Rudy Rehm’s involvement with UC San Diego began with a dance in the early ’90s, perhaps not the most common inroad for an accountant. “I was looking for something different to do, pro bono-wise,” he explains. The Off the Wall Dance was an annual fund-raiser that over time raised more than $1 million for the School of Medicine, and today Rudy still moves and shakes for the Health Sciences at UC San Diego – most recently as Chair of the Moores UCSD Cancer Center Board.

During his term on the UC San Diego Foundation Board, Rudy has held a leadership position as Chair of the Audit Committee, where he could contribute by applying his expertise from nearly 30 years in public accounting at KPMG LLP. Rudy earned his degree in accounting from John Carroll University, near Cleveland; he took a job with KPMG and worked in the firm's offices in Cleveland, Washington, DC, Akron, San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and was named a partner in 1977.

In 1994, his wife Carla urged him to retire at 49 from KPMG and move to Southern California to pursue a dream of being a self-employed financial consultant. Shortly after the move south, a close friend from the Bay Area convinced Rudy to join him as a founder of DCM-Doll Capital Management, a top-tier venture capital fund based in Menlo Park. Appointed as Chief Financial Officer in December 1996, Rudy has since helped guide and oversee the firm’s business strategy and growth. He currently serves as DCM’s Finance Partner.

In addition to his commitment to UC San Diego, Rudy is a former Trustee at the San Diego Natural History Museum, where he was president from 1995 to 1997.