

## **USBLN®** Announces its 2012 Board of Directors and Officers

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WASHINGTON, DC (February 16, 2012) - Today, the US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) announced its 2012 Board of Directors and Board Officers. Re-elected member representation on the USBLN® Board of Directors this year includes **Ann Andreosatos**, Leader, Culture and Capability, North American Diversity & Inclusion Practice, Procter & Gamble; **Kevin Foster**, Director of Motorola's Quality Master Black Belt; and **Keith Wiedenkeller**, Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer, AMC Entertainment Inc. (AMC).

The full USBLN® Board of Directors went on to elect **Deb Russell**, Corporate Manager, Diversity and Inclusion, Walgreens as Chair and **Debra Ruh**, Chief Marketing Officer, SSB BART Group Inc. as Secretary/Treasurer returning to the Board in their incumbent seats with **Deborah Dagit**, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Merck newly elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

"We are pleased to announce our 2012 Board of Directors and Officers and greatly value their collective insight. Each of our Directors brings a strong background and overall business acumen that significantly supports the USBLN®'s strategic growth. I'm confident that this Board will help us build upon its many accomplishments and further enhance disability inclusion across the enterprise," shared **Deb Russell**, USBLN® Board Chair and Corporate Manager, Diversity and Inclusion, Walgreens.

The USBLN® Board of Directors is also comprised of existing members: **Martha Artiles**, Partner, C5 Consulting LLC; **Beth Butler**, Director, Diversity & Inclusion Lowe's Companies, Inc.; **Frances West**, Director, IBM's Human Ability & Accessibility Center; **Marthalee Galeota**, Program Manager of Starbuck's Accessibility; **Michelle Maybaum**, Director, Employee Relations for Qualcomm, Inc.; **Lori Golden**, Inclusiveness Consultant and Lead of Ernst & Young's firm-sponsored inclusiveness initiative AccessAbilities; and **Susan Palmer Mazrui**, Director, Global Public Policy, AT&T Services Inc.

The three *Ex Officio* Board members are **Paul Fogle**, student, Penn State Harrisburg and Chair, USBLN<sup>®</sup> Student Advisory Council, **Tessah Latson Garcia**, Program Director, New Mexico Business Leadership Network and USBLN<sup>®</sup> BLN Affiliates Representative; and **John Wagner**, MHA, Senior Segment Director for the Senior Business Unit, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida and Chair, USBLN<sup>®</sup> Corporate Advisory Board. These members provide important representation of their respective advisory groups, the USBLN<sup>®</sup> Student Advisory Council, the BLN Affiliates, and the Corporate Advisory Board.

For more information on the USBLN® Board of Directors, please visit <a href="http://usbln.org/bod.html">http://usbln.org/bod.html</a>.

## About the US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is a national non-profit, non-partisan business to business network promoting workplaces, marketplaces, and supply chains where people with disabilities are included. The USBLN® serves as the collective voice of over 60 Business Leadership Network affiliates across the United States, representing over 5,000 businesses. Additionally, the USBLN® Disability Supplier Diversity Program® (DSDP) is the nation's leading third party certification program for disability-owned businesses, including service-disabled veterans. www.usbln.org

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