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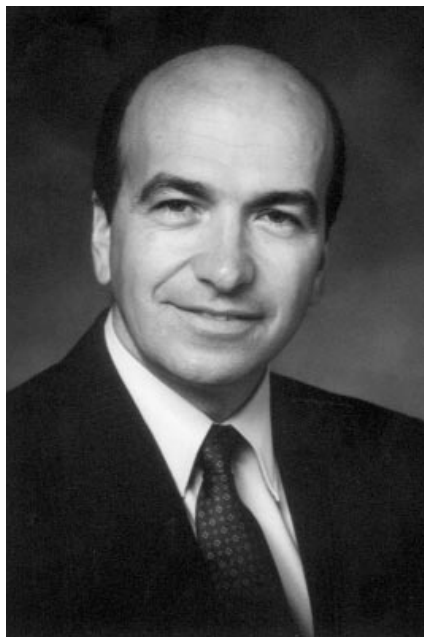
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John Cagnetta Elected President of CASE



Dr. John Cagnetta, former Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Hartford, has been elected President of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering.

Administration. He has served on a number of Connecticut legislative task forces dealing with energy technologies and policies.

Dr. Cagnetta, his wife Rena and three children were longtime residents of Wethersfield; he and his wife now reside in Rocky Hill.

The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering is pleased to announce the election of Dr. John Cagnetta as President. The Academy, chartered by the state in 1976, provides guidance and scientific advice to state agencies and industry when advances in science and technology raise issues impacting on the economic and social welfare. The Academy has a current membership of 190 scientists and engineers who have distinguished themselves in their professional fields.

John Cagnetta received his doctorate in chemical engineering from the Polytechnic University of New York and attended the Harvard University Advanced Management Program. He was an officer in the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has over 40 years of professional engineering experience in research and design engineering in the energy field. He served in various engineering management positions at Northeast Utilities, retiring as a Senior Vice President in 1994. Thereafter, he served as Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Hartford until his retirement in 1998. He was active with the Electric Power Research Institute, the Edison Electric Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Energy Laboratory, and the Yale University Social & Policy Studies Council. He was a member of the United Nations International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Committee, Trustee of the Rensselaer Graduate Center in Hartford, and member of the Advisory Board, University of Connecticut School of Business

CASE is a private, nonprofit corporation patterned after the National Academy of Sciences. It was chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1976 and is limited by statute to 200 members, who must live or work in Connecticut. One of the principal functions of the Academy is to provide science and technology information and advice on public policy issues, upon request of a government agency or private organization.

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