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Howell Foundation Announces Five Appointments to Board of Directors in 2020

New Board appointees to drive efforts to advance women's health

The Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's Health Research welcomes five new appointees to the Board: Susan Baxter, PhD, Former C-SUPERB Executive Director; Jane M. Georges, PhD, RN, Dean of the Hanh School of Nursing at USD; Stanley Maloy, PhD, Associate Vice President for Research & Innovation and Professor of Biology at San Diego State University; Diana Hill, Past President of Soroptimist International of La Jolla, and Bill Littlejohn, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer at Sharp HealthCare Foundation.

"We are excited to welcome Susan, Jane, Stanely, Diana and Bill as new directors to the Howell Board, and especially value their experience in the scientific, non-profit and community outreach fields," comments Carol Tuggy, Chairperson of the Board. "They join the Howell Foundation at an exciting time as we solidify our strategic partnerships with the major academic institutions in our community, and value their in-depth perspective on advancing women's health. We are appreciative they accepted to serve at our Board.

As part on the Foundation's strategic plan, the Board of Directors frequently evaluates its composition to ensure it delivers its mission of becoming the premier organization advancing women's health. The addition of these directors complements the Board's skills and experiences, and we are confident they will provide valuable perspectives as we continue to enhance our organization's programs. We are appreciative that they accepted our invitation to serve on our Board."

About Susan M. Baxter, PhD



"The Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's health was one of the first nonprofits nationwide that supported undergraduate researchers. We've been very grateful for our partnership. Together, the Howell Foundation and CSUPERB have given \$855,000 in awards to 200 students since 2001; the great majority, 87% of them, graduate and go on to apply successfully for medical school, graduate school or work in the bio medical field."

Susan M. Baxter served as Executive Director of the California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology ([CSUPERB](#)) from 2007 to 2020. She managed CSU I-Corps, a National Science Foundation-supported entrepreneurship program for nascent academic entrepreneurs. For 20 years, she administered and managed the grants and awards programs, organized workshops and the annual CSU biotechnology symposium, developed new program opportunities, and acted as a liaison for the CSU with industry, government, philanthropic and educational partners, among them, the Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's Health Research.

She has over twenty years research and management experience in business, nonprofit and academic settings. She serves on the boards of at BIOCUM Institute, the nonprofit arm of the biotechnology industry association in southern California, BayBio Institute, and Histogen, a private regenerative medicine company.

About Jane M. Georges, PhD, RN



“The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science at USD has had a long-term relationship with the Howell Foundation in providing support for our developing nurse scientists who focus on women’s health needs. The Howell Foundation is the premier organization advancing women’s health research in San Diego, and I am delighted to be able to serve on the Board. Nursing science is in a key position to advance women’s health in so many ways, and it’s a privilege to participate in continuing the work of Dr. Doris Howell who contributed so much to the health of women in our community.”

Jane is Dean of [USD’s Hahn School of Nursing](#) at the University of San Diego. In her role as Dean, Dr. Georges is responsible for the strategic leadership of the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, where she has focused on eliminating health disparities and the provision of health equity to marginalized populations.

Dean Georges was an NIH pre-doctoral fellow at the Women’s Health Center at the University of Washington. Following her PhD, she was an NIH post-doctoral fellow in psychophysiological nursing research. She has an accomplished record of research and publication in the areas of palliative and end of life care. She has authored numerous refereed journal articles and book chapters with a specific focus on suffering and compassion. Her philosophical work in these areas is recognized internationally and utilized as a model in doctoral programs in nursing globally.

Jane holds a PhD in nursing science from the University of Washington School of Nursing, as well as BSN and MS degrees from the University of California, San Francisco. Her nursing career

builds upon a degree in Liberal Arts from the Jesuit Santa Clara University, which has informed her scholarship in the Catholic intellectual tradition of social justice.

About Diana Hill, MS, MBA



“Soroptimist International of La Jolla and the Doris Howell Foundation for Women’s Health research have one very strong philosophy in common: ensuring women are empowered to succeed. I’m honored to have been offered this opportunity to work with such an esteemed panel of dedicated scientists and physicians. I look forward to making a major contribution to furthering the Foundation’s mission.”

Diana Hill is Past President of [Soroptimist International of La Jolla](#), part of a global volunteer network of 72,000 women in 120 countries and territories. As a community-based organization, Soroptimist International of La Jolla (SILJ) supports the mission now shared by 5,900 clubs worldwide. Focused on empowering women and girls worldwide, Diana has overseen programs leading to the advancement of women in our community, chief among them, the organization’s fundraising efforts. Her background in the sciences and technology field, and her perspective on the health needs of women and girls in the community are pivotal for the Howell Foundation.

Diana has a Bachelors in Biology and a Masters in Hospital Administration – both from Stony Brook University. She built her career in business management in a variety of settings: hospitals, computer manufacturing, professional organizing, and public service. She brings to the Howell Foundation a fresh perspective based on her comprehensive background in medical systems, marketing, and experience with medical diagnostic technology with HP. Diana continues to play a leadership role at Soroptimist International of La Jolla, spearheading the organization’s essential function of community awareness and fundraising efforts.

About Bill Littlejohn



Bill Littlejohn is one of the nation’s leading health care philanthropy professionals. With more than three decades of experience, Littlejohn has led and directed philanthropic programs that have generated nearly a billion dollars. Littlejohn joined Sharp HealthCare in 2002 as senior vice president and chief executive officer of [Sharp HealthCare Foundation](#). He oversees the entire philanthropic program for Sharp.

Bill has consulted with and facilitated board retreats, conferences, site visits and presentations for hundreds of hospitals and health systems across the U.S., Canada, France and Germany. During 10 years of providing fundraising counsel, Littlejohn directed more than 40 projects, including capital campaigns, planning and feasibility studies, development audits and major gift programs.

Bill is a 1980 graduate of the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He is a past chair of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP); received the 2017 Si Seymour Award, AHP's highest recognition for professional development; received the 2015 Outstanding Leadership Award from the Southern California Association for Healthcare Development; is a charter advisor to The Advisory Board Company's Philanthropy Leadership Council; is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP); and received the 2018 AFP San Diego Outstanding Development Professional award.

About Stanley Maloy, Ph.D



[Stanley Maloy](#) is Vice President for Research & Innovation at San Diego State University. He obtained a PhD in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from the University of California at Irvine, did a postdoctoral fellowship in Genetics at the University of Utah, then moved to a faculty position at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where he was a Professor of Microbiology for 18 years. He subsequently served as Director of the University of Illinois Biotechnology Center prior to moving to San Diego State University. He was Dean of the College of Sciences at San Diego State University from 2006-2017.

Research in Stanley's lab focuses on the evolution of new infectious diseases, and the development of new vaccines and antimicrobials. He is the author of over 100 scientific publications and 10 books. He has organized numerous international courses and conferences in the US, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. He has received several teaching awards, Honorary Professorships, an Honorary PhD, and is an elected Fellow of the American Academy for Microbiology.

Stanley has served as President of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), one of the largest international scientific societies. He has served on numerous editorial boards. He has been a grant reviewer for U.S. and international funding agencies, and a member of federal

advisory groups on biosafety and biodefense, research, health policy, and reforming graduate education. He has testified before the United States House Appropriations Committee about federal funding for scientific research.

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About the Doris A. Howell Foundation

The Doris A. Howell Foundation for Women's Health Research is dedicated to making a long-term, positive impact on women's health. Established in 1995, the Howell Foundation is the premier organization advancing women's health research. The organization does so by funding undergraduate and postgraduate research scholarships and grants to scientists researching issues affecting women's health; providing a forum for medical experts, scientists, doctors, and researchers to convey timely information on topics relevant to women's health and the health of their families; and through outreach events, funding and supporting research initiatives that improve the health of under-served women and increase awareness and advocacy in the community.