

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 or 614-223-1144 or 1-800-654-9481!