

## *Attention: Chapter Presidents & Engineering Ambassadors*

*Have you scheduled your Backyard B-B-Q with your state legislators?*

With term limits forcing change in the Ohio General Assembly, it is important that OSPE's chapters get to know their state legislators and develop trusting relationships with them.



### **Here's how you can hold a Backyard B-B-Q:**

#### **Date    Steps to Success!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Step #1** **Locate a member who is able to host a meeting on a back patio, deck, big family room, etc.** It is best if the chapter president or president-elect hosts the event. Set the date & time, or make it your regular meeting event.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Step #2** **Invite your local state representative or state senator to separate events.** This will help them get to know you better. Invite one at a time; don't double up in one evening. Tell them the reason you want to meet is to hear a "Statehouse Update," brief them on OSPE's main issues, get to know them, and explore areas where you might be of assistance to them.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Step #3** **Mail notices or invitations** to your chapter board and all of your members.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Step #4** **Take photos and take notes** of the legislators' comments & responses and send them to OSPE.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Step #5** **Send a thank you note to legislators** who meet with you. Mail them copies of coverage of the Backyard B-B-Q that gets published in your newsletter or the ***Ohio Engineer***. If you have extra photos, send them some.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Step #6** **If you need help**, OSPE will coach you on planning your Backyard B-B-Q. Just contact OSPE at [ospe@ohioengineer.com](mailto:ospe@ohioengineer.com) or 614-223-1144 or 1-800-654-9481!