



Richard T. Laudenat
President-Elect

Richard T. Laudenat, P.E., will become the 138th president of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) for the 2019-2020 term commencing in June of 2019. Mr. Laudenat has been an active member in ASME since 1991.

Laudenat, an ASME Fellow, has spent his career in the field of energy generation. In August 2015, he retired from GDF Suez (now ENGIE), a leading global energy operator, where he served as plant manager responsible for the operation of 30 electric generators at 10 plants throughout Connecticut. He was also responsible for strategic planning for generation assets; worked to develop plans and cost estimates for combustion turbine plant expansions; and was the project manager for the Waterbury Generation project, a 100 megawatt Simple Cycle Power Plant in Waterbury, Conn.

Prior to his work at GDF Suez, Laudenat held the position of director, Business, at Bartlett Group Holdings, Inc., responsible for developing new business opportunities within the commercial nuclear power sector. He also served as project manager at E.S. Boulos Co., one of the oldest, largest, and most experienced electrical and telecommunications contractors in the northeastern United States; and he worked for Northeast Utilities, a public utilities holding company, where he led business development for nuclear power service and cogeneration plant development.

Among his leadership positions at ASME, Laudenat served as a member of the Board of Governors; vice chair of the Sector Management Committee; senior vice president, Knowledge and Communities; and chair of the Council on Engineering Finance Committee. He also held several leadership roles in ASME's energy initiatives, including vice president, Energy Conversion; chair of the Nuclear Engineering Division; and served on the ASME Nuclear Engineering Executive Committee; ASME's Nuclear Heat Exchanger Committee; and the Electric Utilities Committee of the ASME Gas Turbine Division. In 2010, he was named a recipient of the ASME Dedicated Service Award.

Laudenat received both his master's degree in mechanical engineering and his MBA in management from the Hartford Graduate Center.

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