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## 2021-22 Topeka Chapter Officers

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President: Calvin Reed  
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## OCTOBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Technical Tour*

Mid-State Materials  
3:00 PM Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Social Event Afterwards -TBD

*Location: Big Springs Quarry  
2 N 1700 Road, Lecompton, KS*

Please make your reservation with Jason Peek via  
e-mail at [jpeek@jeo.com](mailto:jpeek@jeo.com) no later than  
**noon on Thursday, October 14, 2021.**

## DECEMBER MEETING - SAVE THE DATE 12/1

Legislative Dinner  
5:00 – 8:00 PM Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
Cyrus Hotel, Topeka

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 <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](mailto:jpeek@jeo.com).

## A Note From The President



It was great seeing some of you at the September meeting at the Douglas County Public Works Office. I would like to express my sincere thanks to both Curt Niehaus P.E. and Chad Voight P.E. for taking the time to speak to our group about the issues they are facing and what they are looking forward to in the coming months. I especially would like to thank Douglas County Public Works for the opportunity to meet in their beautiful building. I look forward to seeing more of you at the upcoming quarry tour to the Mid-State Quarry later this month. More details for this event are included in the newsletter.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter it is important to be reminded occasionally of the "why" of our organization, and I referenced the KSPE Strategic Plan and value statement inside. The first value states:

*"Protection of the public welfare above all other considerations"*

This is a pretty heavy responsibility. Consider all the influences for the decisions we make on a daily basis. Behind every decision, we need to remember the people it impacts. As a professional in the transportation industry, and as a public servant of the State of Kansas, this is a charge I don't take lightly. However, regardless of the industry you are a professional in, or whether you are a public servant, consultant or in industry the decision you as Professional Engineer make impact people! And we do a good job of this. Engineers are always near the top of every poll of "most trusted" professions. To continue that trust, we need to remember to use the best information we have available along with Engineering judgement to make decisions that put the public welfare first.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

Chad Voight spoke about current and upcoming projects with Douglas County Public Works, as well as some initiatives and priorities that his group is implementing across the county. Curt Niehaus spoke about some of the ongoing issues being experienced at Shawnee County Public Works, including challenges with workforce. Both mentioned how material prices are unpredictable right now and a challenge to their workgroups. Chad gave a tour of the Douglas County Public Works facility afterwards.



**KSPE TOPEKA CHAPTER  
2021 CALENDAR**

Date	Speaker/Topic	Time	Location
9/22/2021	<b>Public Works Update</b>	7:00 AM	Douglas County Public Works
10/21/2021	<b>Technical Tour</b>	3:00 PM	Mid-State Materials
12/1/2021	<b>Local Legislative Delegation &amp; KSPE Presidents Meeting</b>	5:00 - 8:00PM	Cyrus Hotel, Topeka