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Mark Golden Named Nat'l Society of Professional Engineers Exec. Dir.

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On Jan. 31, Mark J. Golden, CAE, FASAE, begin his tenure as the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NPSE). Golden replaced Lawrence A. Jacobson.

"To have the opportunity with such a great organization, with such a long history and tradition as NPSE it's like the stars all aligned," Golden told *USAE*.

Golden comes to NPSE after nearly 15 years as the Executive Director & CEO of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). He left the organization in June and has performed consulting work ever since. During his time with NCRA, Golden also represented the United States as Vice President of the International Federation for Information and Communication Processing in Brussels.

Previously, Golden served as Sr. Vice President, Industry Affairs/Acting President of the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA). He directed legislative, regulatory, and industry development activities and worked closely with Federal Communications Commission in advocating for wireless telephone and texting services. He was the Vice President of the Association of Telemessaging Services International (ATSI) and also a Special Assistant/Editor for A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

Dan Wittliff, P.E., DEE, F.NSPE, NPSE's President, said of Golden: "It is this deep commitment and obvious expertise that made Mark an excellent choice to lead NSPE, and we are

thrilled to bring someone of his caliber on board."

"His in-depth knowledge and experience in associations will not only be a huge benefit to our organization, but to the licensed professional engineers we serve and the engineering profession as a whole," Wittliff added.

An honors graduate of the University of Virginia, Golden is a highly respected member of the association sector. In 1995 he was one of only six association professionals to be honored as an ASAE Fellow. Six years later he was awarded ASAE's Key Award. He is a past Vice Chairman of the ASAE Board of Directors and also served as Chairman of the ASAE Foundation. A noted speaker and author, he has contributed to a number of popular publications and books.

Golden was also prominently involved with the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives (GWSAE) occupying a variety of leadership roles. He helped bring about the merger between GWSAE and the Center for Association Leadership and ASAE and the ASAE Foundation.

"Association leadership allows you the opportunity to bring a very specialized set of skills to bare and help a group of people pull together and get something done for the common good which would not have happened if the association had not been there," Golden said.

Golden, and his wife, Annette, reside in Clifton, Va. They have a son, John Alexander.



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