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Dean Rencis Assumes Presidency of National Engineering Education Association

Joseph J. Rencis assumes the presidency of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) at the society's annual conference in Seattle on June 18. Rencis is the Dean of Engineering at Tennessee Tech University.

An ASEE Fellow, Board of Directors member, ASEE Professional Interest Council III Chair, ASEE Midwest Section Chair, and previous winner of the ASEE Northeast Section Outstanding Teaching Award and the ASEE Mechanics Division Archie Higdon Distinguished Educator Award, Rencis is very familiar with the organization. Rencis says, "Since its founding at The 1893 Chicago World's Fair as the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, ASEE members have been involved in every milestone in engineering and engineering technology education, and I look forward to helping carry out that rich tradition and strategically leading ASEE forward."

He follows Nicholas Altiero, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane University, as president. The incoming president-elect is Louis Martin-Vega, dean of the College of Engineering at North Carolina State University. Rencis will serve one year as president, and one year as immediate past president.

Born in New Jersey, Rencis received his A.A.S. and B.S. degrees from Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), his M.S. from Northwestern University, and his Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University. From 1985 to 2004 he was an Assistant, Associate, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). At WPI he was Director of Engineering Mechanics from 1995 to 2004. From 2004 to 2010 he was Department Head and the inaugural holder of the Twenty-first Century Leadership Chair in Mechanical Engineering from 2007 to 2010 at the University of Arkansas. Rencis was a tenured Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Arkansas. He is an inaugural fellow of the Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium Leadership Development Program. From 2006 to 2010 he was Chair and Vice Chair of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Mechanical Engineering Department Heads Committee. Since 2011 he has been the Dean of Engineering, the inaugural holder of the Clay N. Hixson Chair for Engineering Leadership, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Tennessee Technological University.

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