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## **SVU Announces New Executive Director**

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After an extensive search, SVU is pleased to announce the hiring of James Wilkinson, CAE, as its new Executive Director. Wilkinson brings a wealth of non-profit leadership experience to the Society.

Wilkinson will be responsible for all aspects of organizational operations, financial results and growth for the organization. Prior to his current position, he served as Vice President for Strategy and Growth at the National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC), where he was responsible for business development, marketing, fundraising and coordination of the Board of Directors. He also planned and led all activities of the NFTC's year-long Centennial Celebration in 2014. Earlier, he served as Executive Director of the Washington International Trade Association (WITA) for nine years, doubling membership and revenue during his tenure.

"I am excited and honored to serve this strong organization," Wilkinson said. "While there are always challenges, I believe the organization and the profession are poised for continued growth. I am committed to advancing the careers of SVU members and to advancing the vascular ultrasound field."

Wilkinson holds a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University and in 2011 earned the prestigious CAE (Certified Association Executive) credential from the American Society of Association Executives. He holds two undergraduate degrees: in English from the University of Maryland, and in Education from Frostburg State University. He lives with his family in Berwyn Heights, Maryland.

Founded in 1977, SVU is the only professional organization completely dedicated to the advancement of non-invasive vascular technology used in the diagnosis and treatment of vascular disease. SVU is comprised of more than 5,500 vascular technologists, physicians, cardiologists and other allied health professionals. SVU's web address is [www.svunet.org](http://www.svunet.org).