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AUTM Welcomes New Board Chair, Members

[Washington, D.C., March 13, 2025] - AUTM, the world's largest association for technology transfer professionals, welcomed a new Board of Directors Chair and Members during its 2025 Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Joy Goswami, MS, MBA, RTTP, will lead AUTM's Board of Directors for a year-long term beginning March 5. Goswami is the Director of Intellectual Property and Licensing in the Department of Industry and External Affairs at the Research Foundation for State University of New York. He has a background in technology transfer for the pharmaceutical and medical device industries and has managed public-private partnership efforts in an array of technological areas. Goswami is also a Registered Patent Agent for the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

"It is a great privilege to lead AUTM's efforts in supporting professionals who develop academic research that changes the world and drives innovation forward," said Goswami.

The Board also selected Irene Abrams, Vice President, Technology Development & New Ventures at Boston Children's Hospital, as Chair-elect. She has spent her career in academic technology commercialization, holding leadership positions at Mass General Brigham Innovation, where she was responsible for commercializing MGH discoveries; Brandeis University, where she was the Associate Provost for Innovation, and at M.I.T., where she was a Senior Technology Licensing Officer, responsible for licensing biomedical inventions for M.I.T., the Whitehead Institute and the Broad Institute. Abrams will succeed Goswami when he steps down as Chair in February 2026.

Two new Directors also joined the Board, Jennifer Fraser, MSc, MBA., Director of Innovations at the University of Toronto, and Marie Christine Kerbeshian, PhD, CLP, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director for the University of Iowa Research Foundation. Both will serve three-year terms.

Goswami, Abrams, Fraser, and Kerbeshian will take their places with continuing Board Members:

- Andrew Maas, JD, LL.M., RTTP, University of Texas Discovery to Impact

- Doug Aguilera, CPA, CFF, CFE, CGMA, Aguilera and Associates
- Megan Aanstoos, PhD, RTTP, VentureWell
- Gaylene Anderson, MBA, Boehringer Ingelheim
- Sadhana Chitale, PhD, MBA, CLP, New York University
- Daniel Dardani, CLP, Duke University
- Becky Hernandez, California Institute of Technology
- Tatiana Litvin-Vechnyak, PhD, Georgetown University
- Ellen MacKay, RTTP, Lakehead University

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