



AUTM Chair, Newly Elected Board Members Take Office

Washington, DC – March 20, 2020 — AUTM, a global non-profit whose members support the commercialization of academic research through intellectual property protection, start-up formation and industry-academia collaborations, has welcomed its new Chair, Marc Sedam, the Vice Provost for Innovation and New Ventures at the University of New Hampshire; and Managing Director of UNHInnovation.

Sedam, who joined UNH in 2010, has an extensive background in intellectual asset management, licensing, and start-up formation. He founded the Peter T. Paul Entrepreneurship Center and serves as the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Innovation Research Center, New Hampshire's only translational research funding program. Sedam is currently the Principal Investigator of UNH's National Science Foundation I-Corps Site.

Sedam served on the AUTM Board of Directors from 2014 to 2016 as the Vice President for Professional Development, responsible for AUTM's education and training activities. He rejoined the Board in 2017 when he was elected by Membership.

Sedam spoke today following the close of AUTM's Annual Business meeting, which was conducted via Zoom. "Technology transfer professionals now focus on local and regional economic development and how we build and strengthen our innovation ecosystems through entrepreneur-in-residence programs, communities of innovation, incubators and accelerators, I-Corps, undergraduate entrepreneurship, and dozens if not hundreds of disparate programs all focused towards a single goal – to get ideas out into society and make the world a better place," Sedam said.

AUTM CEO Stephen Susalka said Sedam has been an outspoken leader on AUTM's Board of Directors, responsible for spearheading some of the organization's most challenging and important strategic initiatives, such as the new partnership between AUTM and the Federal Laboratory Consortium and the creation of AUTM's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Laura Savatski, Technology Transfer Officer for the non-profit organization Versiti | Blood Research Institute. has been selected as AUTM's Chair-Elect, and will succeed Sedam when he steps down as Chair in March 2021.

Joining them on the Board are newly installed directors elected to three-year terms:

- **Hannah Dvorak Carbone**, PhD, Director for Innovation, Patents & Licensing, California Institute of Technology
- **Andrew J. Maas**, JD, LL.M., MSE, PE, RTTP, Associate Vice President for Research and Director of the Office of Innovation and Technology Commercialization, Louisiana State University
- **Heidi S. Nebel**, JD, Managing Member, McKee, Voorhees and Sease
- **Gisele Roberts**, MBA, Manager, Innovation and Commercialization, Laurentian University
- **Markus J. Wanko**, MBA, MSc, Mag., Head of Technology Transfer, Institute of Science and Technology Austria

About AUTM

AUTM is the non-profit leader in efforts to educate, promote and inspire professionals, throughout their careers, to support the development of academic research that changes the world. AUTM's community is comprised of more than 3,000 members who work in more than 800 universities, research centers, hospitals, businesses and government organizations around the globe. To learn more, visit www.AUTM.net.

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