

**Association of University Cardiologists
55th Annual Meeting
Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Spa
St. Petersburg, FL
January 13-15, 2016**

The annual meeting of the Association of University Cardiologists was preceded by a Council meeting and an Emeritus meeting on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016.

Council Meeting, Wednesday, January 13th, 2016, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Present: President, C. Noel Bairey-Merz, M.D., Vice-President Ivor Benjamin, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer Emelia J. Benjamin, M.D., ScM, Councilors: Jeffrey Bender, M.D., Anne Curtis, M.D., James de Lemos, M.D., and Robert SImari, M.D.

The meeting was called to order by President Bairey-Merz at 2:00 pm.

The financial report for fiscal year 2015 was given by Secretary-Treasurer Emelia Benjamin. The financial projection for year 2016 was also presented by Dr. Benjamin.

Deaths of the following AUC members were noted: Dr. Mario Garcia Palmerini, William Little, and Borys Surawicz.

The Council approved the following changes in membership:

Transfer to Emeritus status for Elliott Antman, Roberto Bolli, Andrew Epstein, Keith Ferdinand, Edward Fisher, Peter Ganz, Marvin Konstam, Beverly Lorell, Joseph Loscalzo, Pamela Ouyang, Dan Roden, Mark Taubman, Prediman Shah, Michael Winniford, and Michael Zile. Resignations were accepted for Augustus Grant, J. O'Neal Humphries, and Harold Strauss.

Of the 14 members in jeopardy for nonattendance,

- 2 were present at the meeting (Paolo Raggi and Christine Seidman) and no further action was taken by the Council regarding these members.
- Letters will be sent to Stephen Archer, C. William Balke, Robert Califf, Patrice Delafontaine, Mukesh Jain, Craig Malloy, Daniel Simon and Michael Simons continuing their membership contingent upon attending and presenting an abstract at the 2017 meeting January 18-20, 2017 at the Royal Palms Resort and Spa in Phoenix, AZ and their dues must be up to date.
- A letter will be sent to Lawrence Young removing him from membership for not attending meetings and none payment of dues.

The Council reviewed nine candidates for membership. At the AUC Business Meeting on Friday, the Council will recommend the following six candidates for membership: Joaquin Cigarroa, Harold Dauerman, Priscille Hsue, Laura Mauri, Sharon Reimold and Charanjit Rihal.

Dr. Bairey-Merz will appoint an Auditing Committee to review the AUC books and give a report at the Business Meeting on Friday morning.

The Council also discussed meeting site options and dates for 2019. The members will be surveyed at the Friday morning Business Meeting to see if they would like to return to the Renaissance Vinoy.

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A discussion was held regarding **payment of back dues**. It was decided that each member of the Council would call individuals who were in arrears more than one year. It was also again discussed that any member, whether active or emeritus, who is not current with their dues may not nominate anyone or provide a letter of support for nomination to membership in the AUC. This will be enforced for the 2016 nominations.

There being no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm by Dr. Bairey-Merz.

Emeritus Session – Wednesday, January 13th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Members present at the 2016 Emeritus Session included:

Emeritus members: Francois Abboud, William Barry, George Beller, Gerald Berenson, Michael Cain, Luther Clark, Lawrence Cohen, Jay Cohn, Peter Cohn, Nancy Flowers, William Gaasch, Donald Heistad, Leo Horan, Alice Jacobs, Carl Leier, Richard Leighton, Martin LeWinter, Beverly Lorell, Allyn Mark, James Muller, Ileana Pina, Rose Marie Robertson, James Scheuer, Nanette Wenger

Active Members: James Fang, Keith Ferdinand, Daniel Garry, Robert Gerszten, Marvin Konstam, Edward McFalls, Darren McGuire, Peter Stone, Herman Taylor, Wm. Robert Taylor

The meeting was presided over by Drs. William Barry, Rose Marie Robertson and Nanette Wenger.

The 2016 Emeritus session featured 2 presentations:

1. Holly R. Middlekauff, M.D., **Clearing the Air: The Controversies Surrounding Electronic Cigarettes.**
Discussion.
2. Robert O. Bonow, M.D., **Current Challenges in the Management of Aortic Stenosis**
Discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Reception – Wednesday, January 13th, 2016, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The reception was held on the Mezzanine/Terrace and was attended by 138 members and guests (compared to 130 the previous year).

President's Program – Thursday, January 14th, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Dr. Bairey-Merz, President of the Association, introduced Dr. David Page, Whitehead Institute/MIT/HHMI. Dr. Page presented the Featured Lecture on "*Sex & Disease: Do Males and Females Read Their Genomes Differently?*"

Dr. Jennifer Van Eyk, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, presented the 30th George Burch Memorial Lecture on "*Concepts for Proteomics – The Role of Sex in Individualized Medicine*".

The President's Lecture, "*Female-pattern Ischemic Heart Disease: Monet vs. Manet (or Why Women have more Adverse Outcomes)*" was presented by Dr. Noel Bairey-Merz, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

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First Scientific Session, Thursday, January 14th, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Dr. Bairey-Merz presented those new members who were present and/or presenting abstracts:

Michelle Albert	Marian Limacher
Javed Butler	Charles Lowenstein
James Fang	Calum MacRae
Joshua Goldhaber	Darren McGuire
Christopher Granger	Coleen McNamara
Amir Lerman	Herman Taylor

Presentation of abstracts:

Adversity and Cardiovascular Disease: Mapping a Road to Recovery

Michelle A. Albert, M.D., MPH, Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

Toppling the Monolithic View of Black Cardiovascular Health: Embracing Heterogeneity & Resilience

Herman Taylor, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine

Historical Perspectives & Impact of the Women's Health Initiative

Marian C. Limacher, M.D., Professor of Cardiovascular Research, University of Florida College of Medicine

Sinus Node Function & Dysfunction: Critical Role of the Sodium-Calcium Exchanger & Intracellular Calcium

Joshua I. Goldhaber, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute

Genetic Engineering to Explore the Functional Significance of CWAS Candidate Genes for Thrombosis

Charles J. Lowenstein, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center

On the Right Side of History – A Story from the Heart

Calum A. MacRae, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Endothelial Function from Bench to Clinical Practice

Amir Lerman, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic

Stroke Prevention for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: An International Crisis

Christopher B. Granger, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center

Reception and Black Tie Dinner, Vinoy Grand Ballroom

Thursday, January 14th, 2016, 7:00 p.m. –11:00 p.m.

There were approximately 149 members and guests who enjoyed a reception and black tie dinner (approximately 166 last year). Dr. Bairey-Merz recognized the new members at the dinner.

Business Meeting, Friday, January 15th, 2016, 8:00 a.m. –9:00 a.m.

Dr. Bairey-Merz called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 2015 meeting in Carmel, California were submitted to the membership and approved by those present at the Business Meeting.

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Memorial minutes were presented as follows:

Dr. Mario Garcia-Palmieri – memorial given by Dr. Noel Bairey-Merz
Dr. William Little – memorial given by Dr. Carl Leier
Dr. Borys Surawicz – memorial given by Dr. Noel Bairey-Merz

Dr. Eagle gave the Auditing Committee report after reviewing the books for 2015. Everything was in order. Dr. Eagle noted that the major source of funding was from dues received. The annual meeting is one of the largest expenditures. This year a \$200 registration fee was instituted and was on each participant's hotel bill. These funds will be used against the final bill.

Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Emelia Benjamin gave a financial report for 2015. Dr. Benjamin reported that the AUC had a beginning 2015 balance of \$76,699.87 and an ending balance of \$55,500.81. Dr. Bairey-Merz raised the issue of the 2019 meeting. The members affirmed that they would like to look at others locations in Florida for the 2109 meeting.

The next three meetings will be as follows:

January 18-20, 2017 – Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Phoenix, AZ
January 24-26, 2018 – Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel, CA
January 2019 – To be determined

The nominating Committee presented the following list of candidates to fill the Council vacancies:

President – Ivor Benjamin
Vice-President – Anne Curtis
Secretary-Treasurer – Emelia Benjamin
Councilors – C. Noel Bairey-Merz as outgoing president
Sumeet Chugh
James de Lemos
Robert Simari

Nominees were accepted by acclamation of the members present.

Ballots were passed out to the Active members so they could vote on the six nominees recommended by the Council for acceptance into membership of the AUC. A count of the ballots showed that all six nominees had at least a ¼ minority vote of the Active members, and they will be accepted as new members. The new members are:

Joaquin Cigarroa	Laura Mauri
Harold Dauerman	Sharon Reimold
Priscilla Hsue	Charanjit Rihal

There being no other business, the leadership was transferred to Dr. Ivor Benjamin, who presented Dr. C. Noel Bairey-Merz with an engraved gavel in appreciation of her tenure as AUC president for 2015-16 and the meeting was adjourned.

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Total meeting attendance of AUC members (as taken from the sign-in roster book) was as follows:

Active Members: 63
Emeritus Members: 29
Inactive Members: 1
Honorary Members: 2

The officers for 2016 are:

President: Ivor Benjamin, M.D.
Vice-President: Anne Curtis, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer: Emelia Benjamin, M.D.
Councilors:
Past President: C. Noel Bairey-Merz, M.D. (one year term)
Sumeet Chugh, M.D.
James de Lemos, M.D. (1st year of 3 year term)
Robert Simari, M.D. (2nd year of 3 year term)

Second Scientific Session, Friday, January 15th, 2016 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Continuation of presentation of abstracts:

Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction as a Kidney Disorder?

James Fang, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Utah

Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials in Diabetes: Selected Lessons Thus Far

Darren K. McGuire, M.D., MHSc, Professor of Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Mechanisms of Fibrotic Aortic Valve Stenosis

Donald D. Heistad, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Iowa College of Medicine

Developing Effective Therapies for Worsening Heart Failure

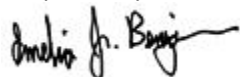
Javed Butler, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Stony Brook University

B Cells and Atherosclerosis

Coleen McNamara, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Virginia Health System

The 55th Annual Scientific Session of the Association of University Cardiologists was then concluded by Dr. Ivor Benjamin.

Respectfully submitted,



Emelia J. Benjamin, M.D., MSc
Secretary-Treasurer
Association of University Cardiologists