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

- DATE: Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- TIME: Business Meeting begins 8:00 p.m.; Presentation to follow immediately

**PLACE:** virtual meeting via Zoom (not Skype, as before):

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7021331458?pwd=ai9IMWc3K2IrMFNUSU9IeEkrWFJidz09 Meeting ID: 702 133 1458 Passcode: CQQ1P0

SPEAKERS: Mr. 2	Nicholas Poplawski
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TOPIC: Energy Utility Transformation



# Mr. Nicholas Poplawski

Mr. Nicholas Poplawski has worked on renewable energy and energy efficiency projects for over a decade. He previously worked at Illinois Clean Energy, a fund supporting community-scale energy efficiency and renewable energy projects throughout Illinois. He was also a program implementation consultant to Commonwealth Edison. Mr. Poplawski currently works on developing utility-scale wind and solar projects.

## ABSTRACT

The power business is seeing a transformation, and utilities are integrating more renewable energy, energy storage, and other technologies. This is an overview of these transformational technologies.

## **PAEA Announcements**

## **MEETING LOCATION**

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, our May meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom (not Skype, as before):

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7021331458?pwd=ai9IMWc3K2IrMFNUSU9IeEkrWFJidz09 Meeting ID: 702 133 1458 Passcode: CQQ1P0 The meeting can either be accessed via:

- 1. a **browser**, by clicking on the link and choosing 'download & run Zoom.' You should then get an option to 'join from your browser.' Note: using Zoom through a browser has limited capabilities- it is recommended to download the Zoom application for the best experience. Also note: if you already have the Zoom application on your computer, you will not get the option to 'join from your browser;' but the link will launch the Zoom application.
- the <u>Zoom application</u>- needs to be installed on the computer (<u>https://zoom.us/support/download</u> or the meeting link above to download ; <u>https://zoom.us/download#client\_4meeting</u> for download options for platforms in addition to PC). More instructions are available at: <u>https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193</u>. Note: you do not need to sign up for a (free) account to join via the Zoom application.

Note that, as we are trying a free version of Zoom for this first time, the meeting time is limited to 40 minutes. After that time, we will simply have to re-join to continue our meeting.

## **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: <u>administration@polishengineers.org</u> 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 (once we re-start face-to-face meetings), and receive your Membership Card immediately.

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

## 2020 Member Survey - Reminder

At the end of August, an email was sent which included a link to a Google Docs form survey. The focus was how/when to return to normal operations for the PAEA, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc33rEoiKXYUYLFZ1DiWIrB\_ueHYnPq9PNTaP2hK9tHGkrRw/viewform?usp=sf\_link

Thus far, we still only have 13 responses. If you have not filled out the survey/form, please take the time to do so. It would be very helpful for our planning for the 2020-2021 term.

## The results of the survey (same as published September 16<sup>th</sup>) to date are as follows:



Would you attend an in-person Christmas Celebration in December 2020? 13 responses

38.5%



Later

 Only after an effective COVID-19 vaccine is available and distributed

Would you attend virtual meetings (in place of in-person meetings)? 13 responses



What is your preferred virtual meeting platform? 12 responses



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## U.S. - Poland Science and Technology Symposium - October 21-23, 2020

As a silver lining of the COVID-19 situation, participation in the U.S. – Poland Science and Technology Symposium, to be held virtually October 21-23, 2020, is now easier than ever! The topic is very interesting and timely: Artificial Intelligence and Augmented Reality. Below is a link for more information:

#### https://usptc.org/poland-day-2020/

Please note that the information available through the link above has not yet been updated to reflect the change to a virtual event. As such, the timing and specific program will be changing (e.g., we understand that the event will take place between 9:00am & 11:00am each day, rather than be all day, each day). But the main topic will not be changing.

This is also an opportunity to present on one of the planned topics! The organizers are looking for short, relevant presentations. Please contact Andrzej Pawlowski (<u>contact@polishengineers.org</u>; 847.331.0929) to get in touch with the organizers, to propose a presentation.

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## **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 <u>contact@polishengineers.org</u>. We will publish in the next Bulletin available.

As sent separately via email, sadly, one of our longest-time members, Mr. Stanley Lyskanowski passed away August 23, 2020. A celebration of life was held at Immaculate Conception Church August 27, 2020.

Below we include the contents of the notification from the Polish Museum of America, with a short biography, describing the great service of Mr. Lyskanowski, some of which you may not have known. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Lyskanowski. May his Soul rest in eternal Peace.



Stanley W. Lyskanowski, photo: Julita Siegel

The Polish Museum of America honors the memory of PMA member and friend, **Stanley W. Lyskanowski**, who passed away on August 23, 2020, at age 95.

Stanley was born near Warsaw, Poland, and his young life was transformed by the horrors of World War II, yet bittersweet luck made him a survivor. In 1940, his sister and brother were sent as forced labor to Germany; Stanley, at age 14, was too young to be sent as well. The following year, he joined the underground resistance through the Catholic church, distributing pamphlets describing German atrocities.

On September 19, 1941, at age 15, he was caught by the Gestapo and taken to Pawiak prison, where he was tortured and interrogated. From there, as prisoner number 164924, he was taken to Auschwitz, and then Mauthausen-Gusen in Austria. He worked at a quarry, hauling 50 pound rocks down steep steps. Having caught pneumonia under these harsh conditions, he was secretly allowed to rest enough so that the illness passed. On three occasions, he was to have gone to the gas chambers, but due to various circumstances – air raids or bombings, he did not. He survived, so that on May 8, 1945, on his name's day, he and the camp were liberated.

Lyskanowski requested to be sent to Italy in September 1945 to join the Polish Army under General Anders. By chance, one of the commanding officers knew his father; Lyskanowski became this officer's chauffeur. Once disbanded, he with the troops were relocated to Great Britain. He had hoped to return to a free Poland. When it became apparent this would not be possible, Lyskanowski received a visa to immigrate to the United States, arriving via New York in 1952, and settling in Chicago. He worked hard and earned a degree in electronics, and in 1961, married his beloved Josephine. Active in Chicago's Polonia as a member of the PMA as well as the Polish American Engineers Association – he often shared his life story, including at the PMA during the 2014 "Forbidden Art" exhibition and in a profile by the Chicago Reader.

Lyskanowski is survived by his wife Josephine of 58 years, children Lidia and Arthur, grandchildren Sofia, Katrina and Adam, nephews, nieces and cousins in Poland.

A celebration of life will be held at Immaculate Conception Church (7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631) on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 10:30am. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Polish Museum of America (984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642).

https://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/stanley-w-lyskanowski/

On a very positive note, our long-time Member and supporter, Mr. Adam Czyszczon was awarded a United States Patent this month!



Mr. Czyszczon's innovation is in the area of backflow control in water and sewer systems.

We congratulate Mr. Czyszczon! And we hope he will be willing to explain his patent, and patent experience, to us at one of our upcoming meetings.

Also on a very positive note, Anna & Andrzej Pawlowski welcomed their daughter, Emilia, 1 September (8 lbs. 2.5 oz.; 20.5")! Everyone is gratefully doing well.



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### 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 <u>contact@polishengineers.org</u>. 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 16 October, 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 <u>contact@polishengineers.org</u> 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/

www.polishengineers.org