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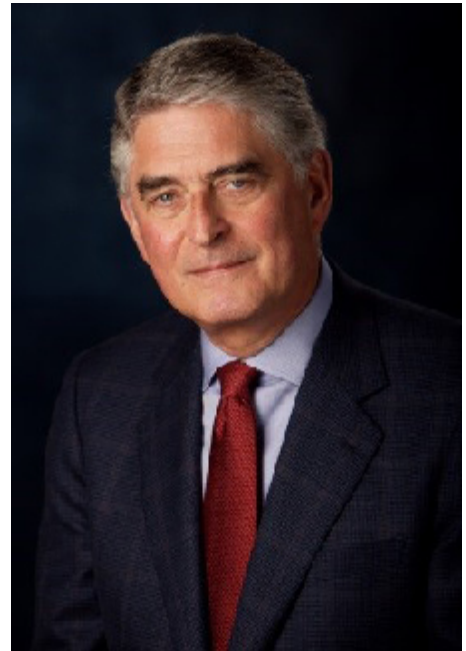
## Global Leaders, Alumna Join UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy Advisory Board

**Led by newly appointed chair, long-standing board aids dean in strategic vision and outreach**

The University of California San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy announces a new chair of and welcomes 11 new members to its advisory board, joining a long-standing council of prominent members of the local and international communities.

The new International Advisory Board chair and members bring expertise and leadership in international trade and commerce, foreign investment, public policy, education and communications, intellectual property rights, corporate and not-for-profit governance, government regulations, and the development of new technologies.

“Our International Advisory Board continues to be a guide in the overall direction of the school, and we welcome continued partnership,” said School of Global Policy and Strategy acting dean Gordon Hanson. “As we expand our vision to include cross-campus collaboration in all areas of STEM, including Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Jacobs School of Engineering and UC San Diego Health, their professional experience will become increasingly valuable. Working together will ultimately benefit our goal of advancing knowledge through teaching, research and engagement.”



*Rafael Pastor, School of Global Policy and Strategy  
International Advisory Board chair*

The International Advisory Board (IAB) was formed in 1986 to aid the dean in achieving the vision and mission of the school, which is internationally recognized for its public policy expertise and impact in the Americas and Asia. Members provide counsel on current and long-term issues that help define and strengthen the school's role as an established leader in the Pacific region.

The incoming IAB chair is Rafael Pastor, former chair and CEO of Vistage International and previously the leader of several global media companies. Pastor succeeds LIDCO, Inc. chair James D. Jameson, an IAB member since 2003 who was instrumental in guiding and growing the school. The 11 new members bring the total number on the advisory board to 38.

"It's exciting that such a creative, accomplished group of leaders is joining the devoted, visionary advisory board members who helped build the School of Global Policy and Strategy to its current world-class state," Pastor said. "Together, we eagerly look forward to providing guidance to further strengthen the faculty, student body, programs, impact and reputation of the school and, indeed, of UC San Diego."

New members of the School of Global Policy and Strategy International Advisory Board are:

**Kathryn J. Collier**  
**Sempra Energy**

Kathryn Collier is vice president and treasurer for Sempra Energy, overseeing corporate and project financing, cash management and rating agency relationships, as well as strategic planning and energy-risk management. Collier also serves on the board of directors for LEAD San Diego.

**Shawn A. Covell, '12**  
**Intel Corporation**

A 20-year veteran in government relations, Shawn Covell is experienced in building international government relations and public-private partnerships. Currently serving in vice president and director roles at Intel, Covell previously worked at Qualcomm Incorporated and is a UC San Diego alumna, earning her master's degree in international affairs from the School of Global Policy and Strategy in 2012.

**Robert Hormats**  
**Kissinger Associates, Inc.**

Robert “Bob” Hormats is vice chair of Kissinger Associates, Inc., the New York-based strategic international consulting firm. In addition to his time as vice chair of Goldman Sachs International, Hormats has extensive service within the U.S. Department of State, culminating as undersecretary of state for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment for President Barack Obama. He served as a senior staff member on the National Security Council from 1969 to 1977, as economic advisor to Henry Kissinger.

**Bill Huang**  
**CloudMinds, Inc.**

Bill Huang is CEO of CloudMinds Inc., a cloud-based, intelligent robot technology and operating company. A professor at the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, Huang received the IEEE Communications Society Technical Committee on Communications Quality and Reliability award for his advanced and mobile technologies leadership.

**Ron Mannix**  
**Coril Holdings Ltd.**

Ron Mannix is the founder and chair of Coril Holdings Ltd., involved in global investments, railroad manufacturing and maintenance, real estate, mining and integrative health services. He is a former director of the Bank of Montreal and Canfor Corporation, among others, and has served on several boards: Carthy Foundation, Max Bell Foundation, Calgary International Organ Festival and Competition, and Cantos Music Foundation.

**Henry Nordhoff**  
**Banyan Biomarkers**

In a career starting at Pfizer Inc., Henry “Hank” Nordhoff has an extensive history in the regional and international biomedical industry. He currently serves as chair and CEO of Banyan Biomarkers, Inc. and was in executive roles at Cypher Genomics and Gen-Probe, Inc. Nordhoff currently serves on several regional boards: the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute, the Prostate Cancer Foundation, the Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, the Jacobs School of Engineering, Rady Children’s Hospital, Rady Children’s Institute for Genomic Medicine, and the Kyoto Prize Symposium. He is a past chair of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and the California Healthcare Institute.

**Jeremiah Robins**  
**Great Pond Management Company, LLC**

Jeremiah Robins is chair and CEO of Great Pond Management Company, LLC, a U.S.-based private equity firm specializing in the acquisition and redevelopment of middle-market manufacturing companies. At Great Pond Management Company, Robins helps maintain a spectrum of investments in China, where the company has been active since 1989.

**Donald J. Rosenberg**  
**Qualcomm Incorporated**

Donald Rosenberg is executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Qualcomm Incorporated, responsible for overseeing Qualcomm's worldwide legal affairs. Prior to Qualcomm, Rosenberg worked in senior positions at Apple Inc. and IBM Corporation. He is a board member of NuVasive, Inc., the Corporate Directors Forum, La Jolla Playhouse and CONNECT.

**Sachio Semmoto**  
**RENOVA, Inc.**

Sachio Semmoto is an entrepreneur in telecommunications, with more than 30 years in senior management positions with leading Japanese telecommunication companies. He serves as chair of RENOVA, Inc., a renewable energy power company in Japan.

**Ricardo Tavares**  
**Techpolis, Inc.**

Ricardo Tavares is a leading international consultant on the policy and regulatory aspects of communications technologies worldwide. Currently the CEO of Techpolis, Tavares is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations who has worked extensively in Latin America, the Middle East, South Asia, Russia and Southeast Asia.

**Vice Admiral Robert Thomas, Jr.**  
**U.S. Navy (retired)**

Vice Adm. Robert Thomas retired from the U.S. Navy as a career submarine officer operating in both the U.S. Pacific and U.S. Central commands. Thomas served as program analyst in the Secretary of the Navy's Office of Program Appraisal and assistant deputy director for Politico-Military Affairs, among other roles.

View the complete list of International Advisory Board members online at the [School of Global Policy and Strategy](#).

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