



Dean Rietz

Rietz elected as new CEO, Roesle steps down

The new chairman and chief executive officer at Ryder Scott is **Dean Rietz**. Stepping down from those positions after 14 years at the helm, was **Don Roesle**.

Rietz is the seventh top executive in the 82-year history of Ryder Scott. He was elected to the board of directors in 2005, and served as executive vice president in 2012 and president in 2015. He joined Ryder Scott in 1995, and established the reservoir simulation group three years later. The formation of this group underscored Ryder Scott's commitment to advancement of its reservoir modeling capabilities.

Considered an expert, Rietz has been involved with all facets of simulation, including initial model design and conceptualization, model construction, history matching, calibration and final project documentation. In 2001, he and a colleague wrote a seminal SPE paper on reserves evaluations and the application of simulation, "The Adaptation of Reservoir Simulation Models for Use in Reserves Certification under Regulatory Guidelines or Reserves Definitions," (SPE 71430).

The published work broke ground and was the first of four

SPE papers written on that subject by Rietz and Ryder Scott co-authors.

Rietz has more than 35 years of industry experience. Before joining Ryder Scott in 1995, he taught in-house material-balance schools to engineers at Chevron Corp. and the Eclipse user course while at Intera Petroleum Production Division.

Rietz began his career at Chevron USA Inc. in 1984 as a project engineer and started conducting modeling studies at Chevron E&P Services in 1988.

He is a registered professional engineer in Texas. Rietz received a BS degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Oklahoma and MS degrees in petroleum engineering and hospitality management from the University of Houston.

Rietz is an adjunct professor at UH where he teaches an applied reservoir simulation graduate course. He is also a member of SPE, SPEE and an instructor for the SPE short course, "Reservoir Simulation for Practical Decision Making."

Rietz was also a 2016-2017 SPE Distinguished Lecturer and chairman of the UH Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board.

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