



Doody Enterprises, Inc., Announces New Owner

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January 2024 -- After 31 years under the stewardship of founder Dan Doody, Doody Enterprises, Inc., has a new owner, and it is a familiar face. Tim Butzen, most recently the Chief Operating Officer, will be helming the company for the next 31 years and then some, Dan announced.

"I'm so grateful that the company is in the hands of such a capable, creative, and forward-thinking owner as Tim Butzen," Dan said. Explaining that Doody Enterprises is more than just a business to him, he said it was important that the next owner had the same values and dedication to its mission as he did. "Tim's competence is wide-ranging and exceptional. What is especially remarkable are his personal characteristics. He never wavers from his positive outlook, and he always leads with kindness," he noted. "It's hard to imagine a better outcome when transferring the ownership of Doody Enterprises, Inc., than selling to such a trusted, valuable employee. This transaction ensures continuity for what has been a remarkably stable and successful company."

Tim started as a part-time Book Operations and Customer Service Specialist as he completed his MLIS at Dominican University. When he graduated in January 2019, he transitioned to full time Operations Manager and then Operations Director in July 2019. He took over full team leadership in January 2021 as General Manager. As Dan's retirement from daily operations became imminent in June of 2022, Tim was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in January 2022.

Tim is excited to carry on the legacy of Doody Enterprises and credits Dan with giving him the support to be able to do so. "Dan Doody has become the single most important mentor and champion in my professional life. That Dan saw something in me and decided to run with it and provide me opportunity after opportunity to excel, grow, and learn is something I reflect on daily, and for which I feel immeasurable gratitude," he said, adding, "I am honored and humbled that Dan has the faith in me to succeed and carry on his namesake legacy."

As for the future of Doody Enterprises, Tim said, "I am excited to continue deepening our relationship with health sciences libraries around the world and broadening our collection development offerings. I look forward to growing our relationship with our industry partners and welcoming new ones on forward-thinking collaborations. I am honored to continue working with our Editorial Review Group Chairs and reviewers who do amazing work in clinical, academic, and research settings all over the world. And most of all, I am beyond excited to continue connecting and collaborating with the incredible librarians who strive endlessly to serve the information needs of their communities."

Tim noted, "Doody's is a company built by librarians, for librarians, and I look forward to advancing that tradition in our ever-changing health information landscape." Dan would agree.

Doody Enterprises, Inc., was founded in 1993 to provide reviews of health sciences books to librarians, first in print and then, in 1995, online. A critical asset of the company for its 31 years has been the good will of its key partners in the book review enterprise: the publishers who have sent more than 92,000



new titles to Doody's since its inception and the more than 10,000 academically affiliated health sciences reviewers. Its current online publications include Doody's Review Service®, Doody's Core Titles®, Doody's Collection Development Monthly®, and Doody's Special Topics Lists.

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