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2017-18 Topeka Chapter Officers

State Director: Robert Koopman
Past President: Lynn Berges
Membership
President: Dan Scherschligt
Vice President: Jason Hoskinson
Treasurer: Troy Bandy
Secretary: Jeff Lolley

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Works Updates

Speakers:

Jason Peek, Director - City of Topeka Public Works
Chuck Soules, Director - City of Lawrence Public Works

Thursday, September 27th

Juli's Coffee & Bistro
110 SE 8th Ave., Topeka, KS

7:15 – 8:45 am
Breakfast Buffet - **\$15** per person

Please make your reservation with Jeff Lolley via
e-mail at jeff.lolley@bartwest.com no later than
noon on Monday, September 24th.

Has your e-mail address changed? Please visit the NSPE or KSPE website, www.nspe.org/membership/join-now or <https://www.kansasengineer.org/join-us> and update your contact information. To login, have your e-mail address and membership number handy.

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Lolley by phone at (785) 272-2252,
or by e-mail at jeff.lolley@bartwest.com.

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DAN'S DISORIENTING DISSERTATION

Greetings! How quick the summer has past us, it is on to Fall and to the busy schedules that go with it, school and all the activities, football!, and of course KSPE events. This year the Topeka Chapter Board of Directors decided to do something a bit different and have our chapter meetings bi-monthly instead of monthly. Part of that is respecting all the other activities that we are all involved with, and part of it is to try to boost the attendance at our chapter meetings. Included in this newsletter is the schedule of our upcoming meetings. We start with Public Works updates from the largest cities in our chapter region, Lawrence and Topeka. The meeting is a 7:00 breakfast meeting on Thursday, September 27th at Juli's Coffee & Bistro in Topeka with Jason Peek and Chuck Soules providing updates of what is going on in their cities. It is a great opportunity to not only network with your KSPE friends but also receive firsthand knowledge of what is going on in regards to public works in the area.

I look forward to serving you this year as your Chapter president. Hopefully by reducing the number of chapter meetings we will see more of you at our meetings. Make an effort to attend and I look forward to seeing many of you at Juli's on the 27th.

Dan

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KSPE TOPEKA CHAPTER 2017 – 2018 CALENDAR

Date	Speaker/Topic	Member Host	Time	Location
Sept. 27 th , 2018	Jason Peek and Chuck Soules Public Works Updates	Dan Scherschlight	Breakfast 7:00 – 9:00 am	Juli's Café & Bistro 1100 SE 8 th Ave., Topeka
Oct. 5 th , 2018	Engineers' Foundation of Kansas Golf Tournament	https://www.kansasengineer.org/EFK	9:00 am	Colbert Hills Golf Course Manhattan
Oct. 10, 2017	Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day	https://www.ksdot.org/events/PutTheBrakesOnFatalitiesDay/default.asp		
Nov./Dec. 2018	Legislative Dinner	Topeka Chapter Board	TBD	TBD
Jan. 2019	Future Cities Great Plains Regional		TBD	TBD
Jan. 2019	State KSPE UPDATE (Tentative)		TBD	TBD
Feb. 2019	Chapter MATHCOUNTS		TBD	TBD
Feb. 2019	E-Week Luncheon		TBD	TBD
March 2019	State MATHCOUNTS		TBD	TBD
March/April 2019	Joint Meeting with Tri-Valley Chapter		TBD	TBD
May 2019	Joint Meeting with Kansas Section of ASCE		TBD	TBD
June 2019	Topeka Chapter BBQ		TBD	Lake Shawnee
June 12 th -14 th 2019	KSPE Annual Conference			Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita

An excerpt from the most recent NSPE Board Update. Please find the report in its entirety [here](#).

Championing the PE License

A Lesson from Alaska: Effectively protecting the PE license is an effort that starts close to home. We need to respond effectively and with unity when a specific threat to licensure arises, but proactive measures applied early and at the local level can help prevent such measures ever gaining momentum.

I was reminded of this when NSPE government relations staff flagged (and immediately forwarded to our Alaska affiliate) a candidate questionnaire circulated by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, asking all the local candidates for office their positions on key issues and priorities, if elected. The completed questionnaires were published in the paper, to assist voters in the community make their decisions on which candidates to support.

The candidate questionnaire included “Name a specific program you would like to reduce or eliminate.” The candidate for state house district 6 answered: “I would reduce some occupational/professional licensing.”

It got me wondering how often members go to candidate town halls in their own neighborhoods or seek other ways to ask local candidates directly (and publicly) their position on the licensing of engineers. If the answer is neutral or negative, you’ve identified a target for additional education on the importance of licensure. If the candidate is elected, and as a result of your efforts is more aware of the nuances and importance of the issue, you’ve paved the way for a potential ally, if an anti-licensure measure should actually come before him or her in the legislature.