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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



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-PresbyterianColumbia 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 <u>browser</u>, 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.

2021 Ralph Modjeski Scholarship

The PAEA Administration is voting to extend the deadline for applications for the 2021 Ralph Modjeski Scholarship through the end of July. Also, as announced in April, the Administration & Board voted to expand the eligibility criteria (see the April Bulletin for more details).

As always, we ask all PAEA Members and Sympathizers to help us get the word out to qualified candidates. More information is available on our website (www.polishengineers.org).

2021 Summer Picnic

As announced in April, the PAEA Administration is exploring returning to our traditional Summer Picnic this year (assuming the Pandemic continues to abate). No date is set; however, we are looking at August 14th or 21st. Please pencil in these dates and plan to attend.

To help in organizing the Picnic, we will be sending a very short survey. Please take a few moments to complete the survey once you receive it, as it will be very helpful in planning.

Administration for 2021-2022

The Nomination Committee has proposed that the current (2019 - 2021) Administration continue for an additional year, due to the limited activity forced by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Members of the Administration are considering this proposal (so far positively).

Please send any comments or concerns to contact@polishengineers.org

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.

We are very happy to report that Ms. Victoria Niedzinski, our 2020 Ralph Modjeski Scholarship winner, and newest Member, has successfully defended her Master's thesis in Environmental Engineering-congratulations! And we wish her continued success as she continues her academic career.

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.

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

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

17 September, 2021 (currently planning in-person)

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.

Note that information provided is for Member & Sympathizer interest, and does not represent the views of the Polish American Engineers Association. Events listed are not in any way sponsored by the PAEA.

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-Połczyńska, in Elmhurst, NY, from being demolished. Mrs. Janta-Połczyńska 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/

www.polishengineers.org