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## 2017-18 Topeka Chapter Officers

State Director: Scott Uhl  
Past President/  
Membership: Robert Koopman  
President: Lynn Berges  
Vice President: Dan Scherschligt  
Treasurer: Jason Hoskinson  
Secretary: Troy Bandy

## JUNE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

### ***Tour of Vanier Family Football Complex*** Manhattan, Kansas

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Starts @ 5:30 pm**

The Tri Valley Chapter of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers invites you to attend a tour of the Vanier Family Football Complex in Manhattan, Kansas. This may be the last time a tour will be granted to the general public so take advantage of this opportunity! Please let us know if you will need special accommodations for this tour as we want to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Please make your reservation with Jen Hancock via e-mail at [jenhancock@smhconsultants.com](mailto:jenhancock@smhconsultants.com).

Has your e-mail address changed? Please visit the NSPE or KSPE website, [www.nspe.org/membership/join-now](http://www.nspe.org/membership/join-now) or <http://www.kansasengineer.org/Membership/MembershipInformation.aspx> and update your contact information. To login, have your e-mail address and membership number handy.

If you have any questions, contact Troy Bandy by phone at (913) 998-7418, or by e-mail at [troy.bandy@terracon.com](mailto:troy.bandy@terracon.com).

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## Lynn's Lowdown - A Note From The President

As the KSPE year comes to a close, I would like to thank the Board for all they have done this past year. I would also like to thank you, the members, for all of the encouragement and support you have given me.

I would like to focus this article on going forward rather than it be full of retrospect. I would like to provide a continuation to the challenge I gave last year. Although it is not yet scheduled, our first chapter meeting will probably occur in about three months. I am challenging you to bring a prospective member to the meeting. (I am inclined here to include a statement of doubt to incite you to prove me wrong, but I will refrain.)



My goal with this challenge is to provide a starting point to double our active chapter membership. At the current time, only about 10% of the licensed PEs are members of KSPE. If you look at the numbers, this challenge and goal should not be too difficult to achieve with the number of non-members available. If there are ten engineers in your office, odds are you have nine people you can invite. If you have a small office, you probably know nine peers who do not attend our meetings.

I am looking forward to our final chapter event. Our joint meeting with the Tri-Valley Chapter that normally occurs in the spring was cancelled. We have kept having conversations with them and now have an event scheduled for Wednesday, June 20 to tour the Vanier Football Complex at K-State.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to serve you as a member of the Leadership Team.

**Lynn Berges**  
**KSPE Topeka Chapter President**

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## May 2018 Chapter Event - Joint Meeting with ASCE

The May 2018 Chapter event was a joint social event with ASCE and included a legislative update. We had a good turnout and the food was great (HHB BBQ)! The Kansas legislative update was provided by Travis Lowe, executive director, and Aaron Frits of ASCE provided an update of things happening at the federal level with ASCE's involvement.



There are only a couple of meetings and activities planned for the remainder of the 2018 year. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings. Please invite a friend and/or co-worker to an event to help us increase attendance and potentially increase the membership of the Topeka Chapter.

### KSPE TOPEKA CHAPTER 2017 – 2018 CALENDAR

Date	Speaker/Topic	Member Host	Time	Location
June 14, 2018	<b>Topeka Chapter BBQ</b>	Bob Koopman	5:30 p.m.	Lake Shawnee Yacht Club
June 20, 2018	<b>Vanier Family Football Complex Tour</b>	Tri-Valley Chapter	5:30 p.m.	Manhattan, Kansas

## NSPE - KS Annual Conference Awards

This year's NSPE – KS Annual Conference was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, Kansas. Congratulations to all of the Conference Award recipients from the Topeka Chapter!



**Outstanding Teacher:  
Danielle Lotton-Barker  
Southwest Middle School**



**Engineer of the Year:  
Travis Stryker, P.E.**



**Outstanding Teacher:  
Ryan Ritchey  
Shawnee Heights Elementary School**



**Special Recognition:  
Cory Schoffelman, P.E.**