



Save the Date!

PMEA 2022 Annual Conference – September 7 – 9, 2022 @ Penn Stater, State College



PMEA Year in Review

It has been a busy time for PMEA as we emerged from probably the most challenging year for many individuals, employers, government leaders, and organizations. Last year, we adapted. This year, we forged ahead seeking to bolster the importance of public power in the Commonwealth. And in 2022, we will seek to be more impactful as an organization.

In 2021, PMEA continued to monitor COVID developments and restrictions and did our best to communicate issues to our membership. But we also shifted our efforts to be of broader service to our members this year as things continued to evolve.

PMEA was your voice on legislative issues as we monitored and advocated at the federal and state levels. At the federal level, we focused on ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act), infrastructure (the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) and LIHEAP (energy assistance) program funding. At the annual conference this past September, we learned more about ARPA funding and eligible uses. PMEA is ready to continue to assist members with this funding program. Implementation and funding under the infrastructure act is at the early stages with some funding just beginning to flow. Municipalities will be eligible to apply for direct federal grant programs and states will be making decisions about how the state portions will be allocated. We will have more information on infrastructure over the next few months.



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At the state level, PMEA closely watched a number of legislative issues and advocated for amendments as needed. Act 50, Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act, moved through the legislature during the spring and summer months. A model ordinance and additional materials were shared with the PMEA membership at the annual conference. Several of the additional issues we focused on included:

- Electric vehicles and EV charging network;
- Energy choice legislation – pursued language to protect municipalities with public power;
- RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) developments; and
- Community solar.

PMEA also presented written statements in conjunction with AMP regarding the MOPR (minimum price offer rule) and PJM interconnection before both the House and Senate Committees.

This past summer, PMEA hosted municipalities for the now annual Finance Workshop and the Annual Conference in State College. A variety of topics were covered during both educational events. After the transition to a virtual conference in 2020, it was exciting for PMEA to connect with members again at our in-person annual conference this year. We also welcomed a record number of associate members! Presentations from the annual conference are still available on the PMEA website at <https://www.papublicpower.org/events>. But please view these soon as they will be archived early in the new year.

At this year's conference, we were pleased to present the first ever award winner for the James Havrilla Public Power Service Award. The award is presented to an individual who, throughout their career, has consistently demonstrated a commitment to public power. Our first recipient was Dave Woglom in recognition for his outstanding support of and dedication to public power. We will be opening the awards process for 2022 but, in the interim, you can view the details of the award application and process on the PMEA website at <https://www.papublicpower.org/awards>.

Finally, we continue to support our members in other ways including our member services program. The Public Power Services Program (PPSP) is designed to provide legal, engineering, and/or management related services to PMEA members. A member municipality is eligible for up to 3 hours of services from one of our partner providers, or a combination of partner providers, within a one-year period. PMEA is pleased to partner with Utility Engineers, the Meyner Center, and Salzmans Hughes for this range of services. All services requested must be public power related. Once the PMEA member municipality has the initial consultation and an estimate of costs for a specific project, the member may submit a request to PMEA to assist in funding a portion of the project costs. You can view additional details on the PMEA website at <https://www.papublicpower.org/services>.

We look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our members in 2022 and to be an active voice for public power. But we need our members to be active and involved in order for PMEA to be fully effective. Please respond to requests for information, calls to action on legislative issues, and plan to attend events!

Watch your January newsletter for exciting updates on training events in 2022, updates on infrastructure funding, and more! Also, be certain to watch for the announcement of dates for the Finance Workshop (which we hope to shift to an in-person event this coming year) and plan to attend the annual conference in September.

PMEA Leadership for 2022

A shout out to the PMEA officers and board members for the coming year. The board looks forward to an active and effective year for PMEA in 2022.

The board will continue to focus our efforts on the key goals for the association:

- Serve as the go-to resource to PMEA members for information, training and services;
- Foster a better understanding of the benefits of public power among legislators, local elected officials, and others; and
- Generate more visibility for PMEA and the municipalities in our communities, with legislators and the Administration at the state level, and with the Congressional delegation at the federal level.

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Please share with us your exciting projects and photos for future newsletters. Your submissions should be sent to bosak@papublicpower.org at any time and we will use them in upcoming editions.

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