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

- DATE:** Friday, May 21st, 2021
- TIME:** Business Meeting begins 8:00 p.m.; Presentation immediately following
- PLACE:** virtual meeting via Zoom: <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/85101941648>
Or Telephone: Meeting ID: 851 0194 1648
Dial: +1 312 626 6799 (US Toll)
- SPEAKER:** Dr. Stephen Plachta
- TOPIC:** Technology in Orthopaedics and Spine Surgery
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Dr. Stephen Plachta

Since 2020, Dr. Stephen Plachta is Clinical Fellow in Adult & Pediatric Comprehensive and Complex Spine at Shriners Children's Hospital Philadelphia. Prior to that, he was Clinical Fellow in Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, New York-Presbyterian Columbia University – Vagelos School of Medicine. And from 2013 to 2019, he was an orthopaedic surgery resident at St. Louis University School of Medicine.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology and Chemistry degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign graduating with honors, and decided to take his academic studies into medicine. He obtained his medical degree from Chicago Medical School; and is a Licensed Medical Physician and Surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

He has published 7 papers; and made numerous presentations around the world. And he has received multiple awards.

Orthopaedic surgery combines his passion for both engineering and medicine. In his free time, he is an avid runner, completing several marathons, and skier.

PAEA Announcements

MEETING LOCATION

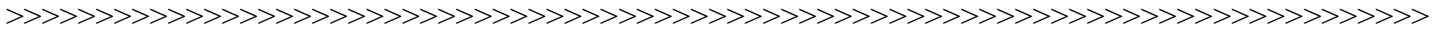
Due to the current situation with COVID-19, our April meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom:

<https://auburn.zoom.us/j/89740457576>

Connect using Computer/Device audio if possible.
Or Telephone: Meeting ID: 897 4045 7576
Dial: +1 312 626 6799 (US Toll) or +1 646 876 9923 (US Toll)

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.
- 2. the **Zoom application**- needs to be installed on the computer (<https://zoom.us/support/download> or the meeting link above to download ; https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting for download options for platforms in addition to PC). More instructions are available at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>. Note: you do not need to sign up for a (free) account to join via the Zoom application.



2021 Membership Dues

Thanks you to those who have already mailed in their dues!

There is no change in dues for 2021: **\$70 per year, seniors and students \$35 per year.**

We ask that everyone pay their dues as soon as possible, as this is our source of operating funds. Membership Cards will be provided to all those who paid their dues; and will have to be mailed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

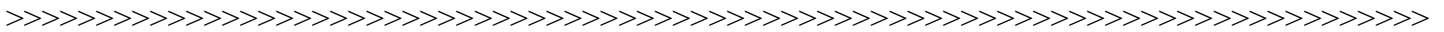
Questions? You may inquire during the meeting or send an email to:
administration@polishengineers.org

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 (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.



Legion of Young Polish Women Donation to the Ralph Modjeski Scholarship Fund

We are very grateful to the Legion of Young Polish Women for once again donating \$1000 to our Ralph Modjeski Scholarship Fund! And thanks to Mirek Niedzinski for initially inquiring about the donation.

We will be looking for a qualified young Polish or Polish-American candidate to be the recipient of the LYPW-funded scholarship.

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/>

Kosciuszko Foundation Collegium of Eminent Scientists

The Kosciuszko Foundation sent us information about their Collegium of Eminent Scientists, which is a prestigious organization of Polish scientists whose accomplishments deserve recognition. The Collegium, as envisioned by its founder, Dr. Darzynkiewicz, exists to recognize significant accomplishments and discoveries by Polish scientists and to reveal those outstanding achievements to the world.

The Kosciuszko Foundation is looking for deserving candidates to add to this organization. For more information about the Collegium of Eminent Scientists please see:

https://www.thekf.org/kf/programs/KF_Collegium_of_Eminent_Scientists/#Outline

And for information about nominations please see:

https://www.thekf.org/kf/programs/KF_Collegium_of_Eminent_Scientists/Call_for_Nominations/

Interesting Interview – Artur Bartłomiej Chmielewski

Thanks to our colleagues in our sister organization in New York, Polonia Technica, for an interesting interview (in Polish) with Artur Bartłomiej Chmielewski, a Polish scientist at NASA. In addition to discussing space exploration and the search for life on other planets, as well as his new book "Kosmiczne wyzwania," Mr. Chmielewski discusses Engineering students, and encourages them to be more bold.

The interview can be found through the following link:

<https://tvn24.pl/polska/artur-bartlomiej-chmielewski-o-pracy-w-nasa-polskich-studentach-zyciu-pozaziemskim-i-marsie-5079411>

Effort to Save Janta House from Being Demolished

The Polish American Congress has made us aware of an effort to save the house of the late Walentyna Janta-Polczyńska, in Elmhurst, NY, from being demolished. Mrs. Janta-Polczyńska was a humanitarian heroine of international stature; and her longtime home for decades served as a gathering place for the leaders of the Polish émigré in America.

To support this effort, there is a request to send a letter to Landmark Preservation Council in support of the Walentyna & Aleksander Janta-Polczynski House, which can be done in ~2 minutes through a link on the following page, which also contains more information about the effort:

<https://hdc.org/policy/send-a-letter-to-lpc-in-support-of-the-walentyna-aleksander-janta-polczynski-house/>

Interesting Article - Google Considering Poland for their Regional Hub

Thanks to our colleagues in our sister organization, Association of Polish Engineers in Canada, for an interesting article (in Polish) about Google considering making Poland it's regional hub. We can be proud of how highly our Polish IT professionals are regarded. The article can be found through the following link:

<https://www.wnp.pl/tech/google-moze-zmienic-polske-w-hub-regionu,459613.html>

Kosciuszko Foundation Staying Connected On-Line Program

The Kosciuszko Foundation announced their Staying Connected program, which is a series of on-line events, including conversations with prominent public figures, discussions, and lectures by distinguished scholars, authors, and leading experts, as well as music performances that are to be streamed via Foundation's social media channels. For more information please see:

https://www.thekf.org/kf/events/KF_Online_Programs/

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