

YEAR IN
REVIEW


2020

PENNSYLVANIA
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ASSOCIATION


PA PUBLIC POWER



About PMEAs:



We are an association of Pennsylvania boroughs that deliver electric power to our residents. We believe that there are three key elements to being a successful public power system: local control, reliability, and positive community impact. Residents of boroughs served by public power systems are able to exercise far more control over their electric service provider than those served by large utilities, and they know that in the event of outages, the response will be timely since it will be coordinated locally. Most importantly, we believe in being responsible members of the communities we serve. Our employees are part of the communities they serve, and are extraordinarily dedicated to providing the highest levels of service to their neighbors.



Accomplishments:



Hired first, full-time PMEA Executive Director



Began implementing the strategic plan adopted by the membership in 2019



Designed and launched a new website



Reimagined PMEA with a new logo



Successfully lobbied for relief from the gross receipts tax



Launched new members services program

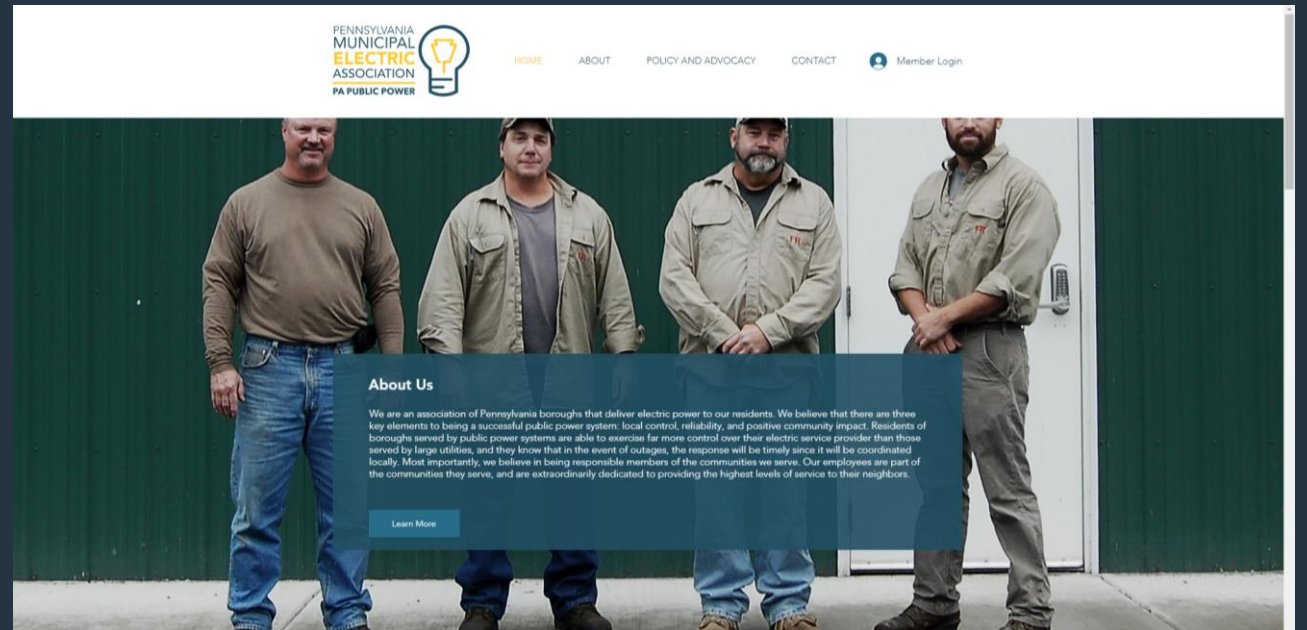


Provided critical updates during initial pandemic crisis

The New PMEA:

A logo for members

*A new website with
members only section*





Hosted first annual finance workshop



PA PUBLIC POWER ANNUAL FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

JULY 15, 2020

This is the first annual event where financial, bookkeeping, billing, and financial management personnel of the member Boroughs of the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association gather to learn, network, and share ideas and concerns. Due to the ongoing health emergency, this first meeting will be done in digital format and will likely last shorter than typically. Please find a computer with a camera, microphone, and a good internet connection.

9:00 am	Greeting and introductions	Jeffrey Stonehill, Chambersburg Borough
9:20 am	Discussion on security deposits	Jason Cohen, Chambersburg Borough
10:00 am	Discussion on disconnection process	Jason Cohen, Chambersburg Borough
10:40 am	Discussion of <u>tenants</u> right act	Sam Wiser, Salzmann Hughes, P.C.
11:00 am	Discussion of PILOT Payments	Jeffrey Stonehill, Chambersburg Borough
11:30 am	Round-table discussion on finance issues	Jeffrey Stonehill, Chambersburg Borough

Key goals for PMEAs:

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

GRT Relief

Act 28 of 2020 clarifies that the exemption for Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) applies to all parts of the transaction involving wholesale purchase of electricity by a borough from a power supplier for resale inside borough limits. If a borough were required to pay that tax, it would have to recover the additional annual GRT related cost from its customers through higher electric rates or increased taxes.

PMEA Public Power Services Program

- The 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 Salzman Hughes for this range of services. All services requested must be public power related.
 - Members may submit a request to PMEA to assist in funding a portion of the project costs
 - Members will submit the specific project and budget information to the PMEA executive director (via the form provided).
 - All requests will be considered by the PMEA Board.
 - PMEA has established a separate fund for this program and all requests related to public power will be honored until the allocated funds are exhausted.



James J. Havrilla Public Power Service Award

Named after James J. Havrilla, the award is presented to an individual who, throughout their career, has consistently demonstrated a commitment to public power.

Eligibility criteria:

- An individual elected, appointed, or employed by a PMEA member municipality or a related agency.

Nominees should:

- Have contributed to the betterment of electric utility services in his/her community;
- Have demonstrated leadership and made contributions to public power;
- Be recognized by their peers;
- Have participated in the activities of PMEA, thereby supporting public power service beyond the limits of his own community.

Technical Committee



Hosted EV workshop on March
10, 2020



Developing ideas for training/
plan to add events in 2021



Held statewide call on mutual
aid/ Statewide mutual aid
agreement draft

Getting Involved

- Respond to survey and other requests
- Attend training events and annual conference
- Answer Calls to Action - State and Federal Issues
- Participate in APPA Legislative Rally - March 1-3, 2021 in Washington DC



Looking Ahead

Roundtable discussion:

- What do PMEAs need?
- How can we better support you?
- What are your most pressing concerns?

