

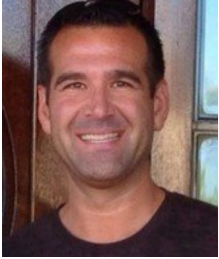
## NEOK ASHRAE chapter's presidents.



**Steve Uerling** served as chapter's **seventy-second president in 2020/21**. Steve joined ASHRAE in 1996. He was born in Fort Smith, AR and received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tulsa in 1994. From 1994 to 1999, Steve worked for Flynt and Kallenberger and in 1999 went to work for Keith Browne at Lee & Browne. In 2004 Steve and three other engineers bought out David Lee and Keith Browne and became principals there. Steve was NEOK Chapter President for 2020-2021, the year of Covid-19 and hopefully the only year where chapter and society meetings could not be attended in person. Steve and his wife Alicia have three children - Josie, Eric, and Kate. Steve has remained active with NEOK Chapter and Lee & Browne Engineers have been encouraging and supportive of their employees to be engaged in Chapter leadership.



**Claire Farr** served as chapter's **seventy-third president in 2021/22**. Claire graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., with a BA in Environmental Studies in 2008. She then spent several years advising higher education institutions on developing strategic plans to quantify and reduce their air emissions. She joined ES2 in 2013 as an Account Executive in energy solutions sales. She became a Program Manager in 2014 and then Director of Operations in 2016. She has been involved in NEOK ASHRAE since joining the industry in 2013. She served as the chapter's Sustainability Chair for several years before becoming a chapter officer. She earned awards for a Community Sustainability Project in 2016 and 2017. She led the chapter to win Best Newsletter at CRC in 2020 and 2021. While Chapter President, she won Best President's Message in at the 2022 CRC.



**Keith Averitt** served as chapter's **seventy-fourth president in 2022/23**. Keith was literally born into the HVAC industry, as his dad, Jack Averitt, started his own rep firm in 1971, the year Keith was born. Keith joined his father, Jack in business in 1997, working for AMECO from 1997 to 2014. In 2014, Keith sold his business to EEI and started up their Hydronics Division and has worked there ever since.