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All members and friends of Polish-American Engineers Association are cordially invited to attend our meeting.

DATE: **Friday, May 29th, 2020**

TIME: **Business Meeting begins 8:00 p.m.; Presentation to follow immediately**

PLACE: virtual meeting via Skype: <https://join.skype.com/t4h5mFMbYbgJ>

SPEAKERS: **Michelle S. Kozak, PhD**

TOPIC: **Lake Michigan Level Overview**



Michelle S. Kozak, PhD

Dr. Kozak is a graduate of Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Civil Engineering, with a concentration in Project Management; and a Minor in Psychology. Dr. Kozak continued her education at Purdue University earning a Master of Science in Civil Engineering concentrating on Asset Valuation; and a PhD in Civil Engineering studying the Resilience of Transportation Infrastructure.

Currently, Dr. Kozak is the Emergency Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District. Her duties include engaging with local, state, federal, and other partners to promote interagency coordination for flood fights and other natural disasters as well as how USACE can assist in emergency response.

ABSTRACT

Record or near-record high lake levels are currently being experienced on Lake Michigan causing widespread lakeshore flooding across the region. This presentation will provide an overview of the current lake levels and USACE's authorities.

PAEA Announcements

MEETING LOCATION

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, our May meeting will be held virtually, via Skype:

<https://join.skype.com/t4h5mFMbYbgJ>

The meeting can either be accessed via:

1. a **browser**, by clicking on the link above, and joining as a guest- no account needed (note: a plug-in may need to be downloaded; and this only works with newer versions of **Chrome or Firefox**);
 2. the **Skype application**- needs to be installed on the computer (<https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/> ; or through a link on the page above), and a (free) account needs to be established (note: one can use a personal Skype account if already established).

2020 Membership Dues

There is no change in dues for 2020: \$70 per year, senior citizens and students \$35 per year.

We ask that everyone pay their dues as soon as possible, as this is our source of operating funds. Thanks to those who have already paid! Membership Cards will be provided to all those who paid their dues.

Questions? You may inquire at the meeting or send an email to: administration@polishengineers.org
You may send your dues (checks payable to the Polish American Engineers Association) to:

Mr. Andrew Pawlowski
P.O. Box 241
Northbrook, IL 60065-241

You may also pay your dues at our meetings, and receive your Membership Card immediately.

Again, dues are critical in supporting the work of the PAEA- thank you for your support.

Ralph Modjeski Scholarship - Reminder

A reminder to please let all family, friends, and potentially-interested parties know about this year's scholarship. The deadline for applications for Fall 2020 is 30 May, 2020; however, we are considering extending the deadline this year to the end of June. Further information, including the Application Form, is available on our website:

www.polishengineers.org

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2020 Summer Picnic – 11 July, 2020 – May Need to Cancel

Our 2020 Summer Picnic is currently scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020 (beginning at 1pm @ Fourth Lake Resort, as usual). We will be monitoring the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic; and may need to cancel the event, should the situation continue to be unsafe.

An update will be available as we get closer to the date.

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Modjeski Illinois-Iowa Memorial Bridge in Danger!

At our February meeting, Daniel Pogorzelski said a few words about the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge, built under Chief Engineer Ralph Modjeski. The bridge, also known as the I-74 Bridge, is the oldest existing suspension bridge over the Mississippi River, as well as a memorial to Illinoisans and Iowans who served in the First World War. And it is scheduled to be demolished in early 2020!

Though there is little time, Mr. Pogorzelski is working to try to save the bridge. And as supporters and promoters of Poles in Engineering, we cannot simply sit by and let it be demolished, if there are viable alternatives.

Precedent solutions include the successful conversion of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge (also designed by Modjeski) into a pedestrian bridge, now known as the Walkway Over The Hudson- the most visited State Park in all of New York State (according to a 2017 update of a 2011 study).

Please consider writing your Congressperson to express your support for finding alternate solutions for the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge.

Member News/Update

We would like to remind everyone that we are looking for achievements of as well as other noteworthy news about our Members (that's you!). Please send us information about yourself or another Member (please ensure they agree to have this information publicized) to contact@polishengineers.org. We will publish in the next Bulletin available.

With sadness we inform that Anna A. (Różycka) Pawłowski, mother of PAEA President Andrew Pawłowski, passed away Sunday, May 10th. May her Soul rest in Peace.

Born in Brzeć (Poland) in 1934, she escaped the Communist regime in 1947, coming to the United States in 1949, finally settling in Chicago. She graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1961.

She was dedicated to her family and friends; and was a life-long learner. A lover of travel, art, literature, opera, theatre and music; in later years she became a prolific sculptor and traveled around the world, visiting 6 continents.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, her memorial service will be postponed till such time as it is safe to gather. In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for donations to the Polish Museum of America (www.polishmuseumofamerica.org).

On a very positive note, our long-time leader, and now President of the Polish American Congress, IL Division, Mirek Niedzinski, has been elected a Fellow of the American Society for Materials! Congratulations on another well-deserve recognition!

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees of ASM International has elected you a Fellow of the Society. The honor of Fellow represents recognition of your distinguished contributions in the field of materials science and engineering and develops a broadly based forum for technical and professional leaders to serve as advisors to the Society. Your citation reads:

"For extraordinary contributions in implementing research and development to commercialize advanced aluminum alloy products for the aerospace and military communities."

ASM is excited not only to honor you with our Fellow designation, but to be able to do so at our first annual International Materials, Applications, and Technologies (IMAT) conference. ASM has reinvented its annual meeting, exhibit, and technical conference to bring together the entire ASM community as well as align with the industries and members that support the organization. We anticipate conferring this honor upon you at the Convocation of Fellows to be held during the ASM Awards Dinner on Tuesday, September 15, in Cleveland, OH.

Job Postings – Please Send

As part of our mission of mutual support, we would like to offer job openings to our Members. Please send any openings you know about to contact@polishengineers.org. Please let us know where it is OK to post (our website in Members Only, our public page; Facebook, LinkedIn pages, etc.

We would also like to post on our website (in the Members Only section) links to job listings of companies in our network. So please send those as well. We would like to list your name next to the link, so those applying through those links can have a reference person to cite. Please let us know if you would rather not be listed.

Thank you in advance to taking time now to send us this information, which supports our common mission!

Reminder- Polish American Engineers Association on LinkedIn!

We would like to remind our Members & Supporters that the PAEA is on LinkedIn:

www.linkedin.com/groups/12032140

Check out our Group, become a member, and post interesting and relevant content. The more active we are, and the more interesting information we post, the more likely we are to attract others to our Group, in addition of course to the benefits of inter-Group communication.

Reminder- the Polish American Engineers Association on Facebook

We would also like to remind our Members & Supporters that the PAEA is on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Polish-American-Engineers-Association-PAEA-1153830014674800/>

Please check it out, and help us keep it active by ‘like’-ing and posting interesting material.

Next Meeting Date 18 September, 2020

Corrections None highlighted.

Special Interest

If anyone has an item of Special Interest to the PAEA Membership and sympathizers, please sent the details to contact@polishengineers.org for inclusion in the next (monthly except for June-August & December) published Bulletin.

Polish American Congress of Illinois Events Calendar

For a comprehensive and up-to-date listing of events in Polonia, please see the PAC-IL Polonia Calendar (many thanks to Mirek Niedzinski, Roman Korczak and the PAC-IL team for leading!):

<https://www.pacillinois.org/calendar/>

Contest for Polonia Children & Young Adults (in Polish)

The Polish Consulate in Chicago has distributed information about a contest for Polonia children and young adults. The details (copied from the Consular notification) are below. As the contest is in the Polish language, the information is also.

OGŁOSZENIE KONKURSU DLA DZIECI I MŁODZIEŻY POLONIJNEJ „Moje najciekawsze spotkanie z Polską online”

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago informuje, że Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych ogłosiło konkurs w ramach Akcji „Poland at Your Home”, której celem jest wspieranie domowej aktywności edukacyjnej online i zachęcanie Polonii i osób polskiego pochodzenia do organizowania w jej ramach spotkań z Polską i polską kulturą na odległość. Jednym z założeń Akcji jest udostępnienie Polonii i osobom polskiego pochodzenia za granicą bogatej oferty edukacyjnej, kulturalnej, historycznej online oraz zachęcenie szczególnie dzieci i młodzieży polonijnej do pogłębionego korzystania z tych materiałów.

Uczestnicy konkursu mają do wykonania prace na dowolny temat w formie pisemnej, rysunkowej lub filmu video w trzech kategoriach: edukacja, kultura, historia. Prace powinny opisywać jedno ze spotkań z językiem polskim, polskim filmem, literaturą, historią czy muzyką w odniesieniu do udostępnionej przez placówki oferty edukacyjnej.

Do udziału w konkursie zaproszone są dzieci i młodzież polonijna ze wszystkich krajów świata. **Rywalizacja odbędzie się w dwóch kategoriach wiekowych: od 7 do 13 lat oraz od 14 do 18 lat.** Konkurs będzie dwuetapowy – pierwszą selekcję prac przeprowadzą właściwe terytorialnie placówki dyplomatyczno-konsularne. Drugim etapem będzie wyłonienie laureatów przez komisję konkursową złożoną z przedstawicieli Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych. Autorzy nagrodzonych prac w starszym przedziale wiekowym zostaną zaproszeni do udziału w programie „Polska jest w Tobie” w 2021 roku na dwutygodniowy pobyt w Polsce.

Organizator ustanawia następujące nagrody dla laureatów i osób wyróżnionych (maksymalnie 12 osób):

1. kategoria wiekowa od ukończenia 7 lat do ukończenia 13 lat:

Edukacja

I nagroda – nagroda rzeczowa o wartości do 100 Euro

II nagroda – nagroda rzeczowa o wartości do 70 Euro

III nagroda – nagroda rzeczowa o wartości do 50 Euro

Wyróżnienie – nagroda książkowa

Kultura

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Historia

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Wyróżnienie – nagroda książkowa

2. kategoria wiekowa od ukończenia 13 lat do ukończenia 18 lat:

Edukacja

I nagroda – pokrycie kosztów przejazdu i pobytu w Polsce na dwutygodniowych koloniach w ramach programu „Polska jest w Tobie”

II nagroda – pokrycie kosztów przejazdu i pobytu w Polsce na dwutygodniowych koloniach w ramach programu „Polska jest w Tobie”

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Prosimy o zapoznanie się z Regulaminem konkursu.

Prace konkursowe z obszaru chicagowskiego okręgu konsularnego tj. ze stanów Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Dakota Północna, Dakota Południowa i Wisconsin, należy przesyłać w terminie **do wtorku 30 czerwca 2020 roku** na adres mailowy Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago:

chicago.promotion@msz.gov.pl

Szczegółowe informacje nt. konkursu:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacja/konkurs-moje-najciekawsze-spotkanie-z-polska-online>

Oferty edukacyjne online:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacja/polska-w-twoim-domu>