

## **USBLN®** Announces its 2014 Board of Directors and Officers

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WASHINGTON, DC (February 4, 2014) – Today, the US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) announced its 2014 Board of Directors and Board Officers. New representation on the USBLN® Board of Directors includes **Preety Kumar**, CEO, Deque Systems, Inc.; **Gloria Pualani**, Corporate Director, Socio-Economic Business Programs/Government Relations, Northrop Grumman Corporation; **Carolynn Brooks**, Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer, OfficeMax; and **Steve Pemberton**, Chief Diversity Officer and Divisional Vice-President, Walgreens.

At its January meeting, the USBLN<sup>®</sup> Board of Directors re-elected **Keith Wiedenkeller**, Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer, AMC Entertainment Inc. (AMC) (retired) as Chair and **Ann Andreosatos**, VP Human Resources, New Chapter (Procter & Gamble) as Secretary/Treasurer. **Preety Kumar**, CEO of Deque Systems, Inc. was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

"Each of our Directors brings an overall business acumen that significantly supports the USBLN®'s strategic growth. I'm confident the experience and dedication of Preety Kumar, Carolynn Brooks, Gloria Pualani and Steve Pemberton will result in significant accomplishments for our organization, but most importantly for the advancement of disability inclusion across workplaces, supply chains and marketplaces. This valuable diversification of our board evidences the imperative for all companies to be thinking innovatively about the value of disability inclusion across their enterprises and its positive impact on our nation," shared **Jill Houghton**, Executive Director, USBLN®.

The other continuing members of the USBLN® Board of Directors are **Lori Golden**, Abilities Strategy Leader, Americas People Team, EY; **Susan Palmer Mazrui**, Director, Global Public Policy, AT&T Services Inc.; and **Kevin Foster,** Director, Human Resources, Motorola Solutions, Inc.

The three *Ex Officio* Board members are **Matthew Shapiro**, student, Virginia Commonwealth University and Chair, USBLN® Student Advisory Council; **Christine Moranda**, **LSW**, **CDMS**, Manager, Disability Services, OhioHealth and USBLN® BLN Affiliates Representative; and **John Wagner**, **MHA**, Senior Director, Accountable Care Services Business Development and Innovations, Walgreens and Chair, USBLN® Corporate Advisory Board. These members provide important representation of their respective advisory groups, the USBLN® 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**<sup>®</sup> (USBLN<sup>®</sup>)
The US Business Leadership Network<sup>®</sup> (USBLN<sup>®</sup>) is a national non-profit that helps business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain, and marketplace. The USBLN® serves as the collective voice of nearly 50 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 businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. www.usbln.org

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