Institute of Industrial Engineers Gets New Name and New Officers

The Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) will become the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) as of April 1. The association's members voted for the name change and elected new officers in January.

Norcross, Ga. (PRWEB) March 23, 2016 -- In January, members of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) voted to change the name of the association to the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) and elected new officers.

“The name change aligns IIE with the changing scope of the profession that, while keeping its industrial base, has seen more industrial and systems engineers working with large-scale, integrated systems in a variety of sectors. The change also is consistent with department names in many universities, as two-thirds of the top 65 schools ranked in U.S. News & World Report have incorporated ‘systems’ into their department names,” said IIE CEO Don Greene.

Three positions were filled on IIE’s 13-person board of trustees: president-elect, senior vice president-at-large, industry and senior vice president, international.

Joseph C. Hartman will be president-elect. He will transition to president his second year and then to immediate past president his third year. Hartman is dean of the James B. Francis College of Engineering and a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He is an IIE fellow and has served as senior vice president, publications, on the board of trustees. Hartman holds a B.S. in general engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as well as an M.S. in industrial engineering and a Ph.D. in industrial and systems engineering from Georgia Tech.

Rick Wilkinson was elected senior vice president-at-large, industry. Wilkinson is senior director of engineering services for Walmart Inc. He is a licensed professional engineer and holds a B.S. in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University.

The new senior vice president, international, is Eileen Van Aken, professor and associate department head of the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech. Van Aken has a B.S. in industrial engineering and operations research and an M.S. and Ph.D. in industrial and systems engineering, all from Virginia Tech.

Michele Dekelbaum, senior manager, lean optimization for Ricoh Americas Corp., and Iris Rivero, associate professor in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at Iowa State, were elected to serve as vice presidents of technical operations.

In addition, six IIE regions picked new region vice presidents: Kerri Beiswenger in the Northeast, Robert Kantor in the Southeast, Rey Doctora in the Western, George Huang in Asia, Diogenes Alvarez in Central and South America, and Margarita Ponce in Mexico.

The new officers were elected by professional members of IIE and will serve for three years. They will begin their terms April 1, and the name change also will be official on that date.
About the **Institute of Industrial Engineers**: The Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) is the world’s largest professional association dedicated solely to the support of the industrial and systems engineering profession and individuals involved with improving systems, productivity, quality and efficiency. Founded in 1948, IIE is an international, nonprofit organization that provides knowledge, training, networking opportunities and recognition to enhance the skills and effectiveness of its members, customers and the profession.

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