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

- DATE:** Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2015
- TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
- PLACE:** Copernicus Center  
Kings Hall  
5216 W. Lawrence Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois
- SPEAKERS:** Kristin Munsch  
Director of Policy/Senior Attorney  
Illinois Citizens Utility Board
- TOPIC:** Energy Infrastructure Modernization

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## Kristin Munsch



Kristin Munsch is the Director of Policy and Senior Attorney with the Illinois Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group that has represented utility ratepayers in proceedings before the Illinois Commerce Commission since 1983. CUB focuses on consumer protection and utility rates, and operates an active portfolio of projects to assist consumers in energy conservation. As CUB's attorney, she has appeared before the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) regarding utility rate issues, energy efficiency planning and regulation, electricity supply procurement and deregulated competition in electricity supply. She participates in statewide policy initiatives regarding technological and design improvements to the Illinois electric grid and consumer protection provisions specific to retail utility services, including the Illinois Statewide Smart Grid Collaborative and the Commonwealth Edison Advanced Metering Infrastructure pilot. Ms. Munsch is currently on the Illinois Smart Grid Advisory Council and the Board of Directors for the Energy Foundry, an investment group focused on developing new smart grid technologies and products funded through the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act. Prior to CUB, she was an Assistant

Attorney General for the State of Illinois in the Public Utilities Bureau. Ms. Munsch is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## **ABSTRACT**

Kristin will discuss the changing nature of distribution utilities, and the emerging technologies in and around Illinois associated with the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (EIMA) passed in 2011 by the General Assembly. From 2011 to 2018 Commonwealth Edison Company will invest at least \$2.6 billion in infrastructure investments, including one of the largest deployments of advanced metering infrastructure in the nation. These investments create new opportunities for customer-facing benefits such as dynamic pricing, "smart" devices for in-home energy management and expanded energy efficiency programs. They also create the possibilities for new utility services - such as supporting distributed generation and micro-grids - as well as improving utility operations through reliability and voltage optimization initiatives. The EIMA also created a nonprofit venture capital fund and utility test bed initiative which promote new technologies related to smart grid.

## **PAEA Announcements**

We have an invitation to **visit Fermi Laboratory** in Batavia in the spring of 2015. We will advise more details as they become available.

**2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Please note that the dues schedule for 2014 did not change. **Dues are \$50 per year, senior citizens and students \$25 per year.** We strongly encourage you to pay your dues in January or, if not possible, in February. 2014 membership cards will be provided to all those who paid their dues. Questions? You may inquire at the meeting or send an email to: [paea.members@gmail.com](mailto:paea.members@gmail.com)

You may send your dues directly to our Treasurer:

Mr. Richard Kaczmarek  
1725 S. Crescent  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

## **General Interest**

### **The 2015 Quad Cities Henry Farnam Dinner**

*The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Farnam Dinner will celebrate:*

***The 1896 Government Bridge and its Designer,  
Master Engineer Ralph Modjeski***

**Date:** Friday evening, March 27, 2015

**Place:** Jumer's Hotel and Casino, Rock Island, Illinois

The 2015 Farnam Dinner will celebrate the life and work of “America’s greatest bridge builder,” Ralph Modjeski, who designed the 1896 Government Bridge between Rock Island and Davenport as his first bridge project. Modjeski went on to design and construct dozens of bridges in North America including the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia, the San Francisco Bay Bridge, and several bridges on the Mississippi River. Modjeski capped his career by contributing to the design of the first span of the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge (now part of the I-74 Bridge), which first connected Moline with Bettendorf in 1935.

**The evening’s program will feature the following distinguished presenters:**

First, Basia and Leonard Myszynski will present film clips from a new documentary they are producing on the life and work of Modjeski. Their full-length documentary *Bridging Urban America: The Story of Master Engineer Ralph Modjeski*, is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2015.

Second, Jeffrey W. Newman, engineer and Senior Associate of the bridge-building firm Modjeski and Masters will discuss the design and operation of some of Modjeski’s bridges. He will focus mainly on the Government Bridge, its design and construction, its operation for over 100 years, and its future. Newman is an expert on bridges with swing spans and was the lead engineer for all of the recent upgrades performed on the Government Bridge.

**Schedule:** 5:00 p.m. Viewing Displays, Cash Bar, Raffle Ticket Sales;  
6:20 Dinner; 7:30 Program

**Cost:** \$40 per person or \$375 for a table of 10

**Registration:** Online registration available at <http://riveraction.org/>

**Contact:** Curtis C. Roseman: 309 764 6122 ; [croseman@usc.edu](mailto:croseman@usc.edu)

## Upcoming Events at the Polish Museum of America

Please see the **new PMA website** for more details: [www.polishmuseumofamerica.org](http://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org)

### Official State of Illinois Observation of Gen. Pulaski Day

*Oficjalne obchody stanowe Dnia Pulaskiego*

March 2 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642

## **Film screening about the ‘Auschwitz Volunteer’** Witold Pilecki and meeting with lead actor Marek Probosz

The Polish Consulate General in Chicago, in coordination with its local partners, presents the screening of a Ryszard Bugajski film titled **“The Death of Captain Pilecki”**. The film tells the story of a heroism that transcends religion, race and time.

Captain Witold Pilecki was a Polish intelligence officer during WWII who volunteered for a Polish Resistance operation to get imprisoned at the German Nazi Concentration Camp Auschwitz Birkenau in order to gather intelligence and enable the Polish government-in-exile to inform the Allies about the ongoing Holocaust in occupied Poland. The operation’s outcome was expected to convince the Allies to act on the Pilecki Reports and stop the Holocaust while there was still time. The film also tells the story of Witold Pilecki’s fate at the hands of the Communist government after the end of WWII.

The guest of honor during the screenings will be Marek Probosz, the lead actor in the film starring as Witold Pilecki. Q&A with Marek Probosz will follow the screening.

The Death of Captain Pilecki  
Released in 2006  
Directed by Ryszard Bugajski  
Language: Polish with English subtitles  
Running time: 85 minutes

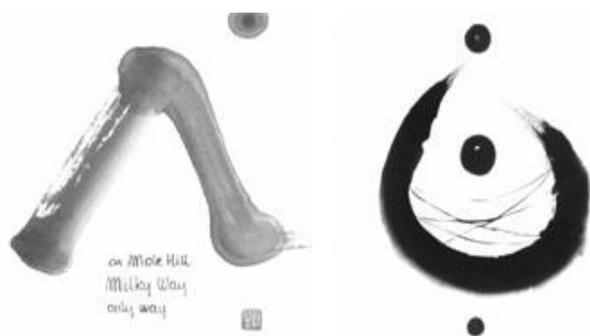
### Screening locations in Chicago:

- March 15 2015 (Sunday) 1:30 PM at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive Skokie, IL 60077. Ticket reservations available at the ILHMEC website: [www.ilholocasutmuseum.org/events](http://www.ilholocasutmuseum.org/events)
- March 16 2015 (Monday) 7:30 PM at the St. Ferdinand Parish, 5900 West Berry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634
- **March 17 2015 (Tuesday) 6:30 PM at the Polish Museum of America**, 984 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642-4101. Reservations: 773-384-3352, ext. 2111, or [PMA@PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org](mailto:PMA@PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org);
- March 19 2015 (Thursday) at 1:00 PM at the Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University Chicago-Lake Shore Campus, 1032 W. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, IL 60660.

## **Views from the Mole Hill / *Widoki z Kreciej Góry***

March 20 @ 11:00 pm - March 29 @ 4:00 pm

The opening of a retrospective, **multimedia exhibition of artworks by Lidia Rozmus** will be held from 6 p.m. to 10. p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015, at The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.



The exhibition, entitled Views from Mole Hill, includes 20 oil paintings, 20 sumi-e paintings (ink on rice paper), 20 haiga paintings (ink on rice paper with haiku poetry), approximately 100 photographs showing the beauty of the Republic of Mole Hill, and the promotion of an anthology of haiku poetry by 18 American and Japanese poets entitled “Climbing Mole Hill”. Also planned is a performance by the trio led by Mieczyslaw Wolny who composed musical pieces for Mole Hill.

Admission: A voluntary donation to the Polish Museum of America (\$5 – \$10).

Supplementary Events:

Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 2 p.m.

A lecture by Lee Gurga, “What is Haiku?” and a meeting with haiku poets. Lecture in English.

Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

A lecture by Lidia Rozmus about Japanese art forms, including sumi-e, haiga, and haiku. Lecture in Polish.

The events will be held at The Polish Museum of America.

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