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2021-22 Topeka Chapter Officers

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Past President: Jeff Lolley
President: Calvin Reed
Vice President: Michael Ingalls
Treasurer: Jerry Younger
Secretary: Jason Peek
Membership: Will Pyles

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Works Update

Chad Voigt -Douglas County
Curt Niehaus - Shawnee County

Wednesday September 22, 2021
Time: 7:00 AM

Location: Douglas County Public Works
3755 E 25th St, Lawrence, KS 66046

OCTOBER MEETING - SAVE THE DATE 10/21

Technical Tour – Mid-State Materials
3:00 PM Thursday, October 21st
Social Event Afterwards -TBD

Please make your reservation with Jason Peek via
e-mail at jpeek@jeo.com no later than
noon on Thursday, October 14, 2021 .

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 Jason Peek by phone at (785) 224-9632
or by e-mail at jpeek@jeo.com.

A Note From The President

It is definitely that time of year...school is back in session, college football games are beginning to occupy my Saturday afternoons, and the days are getting noticeably shorter. The end of summer is at hand, and fall is just around the corner. With the change in seasons comes the change in leadership for the chapter and on behalf of the current officers I would like to welcome everyone to a new year for the Topeka Chapter of the KSPE!

While I was hoping to be able to write in my first message to you all about turning the corner on COVID and getting back to “normal”, it is obvious that we are not quite there yet. There have been many challenges in the last year trying to organize membership events. One event that was very successful was the Topeka Chapter steak fry in July. Many of you were able to attend, and you probably noticed many non-members or new members attending also. In total nearly 35 Engineers were in attendance, and a good time was had by all. I believe the number in attendance is a clear indicator that we need to gather together, share ideas, share experiences and generally enjoy each other’s company.

Recognizing this need, the officer team is diligently planning membership events for this fall and into the spring. While COVID is still throwing some uncertainty into our planning, rest assured we will have as many events as possible. We will also look at starting some new traditions, such as “Beers with Engineers” and other social events. Please look at the calendar, and if you have ideas on social events, technical tours, etc. we would love to hear them.

In closing, it is always important to remember the “why” for the existence of any organization. Social events and networking are extremely important for many of us, but without the mission they are somewhat hollow. I would refer you to the [KSPE Strategic Plan](#), and particularly the KSPE value statements as a reminder of this organization’s primary purpose. I plan to dive deeper into these values in future newsletters.

Once again on behalf of the 2021-2022 officers I look forward to seeing and interacting with many of you this year.

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**KSPE TOPEKA CHAPTER
2021 CALENDAR**

Date	Speaker/Topic	Time	Location
9/22/2021	Public Works Update	7:00 AM	Douglas County Public Works
10/21/2021	Quarry Tour / Social Event	3:00	Mid-State Materials
November/December (TBD)	Local Legislative Delegation & KSPE Presidents Meeting	TBD	Topeka

NSPE UPDATE

There has been a lot of activity on the occupational licensure front over the last two weeks, and your help at the state level will be needed to make sure our campaign to protect responsible professional licensing is necessary. Read more about this and other news in the latest NSPE report [online](#).

- Anti-licensure Rhetoric and the Need to Respond
- Pipeline Safety Progress
- AV Self-Assessments Not Enough
- Promotion of 15 Free PDHs
- Strategic Plan to Strategic Reality

Access NSPE leadership resources in the [Leadership Toolbox](#).