The College of Engineering advisory council, or COEAC, is a group of industrial, business, legislative and professional leaders committed to the vitality of engineering education at Kansas State University. The council helps the College of Engineering strengthen its learning, research and outreach programs; improve its facilities; expand its base of support; and serve its alumni. Council members actively participate in the continual assessment of the college's progress and development of college/industry partnerships.

**COEAC responsibilities**

The mission of the advisory council is to —

- Advise the college leadership team on programs, policies and operations;
- Facilitate resource development through advocacy for state and federal funding, internal campus budgeting, and corporate relationships and private gifts;
- Assist with placement of students;
- Recognize achievement of alumni and other college supporters;
- Assist with publicity and public relations; and
- Promote a connection among faculty, students, alumni and industry.
Kevin Burke earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in business management from Kansas State University. Since joining the Burke Construction Group Inc. in 1989, he has held various leadership positions within the organization, culminating into his appointment as president and CEO in 2001. Serving southern Nevada since 1984, Burke Construction Group currently holds licenses/registrations in 26 states. Recognized in 2016 as one of the Top 4 Local Commercial General Contractors, some of the construction company’s notable clients include PIRCH, Walmart, Cashman Equipment Company, Barclaycard, SolarCity, Marnell Properties, MGM Resorts, Caesars Entertainment, Peccole Nevada, Focus Commercial and the Clark County School District.

Burke lends his industry knowledge through his membership on the board of directors for the Nevada Contractors Association and PIRCH — an experiential retailer and client. Previously the governor-appointed chairman from 2009–12, he continues to serve on the Nevada State Contractors board. Additionally, he is a member of several professional organizations including NAIOP, the World Presidents Organization and the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance.

Kevin Burke
President and CEO
Burke Construction Group Inc.

Stan R. Clark is a K-State graduate in agricultural engineering, B.S., 1967; and M.S., 1971. Prior to his retirement in September 2014, he was the engineering group leader of engines at AGCO Corporation, Hesston, Kansas, responsible for design, testing and manufacturing of engines for windrower and combine models. He previously served as engineering manager of windrowers, combines and cabs at AGCO. Clark has extensive experience in developing new products and holds 21 U.S. patents. He is responsible for the design of 11 agricultural machines, which have received the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers “Top 50 Awards.” He served on the K-State biological and agricultural engineering advisory council for three terms, serving as a member of the search committee for a new biological and agricultural engineering department chair, as well as the Seaton Hall remodel committee. Clark is also a member of the K-State College of Education advisory council. He holds lifetime membership in the K-State Alumni Association, and is a President’s Club member of the KSU Foundation.

Community involvement includes serving on the Hesston Planning Commission for 20+ years, U.S.D. #460 board of education, Hesston Child Care board of directors, Hesston UMC and volunteer work for Ethiopia Reads — a nonprofit dedicated to literacy for Ethiopian children.

Stan R. Clark
Engineering Manager
Mobile Products—Retired
AGCO
Jim Coen serves as vice president of MVP Holdings LLC, a diversified energy midstream company headquartered in Wichita, Kansas. MVP provides purchasing, aggregation, transportation, and storage solutions to oil and gas producers and other energy market participants throughout the Midcontinent region.

A native of Ottawa, Kansas, Coen earned bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering and business management in 1982 from Kansas State University. He began his career with Exxon Company USA in Midland, Texas, as a reservoir engineer in the Permian Basin of West Texas. After eight years of successive engineering roles with Exxon, he joined Koch Industries in Wichita, Kansas, as a pipeline engineer. Following stints in business development, market analysis and commercial marketing, he served as vice president of crude oil marketing for Koch Oil Company. After the sale of Koch Oil in 1998, Coen held various energy midstream roles with EOTT Energy and SemGroup Corporation before helping to form MVP Holdings in 2008, where he works today using his experience and expertise to assist with commercial marketing, trading and risk management.

Coen is married to Ann (Peterson) Coen, a 1982 graduate of Kansas State with a degree in education. They have three daughters who are also K-State graduates. The Coens reside in Wichita but enjoy trips to Manhattan to attend football and basketball games with family and friends.

Gib Compton is a managing member of Compton Construction Services LLC, a commercial general contractor in Wichita, Kansas. The company focuses on projects that involve design-build, new construction, renovations and restorations. Its construction projects involve industrial and hospitality buildings, churches, public and private schools, medical and assisted-care facilities, and retail and government structures.

A native of Wichita, Compton is a 1980 graduate of Kansas State with a degree in construction science and management. He began his career as a field engineer and project superintendent. He quickly moved into the office, gaining experience in operations, estimating and project management.

Compton Construction was founded in January 1997 with just one employee – himself. Today, he manages 20 employees as well as day-to-day operations. In recent years, completed contracts average more than $20 million, with projects located throughout Kansas and Oklahoma.

Compton takes time to give back to the construction industry and K-State in many ways. He is currently a member of the KSU Foundation board of trustees and athletic advisory council. Locally, he serves on the Wichita alumni board. He has served as a past member of the KSU Alumni Association board of directors, CNSM advisory board and co-president of the Wichita Catbackers Club.

He and his wife, Brenda, a 1977 graduate of K-State and retired teacher, share a passion for K-State. At the annual KSU Foundation board of trustees meeting held April 2017, they were awarded the Kansas State University Medal of Excellence recognizing exceptional service, leadership and philanthropic contributions. They reside in Wichita.
Darold D. Davis is a retired professional engineer with an accomplished career in transportation engineering in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Florida. A Kansas State University graduate in civil engineering, he began his career as a transportation engineer for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, also serving as assistant city engineer for Midwest City, Oklahoma. He was then hired as manager of engineering for Cunningham Consultants, Oklahoma City, from where he relocated to Tulsa to open and manage as president the Cunningham-Davis-Stoldt Tulsa office.

A program management consultant for the Sverdrup Corporation in Tallahassee, Florida, he relocated to Kansas to serve as president of Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers. Davis came out of retirement to join Garver in October 2003, leading the Garver Tulsa office.

His project experience includes the I-244 multi-modal, double-deck bridge over the Arkansas River; I-44 widening and interchanges; US 169 widening; US 400, US 75, I-70, I-135 and I-435 numerous interchanges and intersection layouts; I-44 Turner Turnpike corridor study; and the current Midwest City I-40 widening study. Several of these included city bypass routes with significant public involvement and justification studies. Professional affiliations include American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, and serving as an officer for American Council of Engineering Companies and Institute of Transportation Engineers.

He and his wife, Debbie, live at Grand Lake where Davis continues to consult for Garver.

Lynda L. Dawson graduated from K-State with a bachelor’s degree in nuclear engineering in 1983. After graduation, she remained at home to raise her three children. In 1992, she joined W.L. Cassell and Associates as a plumbing engineer and in 2000, switched to electrical engineering. In 2008, she was named an associate of the firm.

As a senior engineer and associate with W.L. Cassell, Dawson handles all phases of large and complex projects from preliminary design through construction observations, specializing in higher education, healthcare and government facilities markets. In addition, she was instrumental in the design of two Kansas City flagship projects — the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts.

Dawson has remained active at K-State since her graduation in not only the engineering department, but also the alumni association and athletic department. In addition, she has been active in her church, holding several board positions including board president. She and her husband spent several years as youth group sponsors, taking the group on various mission trips. She has also been involved in fundraiser events for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Dawson currently works part-time in order to spend time with her two small grandchildren and looks forward to her retirement later this year.
A native of Wamego, Kansas, Roger Farrell earned a bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, in civil engineering in 1975 from Kansas State University. He is currently chairman of the board of Intensity Midstream LLC, a private equity-backed natural gas gathering and processing company with significant midstream assets in the South Central Oklahoma Oil Province, or SCOOP, a top-five U.S. shale play. Prior to Intensity, Farrell was CEO of Xplorer Midstream LLC, a start-up gathering and processing company in the SCOOP; and prior to that, president and COO of Southern Union Gas Services, a $1.7 billion midstream business in the Permian Basin. Previously, Farrell was president and CEO of Enogex, a $1.8 billion natural gas pipeline company that owned both interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines as well as significant midstream assets. During his leadership, Enogex grew into one of the largest pipeline networks in the country. Earlier in his career, Farrell was responsible for engineering designs on a diverse set of projects including a jet fuel terminal, refined products pipeline, tailings disposal and water recovery system at a large open-pit copper mine, and a proprietary slurry fuel system aboard large crude-oil carriers. Farrell has been on the boards of directors of several for-profit and not-for-profit companies including, among others, Continental Resources, Oklahoma Energy Explorers, Infant Crisis Services of Oklahoma, Gas Processors’ Association, Southern Gas Association and Kansas Senior Living Inc. He and his wife, Trish, have five children and live in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Charles “Chuck” Grier has been president and CEO of UCI since 1991. After graduating from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in construction science, he began his career as a field engineer, working his way to project manager with a separate company before taking a position as general manager at Utility Contractors of Oklahoma Inc. He also graduated as a commissioned officer in the USAR-COE and spent eight years as a reserve combat engineer officer. Grier is a past president of state chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America in Kansas and Oklahoma. Within AGC of America, he has served on several committees and is a lifetime national director. In 2013, he co-authored the paper “Construction Kata: Adapting Toyota Kata to a Lean Construction Project Production System.” Over the years, Grier has been involved in the Wichita community, having served as president of the executive board of the Quivira Council-Boy Scouts of America and on a number of other boards, including the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Heartspring, Goodwill Industries along with several other chapters of local business-affiliated organizations. He currently serves as a director on a local/regional bank board. Grier was inducted into the Kansas State University Engineering Hall of Fame in 2015.
Kevin Honomichl, P.E., P.S., is president of BHC Rhodes, a civil engineering and surveying firm headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, that he co-founded in 1992. He received his bachelor’s degree from Kansas State University and master’s from the University of Kansas, both in civil engineering.

Honomichl began his career as a structural engineer at Black & Veatch where he performed structural steel design for power plant projects and led design projects for portions of AT&T’s initial transcontinental fiber-optic cable projects. He joined Ross Stephenson & Associates, Modesto, California, and continued his focus on fiber-optic telecommunication projects throughout the western United States. With colleagues, he launched Brungardt Honomichl & Company PA in June 1992, which they later rebranded to BHC Rhodes.

A 2011 graduate of Leadership Kansas, Honomichl served on the board of directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies-Kansas, including a term as national director, and is currently the group’s national political action committee chair for Kansas. He also chairs the board of directors of the Wyandotte County Economic Development Corporation, and has served 13 years on the De Soto, Kansas, planning commission, including three years as chairman.

Honomichl served on the K-State civil engineering advisory council and is a member of the board of trustees of the KSU Foundation. He received the Professional Progress Award from the K-State department of civil engineering and the Distinguished Service Award from Kansas State University.

He and his wife, Dianne Honomichl, P.E. (CE 1986), have one son, Mikolas.

Steve Johnson is vice president of government relations for ONEOK Inc., and is responsible for oversight of company representation related to state and federal legislative and regulatory activities for the 15 states where the company has operations.

Johnson began his career in 1975 as an engineer with the Gas Service Company, which later became Kansas Gas Service. In 1997, he was named executive director of rates and regulation for Kansas Gas Service. He also served as manager of government affairs for the company and was promoted to director of government relations for ONEOK in 2008.

Johnson has served as campaign chairman and president of the board for the United Way of Douglas County in Lawrence, Kansas, and has served on the board of directors for the Overland Park and Lawrence chambers of commerce. Recently he served as chair of the board of trustees for Leadership Kansas. He is a member of the Kansas State University Foundation trustees and the Kansas State University Alumni Association board of directors.

A native of Kansas, Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering in 1975 from Kansas State University and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1979 from Pittsburg State University. He is married to Ann (Oldfield) Johnson, a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in early childhood education, and both of their children, Lesley and Christopher, are graduates of Kansas State University.
Warren Kennedy joined Burns & McDonnell in 1990 and was named senior vice president of Houston operations for the process and industrial division in 2014. Prior to this, he had spent more than nine years as director of business development for P&I, where he contributed greatly to the diversification and success of the group in the oil and gas, chemical, biofuel, and food and consumer product industries. Kennedy joined the company as a process engineer following graduation from K-State. After six years, he transferred to the project management department, and spent eight years as a project engineer and project manager. He was named director of business development in January 2005 and promoted to vice president in 2008. In 2014, he relocated to Houston, Texas, and was named senior vice president.

Holding a seat on the board of directors of the Engineering and Construction Contracting Association, he is also a member of AICHE and NSPE. He has been active in the Construction Industry Institute and has served on the K-State chemical engineering department advisory board, including a term as chairmain. In 2010, he was honored by K-State College of Engineering with the Professional Progress Award. Kennedy received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1990, and a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Kansas in 1995.

Kennedy and his wife, Gisela, have two children, Cameron and Brianne, both pursing studies at K-State. He and his wife are avid sports fans, holding season football tickets for the K-State Wildcats.

Mike King is region director for Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc. Based out of corporate headquarters in Park City, Kansas, he provides leadership and oversight to 16 store locations in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and western Missouri.

King previously served as secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation since March 2012 and as director of the Kansas Turnpike Authority since July 2013. He led more than 2,700 employees; oversaw more than 10,000 miles of highway; and was responsible for the state's aviation, rail and transit programs. He served on the board of directors of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and as president of the Mid-American Association of State Transportation Officials.

A Hesston native, he comes from a family of builders. In 1992, King purchased King Enterprise Group, a general contractor in the oil/gas industry, from his father, later selling the company when he became a member of the Governor's cabinet. In 2016, King was listed as "50 Kansans to Know" by Ingram's Magazine, in recognition of the hard work and devotion he has given to his career and the state of Kansas.

He earned a building construction degree in 1981 from John Brown University, Siloam Spring, Arkansas, where he sits on the school's board of trustees and formerly served as chair of the endowment committee.

King and his wife, Peggy, have four grown children, two of whom graduated from Kansas State University.
Mark Nyquist, P.E., is the CEO of DynaTen Corporation—a mechanical contracting, service and engineering company located in the center of Dallas-Fort Worth. DynaTen’s market is centered on large healthcare infrastructure projects, hospitality, high-rise living units, offices and industrial projects.

Nyquist graduated from K-State with a Bachelor of Science degree in construction science in 1980. He began his career in the engineering design and consulting business in Houston, Texas, and then pursued a career in the mechanical contracting business, beginning in 1982 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He joined DynaTen in 1994 as the chief operating officer leading all engineering, pre-construction estimating and construction operations in the company. He became the chairman and CEO of DynaTen in 2004. In 2014, Nyquist led the company through a merger with Comfort Systems U.S.A., a publicly traded mechanical contracting and service business that operates in 80 cities throughout the U.S. and employs more than 8,000 people.

Nyquist and his wife, Jody, have two daughters and two grandsons, and live in Colleyville, Texas, in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

Robert W. Reichenberger is the president and founder of Solar Prime LLC, a Colorado-based renewable energy development and services company that he started in 2012. While heading up Solar Prime, he has led the development and sale of multiple large-scale solar projects, including two 180MW and one 48MW, both in Texas. Through Solar Prime’s services group, he created asset management platforms and conducted in-depth, solar project investment due-diligence for financing firms.

Prior to this, as the head of SunEdison’s utility business in North America, Reichenberger led a $400M P&L responsible for securing and executing solar power projects. Before embarking on his renewable energy career, he spent 16 years in the telecom industry in various sales and operations leadership roles. Reichenberger holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering with honors from Kansas State University and an MBA from the University of Colorado. He lives in Denver, Colorado, with his wife, Becca, and two dogs. He enjoys food and wine, snow skiing, hiking and various other outdoor activities.
Mark Schonhoff retired from Cerner Corporation in January 2015 as a vice president in its RevWorks Intellectual Property organization. In that role, he was responsible for leading Cerner’s development efforts related to its revenue cycle solutions. He worked closely with a team of industry experts who focus on defining the roadmap for the software development organization and ensuring the engineering team delivers world-class software.

Schonhoff joined Cerner in 1988 as an application developer. He quickly moved into an engineering leadership position as Cerner began offering a patient management solution. He became an engineering director when Cerner moved into the health information management area. Since then he has held a number of engineering executive positions across a variety of Cerner organizations.

Schonhoff earned a bachelor’s degree in computer science from Kansas State University in 1988.

Sabrina Schriner graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. She began her career at Texas Instruments’ defense systems division as a guidance and control engineer, designing closed-loop control algorithms while validating a highly complex six-degree-of-freedom simulation. She then led the test and evaluation program to successful acceptance.

Schriner was recruited to General Electric where she held several leadership roles. As system engineering leader for its transportation division, she was responsible for the development life cycle of safety-critical rail control systems. Schriner then joined the GE capital division’s leadership team, responsible for management of a $9 billion reinsurance asset that required coordination with global leaders in multiple legal entities. Next, she was promoted to quality leader of GE environmental services division, formed from multiple acquisitions in various stages of integration. She was responsible for the quality of a worldwide portfolio of emissions-control technology with remote monitoring and diagnostics services. Meanwhile, she completed her master’s degree in engineering management.

She was recruited to Microsoft Corporation as senior director, where she delivered revenue and productivity gains by implementing strategic programs across global sales and services. Her portfolio included expansion of the partner ecosystem, increasing deal velocity for enterprise agreements and enhancing customer experience within teleservices.

Schriner then founded Business Excellence Consulting Inc., which specializes in delivering measurable revenue growth through business analytics and advanced process performance. She and her husband enjoy scuba diving and skiing in the Seattle area with their sons.
Mitch Snyder was named Bell Helicopter’s president and chief executive officer in October 2015. Snyder joined Bell Helicopter in 2004 and has held several leadership positions with the company. Most recently he served as executive vice president, military business, where he was responsible for providing strategic direction, overall management and performance for all government programs. Throughout his career at Bell Helicopter, he has led a number of the company’s most strategic initiatives, including overall direction of the V-22 Osprey program. Snyder has more than 30 years of experience in the aerospace and defense industry. Prior to joining Bell Helicopter, he held several leadership positions with Lockheed Martin in engineering, business development, manufacturing and program management. He also has more than a decade of international experience working with customers in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Kansas State University, where he is a College of Engineering Alumni Fellow and Hall of Fame inductee.

Doug R. Sterbenz
National Speaker, Leadership Coach and Author,
Present to Win LLC
Retired — EVP and COO, Westar Energy

Retired from Westar Energy, Doug Sterbenz now takes his leadership experiences and helps aspiring leaders reach their full potential, and organizations reach their goals. Sterbenz never imagined himself as a speaker, but has a passion for sharing the leadership lessons he has learned along the way. He has stories to tell because he has lived them and a proven track record of leading people to achieve success. He is often called to speak on leadership and safety, and has serious credibility on the topic of leadership from the shop floor to the executive suite.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University, holds a professional engineering license and has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. He believes in continuous learning and growing leaders. Sterbenz currently serves on the board of directors for Topeka Community Foundation, and is a graduate of Leadership Topeka and Leadership Kansas. He has also served on numerous other boards. He and his wife, Connie, have three children and live in Topeka, Kansas.
Robin Sterling is a first-generation Vietnamese immigrant. She graduated from K-State with a bachelor’s degree in construction science and management in 1994, and went to work for a large general contractor in Kansas City until 1999, when she decided to pursue the dream of owning her own business — Skyline Construction Company.

Skyline Construction is a union subcontractor specializing in metal studs, drywall, acoustical ceilings, and rough and finish carpentry. Throughout its 17-year history, Skyline has had the opportunity to participate in some of Kansas City’s highest profile and most prestigious projects — KC Streetcar, KU School of Business and the Kauffman Performing Arts Center, to name a few. Two of Sterling’s proudest accomplishments since starting her company were her receiving the Professional Progress in Engineering Award in 2005 and Skyline being named Contractor of the Year in the State of Kansas in 2010. Her passion for building extends beyond Skyline’s projects. In 2014, she started a real estate investment company, RPS Services, to manage rental properties or flip homes in the greater Kansas City area.

Sterling loves all things real estate, but most importantly she loves her family and their continual love and support. She and her husband, Kevin, have three daughters — Lauren, Kristen and Jordan — and reside in Overland Park, Kansas. They enjoy travel, eating out and spending time with their large extended family.

Spencer Tholstrup is retired from Nalco Champion Energy Services Company. He holds a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Kansas State University, 1981, and a master’s degree in finance from the University of Houston, Clear Lake. Tholstrup has 30 years of diverse experience in the refining and petrochemical industries including process improvement roles with Exxon Chemical. His experience with Nalco Champion included roles in sales, sales management, marketing and marketing management. He managed relationships with Valero Energy Corp.
Cindy Wallis-Lage is president of Black & Veatch’s water business, leading more than 2,800 professionals in more than 100 offices worldwide. In this role, she is responsible for the company's water-related business strategies, development and operations on a global basis, encompassing engineering, construction, consulting and design-build ventures that address the comprehensive needs of water and wastewater utilities. She also serves as a member of Black & Veatch's executive committee and board of directors.

Well known in the water industry for her expertise in water reuse and treatment, Wallis-Lage has been involved in more than 100 projects around the world in both the municipal and industrial sectors. She is a frequent speaker at many industry forums and events, is active in global sustainability, as well as a driving force in developing innovative solutions to clean, move, control and conserve water — an essential resource.

Steven Wade is vice president of attack helicopter programs and senior site executive for the Boeing Company in Mesa, Arizona. Named to this position in June 2017, Wade leads the nearly 3,800 Boeing employees who design, produce and support AH-64 Apache and AH-6 Little Bird helicopters for the U.S. Army and allied defense forces around the globe. Boeing, in Mesa’s operations, is part of the company's vertical lift business within Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

Prior to his current role, Wade served for nearly two years at Boeing in St. Louis as the director of F-15 Middle East sustainment programs where he led all F-15 direct commercial sales and foreign military sales sustainment programs in the Middle Eastern region. He has also worked as the director and program manager for all H-47 U.S. military and foreign military sales Chinook programs including the CH-47D, CH-47F and MH-47G, and was responsible for day-to-day execution for business growth and development, manufacturing and delivery aspects for these aircraft.

Previously, Wade was general manager of Global Transport & Executive Systems, and the Boeing Wichita site executive. He joined Boeing in 1987 as a flight test engineer on the company's military aircraft programs. Wade earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering technology from Kansas State University. Currently, he is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Helicopter Society and the Army Aviation Association of America.
Beth Ward is senior vice president—supply chain, and a corporate officer at Hallmark Cards Inc.

In this role, Ward is responsible for global supply chain planning, manufacturing, logistics, global procurement, product integrity and supply chain technical resources.

Ward joined Hallmark in 1996 and has served in a number of roles including managing director of Asia Pacific procurement, based in Hong Kong; and retail operations vice president for team Walmart, facilitating the creation of Hallmark’s new Walmart office in Bentonville, Arkansas. She also served as director of logistics services and general manager of order distribution at Hallmark’s Liberty Distribution Center.

Prior to joining Hallmark, Ward worked as an industrial engineer for JC Penney.

Ward holds a bachelor's degree in industrial and manufacturing systems engineering from Kansas State University and a master’s degree in engineering management from the University of Kansas.

Prior to her role in Hong Kong, Ward was an active community servant in Kansas City on behalf of the United Way and the Central Exchange. Ward is currently a board member for the Midwest Women’s Business Enterprise Council.

Keith Warta, P.E., is currently CEO of Bartlett & West Inc., an engineering and technology solutions company. He is a 1984 graduate of Kansas State University in civil engineering and also holds an M.S. in civil engineering from the University of Kansas.

Warta’s special expertise lies with hydrology, drainage systems, and urban and rural road design. He has a thorough understanding of the urban drainage process acquired through analysis of various-sized storm sewer systems, and both manmade and natural channels. His work with software applications has resulted in efficient analysis of complicated drainage systems for projects of various sizes. Warta has been involved in all aspects of comprehensive storm water planning including data collection, modeling, design alternatives and project prioritization. His work for city, county and state agencies has included design of interstate and state highways, and development of pavement management programs for various entities.

During his tenure as CEO/president, Bartlett & West has increased its emphasis on service to charitable organizations through increased volunteerism and financial support. Warta has served on the board of directors of both Midland Care and Meals-on-Wheels.

He was selected for the 2009 class of Leadership Kansas, and has served in leadership roles on the Kansas State University civil engineering advisory council and the American Council of Engineering Companies-Kansas board of directors.

His memberships in professional organizations include the American Society of Civil Engineers, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, American Public Works Association, American Council of Consulting Engineers and National Society of Professional Engineers.
Michael R. Wiegers graduated from K-State with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering in 1982. After graduation, he joined King Radio in Olathe, Kansas, to design VHF aviation communication and navigation radios. During his 11-year career with King Radio, he worked in new technology areas such as flight-critical software and electronic display systems. In 1993, Wiegers joined Garmin as the lead engineer in marine product design. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of technical and business leadership capacities in all Garmin consumer product segments. Wiegers was named to his current position of vice president, consumer engineering in 2010 and directs the day-to-day operations of Garmin’s worldwide consumer engineering group.

Warren K. Wray is vice chancellor for global and strategic partnerships at Missouri University of Science and Technology. He served as provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at Missouri S&T from 2006 to 2014, and served as S&T’s interim chancellor during 2011-12. He was provost and senior vice president for academic and student affairs at Michigan Technological University, dean of the Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology and the Cruse Moss Professor of Engineering Education at Ohio University, and chair of the department of civil engineering at Texas Tech University. He is a registered professional engineer in three states, a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a diplomate in the Academy of Geo-Professionals. He retired from the USAF active reserves with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Wray has been principal or co-principal investigator in more than 20 geotechnical and transportation engineering research projects, and has published more than 50 technical articles or significant research reports, and one textbook. He has made more than 30 invited technical presentations and has served as an instructor in 10 short courses on design and construction of slabs-on-ground sponsored by the American Concrete Institute, Post-Tensioning Institute, U.S. Army Engineers Waterways Experiment Station and the World of Concrete.

He holds a B.S. in physics from Washburn University, B.S. in civil engineering from Kansas State University, M.S. in civil engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and Ph.D. in civil engineering from Texas A&M University.