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## **David J. Landon Elected 2015 President and Chair of the Board of the American Welding Society**

**MIAMI, Fla., February 18, 2015** – David J. Landon has been named as the 2015 president and chair of the board of the 70,000 member American Welding Society (AWS).

Landon has been an active member of the Society for over 30 years and previously served as vice president of AWS from 2012-2014. Landon has also been a contributing member to many technical committees and won several awards from the Society including the District 16 Dalton E. Hamilton Memorial Certified Welding Inspector of the Year award and numerous meritorious awards. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in welding engineering from LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas.

During his presidency, Landon 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

Having been mentored by some of the greatest in the welding industry, Landon's passion for training new welders and mentoring others will be the main focus of his presidential year. Consistent with Landon's passion, the Iowa Section of the American Welding Society has launched the David J. Landon Scholarship. The endowment is made possible by the generous donations of the Iowa Section of the American Welding

Society, Vermeer Corporation, and the matching gift program of the American Welding Society. The scholarship will enable young welders to develop and refine their skills through education and aid them in their efforts to accomplish extraordinary achievements in the industry.

Currently Landon lives in Pella, Iowa, where he is the manager of welding engineering for Vermeer Corporation, a global industrial and agricultural equipment company.

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 over 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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