report was obtained through the Texas Seismic Monitoring Program (TexNet), which was created in 2016 by the Texas Legislature with a \$4.471 million appropriation from the State of Texas. With these funds, and other funds committed for the 2018-19 biennium, TexNet completed the deployment of the seismic monitoring network in the state, operated the network to detect and locate earthquakes, and performed research to better understand seismicity in Texas, including in the Permian Basin. The 2018 Biennial Report details the results of that research and discusses next steps for TexNet, the state and its regulatory bodies. For a copy of the report, please [click here](#).

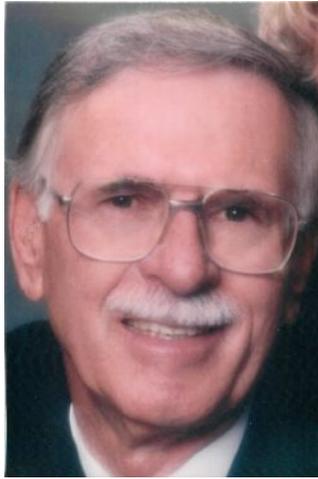


MOTRAN Annual Meeting & Permian Basin Coalition Legislative Outlook

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, MOTRAN (Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, Inc.) held its 2018 Annual Meeting at the Petroleum Museum in Midland. PBPA members and staff were on hand to hear updates from new Texas Transportation Commissioner Alvin New, originally from Pecos and a former mayor of San Angelo, on TxDOT funding in the Permian Basin. Those in attendance also heard presentations by Brigham McCowan on the Trump Infrastructure Plan, and John Stoodly, Vice President of the Association of Oil Pipelines, on Energy and Pipelines in Congress as part of the Permian Basin Coalition 2019 Legislative Outlook. At the event PBPA members CrownQuest Operating and Fasken Oil & Ranch received recognition for their efforts to improve information collection regarding freight traffic in West Texas, a vital need in support of the advocacy efforts to gain better funding for West Texas road projects.

We also wanted to let you know that several millions of grant funding has been approved from the federal government to pay for overpasses in the Permian Basin at State Highways 158 and 137 between Midland and Garden City as well as State Highways 302 and 115 between Kermit and Wink. These two areas were in desperate need of improvement and while the people of the Permian Basin are incredibly appreciative of the funding, there are many more projects that the PBPA will continue to advocate for whether through federal, state, or locals funds to improve the roads in our region.

In Memoriam



The PBPA family became a little smaller with the passing of Past President Robert Mitchell Orr of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Fondly known as "Grumpy", Mr. Orr, was a petroleum engineer by trade but an advocate at heart. Serving early on as the President of PBPA in 1968, he offered testimony on behalf of the Association before the United States Congress discussing oil imports. A South Texan by birth, Mr. Orr served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army stationed in Panama before graduating from The University of Texas, and traveling to West Texas where he began a lifelong career in the energy industry. His long career included serving on numerous state and national boards, as well as publishing articles in professional magazines. He is survived by his high school sweetheart of 72 years, Barbara Ann, two sisters, four children, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many more nieces and nephews. According to his daughter Patricia, "he approached his endeavors and experiences with humility, integrity, a sense of humor and a strong faith." He was 92.

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the Orr Family, and we join them in celebrating his life. His full obituary may be found [here](#).



UPCOMING PBPA EVENTS



The Permian Basin Petroleum Association is proud to announce our 2018 Top Hand Award recipient. The PBPA Top Hand is the highest award bestowed by the members of the PBPA, and one of the highest honors given to an oil man or oil woman in Texas. Being a Top Hand means that you exemplify all of the best qualities of professional and community service. The 2018 Top Hand Award recipient will be:

S. Javaid Anwar

S. Javaid Anwar, a renowned Pakistani American business man, first came to the Permian Basin in 1976, but his moment of truth and success in the oil and gas industry did not come until 1984 after he drilled and completed his first oil well in Kermit, Texas. Over the years since, he has grown his presence, reputation, and love for the United States, and the Permian Basin. S. Javaid Anwar has not only been successful through his professional endeavors, however, but has also become an image to admire in our community as an outstanding business leader and philanthropist. His support of the less fortunate spreads beyond the borders of the Permian Basin and goes even as far as his native Pakistan. He is a big supporter and proponent of organizations which help and promote education, help communities in despair, and provide charitable deeds to people in need.

We look forward to honoring Mr. S. Javaid Anwar at the Permian Basin 2018 Top Hand Award Banquet on January 17, 2019 at the Petroleum Club of Midland. For registration information, please [click here](#), or contact Jamie Ramirez at jamie@pbpa.info.

RRC Permitting Seminar

The Texas Railroad Commission is putting together a permitting seminar for oil and gas professionals in the Permian Basin on either December 11th or 12th, 2018. Your participation ensures that you have the most up to date knowledge of RRC initiatives and reminds the agency of our willingness to be good partners in resource development across the region. Please consider participating. More information and online registration is available [here](#).

Join us as we learn about the legislative outlook for the session ahead and get

the results from our recently completed regional traffic study. This event will be held at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum beginning at 11 AM on December 6, 2018. For more information please click [here](#).



ROAD CONDITIONS

As always, we encourage you to drive safe while in Texas and New Mexico. **Drive Smart, Arrive Alive.**

Click below to visit the Texas and New Mexico road conditions and advisory web pages and be safe on Permian roadways. **Remember: Turn around, don't drown.**



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