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**Dean R. Wilson Elected 2014 President and Chair  
of the Board of the American Welding Society**

**MIAMI, Fla., January 27, 2014** – Dean R. Wilson, has been named as the 2014 president and chair of the board of the nearly 70,000 member American Welding Society (AWS).

Wilson has been active in the Society for over 30 years and has served on numerous standing committees, including WEMCO, An Association of Welding Equipment Manufacturers, where he served as chair in 2005.

During his presidency, Wilson will manage the affairs of the Society and preside at all board of directors and executive committee meetings. He will also represent the American Welding Society at many of its local section meetings, and other technical, national and international meetings

“The focus of my presidency is continuous improvement through innovation and the many forms it can experienced,” said Wilson. “AWS is devoted to advancing the science, technology, and people of welding, by providing lifelong professional development and in doing so, aims to improve everyone’s safety, productivity, and career satisfaction, leading to continuous improvement through innovation.”

Currently Wilson lives in Glendora, Calif., where he serves as president of Weldean Enterprises, a provider of health, safety and welding products and industry consulting.

About AWS

*The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting process worldwide, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves nearly 70,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."*

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