

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CARDIOLOGISTS
54th Annual Meeting
Carmel Valley Ranch
Carmel, CA
January 21-23, 2015

Minutes

The annual meeting of the Association of University Cardiologists was preceded by a Council meeting and an Emeritus meeting on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015.

Council Meeting, Wednesday, January 21st 2015, 2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Present: President, Jeffrey Bender, M.D., Vice President, C. Noel Bairey-Merz, M.D.; Secretary-Treasurer, Ivor Benjamin, M.D.; Councilors, Anne Curtis, M.D., Kim Eagle, M.D., and Robert Simari, M.D., Emelia Benjamin, M.D., participated by conference call.

The meeting was called to order by President Bender at 2:15 pm.

The financial report for fiscal year 2014 was given by Secretary-Treasurer Ivor Benjamin. The financial projection for year 2015 was also presented by Dr. Benjamin.

Deaths of the following AUC members were noted: Drs. Jonathan Abrams, Herbert Levine, and Joseph Vita.

The Council approved the following changes in membership:

Transfer to Emeritus Status for Peter Buttrick, Luther Clark, Mark Creager, Kim Eagle, N.A. Mark Estes, Raymond Gibbons, Alice Jacobs, Eduardo Marban, and Marschall Runge. Michael Parmacek will be given the option to either become emeritus or inactive. Resignations were accepted for Richard Lee and Christopher O'Connor.

Of the 5 Active members in jeopardy for nonattendance, 2 were present at the meeting (Benjamin Levine and Michael Zile) and no further action was taken by the Council regarding these members. One member (Lawrence Young) whose membership was in jeopardy did not attend. A letter will be sent to him continuing his membership contingent upon presenting an abstract at the 2016 meeting January 13-15, 2016 at the Renaissance Vinoy in St. Petersburg, FL, and having his dues up to date. Three members (Joseph Loscalzo, Douglas Mann and Flordeliza Villanueva) will receive excused absences as they had submitted requests prior to the meeting.

The Council reviewed 26 candidates for membership and 1 candidate for honorary membership. At the AUC Business Meeting Friday, the Council will recommend the following 17 candidates for membership: Michelle Albert, Javed Butler, James Fang, Joshua Goldhaber, Christopher Granger, Timothy Henry, Amir Lerman, Mariam Limacher, Charles Lowenstein, Calum MacRae, Darren McGuire, Coleen McNamara, Catherine Otto, Sanjay Rajagopalan, Nancy Sweitzer, Herman Taylor and Kim Williams. Nora Goldschlager and Miquel Quinones were recommended as honorary members.

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

The Council also discussed the options of meeting sites and dates for 2018. The members will be surveyed at the Friday morning Business Meeting to see if January 24-26, 2018 would be acceptable as the dates for the 2018 AUC meeting and if they would like to return to Carmel Valley Ranch.

A discussion was held regarding payment of back dues. It was decided that each member of the council would contact several individuals directly in order to rectify this situation. It was also decided 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.

There being no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by Dr. Bender.

Emeritus Session – Wednesday, January 21st, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Members present at the 2015 Emeritus Session included:

Emeritus members: Joseph Alpert, William Berry, Gerald Berenson, Bruce Brundage, Luther Clark, Lawrence Cohen, J. Michael Criley, Nancy Flowers, Bernard Gersh, William Grossman, Rolf Gunnar, Donald Harrison, Donald Heistad, Leo Horan, Carl Leier, Richard Leighton, Beverly Lorell, Frank Marcus, Jere Mitchell, Suzanne Oparil, Ileana Pina, John Rutherford, Ron Victor, Nanette Wenger.

Active members: Brian Annex, Jane Freedman, Robert Gerszten, Carlin Long, L. Kristen Newby, Robert Phillips, Lynne Stevenson, W. Robert Taylor, Joseph Wu.
The meeting was presided over by Dr. Mark.

The 2015 Emeritus session featured 2 presentations:

1. Dr. Sidney S. Smith, Jr., M.D., “**New Guidelines for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease: Concept and Controversy**”.
Discussion.
2. Dr. Dan Roden, “**Personalizing Medicine: Hype & Current Reality**”.
Discussion.

Drs. William Barry, Rose Marie Robertson, and Nanette Wenger will plan the upcoming Emeritus meetings for the next two years.

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

Reception – Wednesday, January 21st, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The reception was held in the Clubhouse and was attended by approximately 130 members and guests (compared to 122 the previous year).

President’s Program – Thursday, January 22nd, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Bender, President of the Association, introduced Dr. Richard Lifton., Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Lifton presented the 29th George Burch Memorial Lecture on “*Genes, Genomes and the Future of Medicine*”.

The Featured Lecture was presented Harlan Krumholz, M.D., Yale University School of Medicine on “*Cholesterol: A Guide for the Perplexed*”.

The President’s Lecture, “*Integrin-Induced Effects on RNA Stability in Angiogenesis and Neuroinflammation*” was presented by Dr. Jeffrey Bender, Yale University School of Medicine.

First Scientific Session, Thursday, January 22nd, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Bender presented those new members who were present and/or presenting abstracts:

Keith Ferdinand	L. Kristin Newby
Robert Gerszten	Rita Redberg
Linda Gillam	Veronique Roger
Robert Harrington	Thomas Wang

Presentation of abstracts:

An Evolving Understanding of Patients Presenting with Non-ST Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes (NSTEMI/ACS)

Robert A. Harrington, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Stanford University

The Natriuretic Peptides and Cardiometabolic Health: From Base Pairs to Bedside

Thomas J. Wang, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

B-Aminoisobutyric Acid is an Exercise Myokine

Robert E. Gerszten, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital

Moving Cardiovascular Risk Assessment Beyond a Single Biomarker

L. Kristen Newby, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center

The Heart Failure Epidemic: A Contemporary Community Perspective

Veronique L. Roger, M.D., MPH, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

Passive Myocardial Stiffness in Patients with Heart Failure and a Preserved Ejection Fraction: Contributions of Collagen and Titin

Michael R. Zile, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina & Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Cardiac Transplantation in Foreclosure

Lynne W. Stevenson, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Reception and Black Tie Dinner, Redwood Room

Thursday, January 22nd, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

There were approximately 166 members and guests who enjoyed a reception and black tie dinner (approximately 134 last year). Dr. Bender recognized the new members at the dinner.

Business Meeting, Friday, January 23rd, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Bender called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 2014 meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida were submitted to the membership and approved by those present at the Business Meeting.

Memorial minutes were presented as follows:

Dr. Jonathan Abrams – memorial given by Dr. Kim Eagle
Dr. Herbert Levine – memorial given by Dr. N.A. Mark Estes
Dr. Joseph Vita – memorial given by Dr. John Keaney

Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Ivor Benjamin gave a financial report for 2014. He reported that the AUC had a beginning 2014 balance of \$113,498.31 and an ending balance of \$76699.87.

Dr. Benjamin gave a short slide presentation showing the meeting attendance for the last several years. Dr. Bender raised the issue of the 2018 meeting. The members affirmed that they would like to return to Carmel Valley Ranch for the 2018 meeting.

The next three meetings will be as follows:

January 14-16, 2016 - Renaissance Vinoy Resort, St, Petersburg, FL
January 18-20, 2017 – Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Phoenix, AZ
January 24-26, 2018 – Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel, CA

Dr. Cohen gave the Auditing Committee report after reviewing the books for 2014. Everything was in order. Dr. Cohen noted that the major source of funding was from dues received. The annual meeting is the one of the largest expenditures.

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

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

Nominees were accepted by acclamation of the members present.

Ballots were passed out to the Active members so they could vote on the 17 nominees recommended by the Council for acceptance into membership of the AUC. A count of the ballots showed that all 17 nominees had at least a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the Active members present, and they will be accepted as new members. The new members are:

Michelle Albert	Calum MacRae
Javed Butler	Darren McGuire
James Fang	Coleen McNamara
Joshua Goldhaber	Catherine Otto
Christopher Granger	Sanjay Rajagopalan
Timothy Henry	Nancy Sweitzer
Amir Lerman	Herman Taylor
Marian Limacher	Kim Williams
Charles Lowenstein	

The honorary members are: Nora Goldschlager and Miquel Quinones.

A discussion was held regarding increasing AUC membership going forward. AUC membership has been pegged to the number of medical schools in the US (previously 125). It was decided to increase the membership to 135 members to allow more new members to be accepted going forward. The members voted and membership will be increased to 135.

In order to increase revenue going forward it was decided that a registration fee would be assessed in the amount of \$200. This would help defray costs toward the annual meeting since the annual meeting is the largest expenditure.

A resolution was passed 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.

There being no other business, the leadership was transferred to Dr. C. Noel Bairey-Merz, who presented Jeffrey Bender with an engraved gavel in appreciation of his tenure as AUC President for 2014-15 and the meeting was adjourned

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

Active Members – 58
Emeritus Members – 31
Inactive Members – 2
Honorary Members - 3

The officers for 2015 are:

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

2015-16 AUC Membership:

Active:	132
Inactive:	8
Emeritus:	163
Honorary	<u>6</u>
Total membership:	309

Second Scientific Session, Friday, January 23rd 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Continuation of presentation of abstracts:

Selective Reporting of High-Risk Cardiovascular Device Trials

Rita F. Redberg, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of California San Francisco Medical Center

Estimating Sympathetic Tone by Recording Subcutaneous Nerve Activity in Ambulatory Dogs

Peng-Sheng Chen, M.D., Ph.D. Chair of Cardiology, The Krannert Institute of Cardiology

The Blood Pressure Effects of new Antidiabetic Drugs

Keith Ferdinad, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine

Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes as Cause of Death in a Semirural Black/White Population: The Bogalusa Heart Study

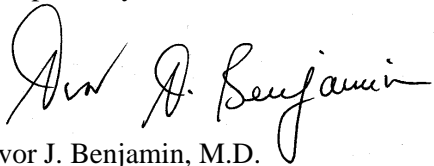
Gerald S. Berenson, M.D., Emeritus Boyd Professor, Tulane University School of Medicine

Discordance Between Methods for Assessment of Mitral Regurgitation Severity: What Can Ventricular Remodeling Tell Us?

Linda Gillam, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Atlantic Health System

The 54th Annual Scientific Session of the Association of University Cardiologists was then concluded by Dr. Bairey-Merz.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ivor J. Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I" and "B".

Ivor J. Benjamin, M.D.
Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer
Association of University Cardiologists