

**COMMISSION
LEADERSHIP
COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON BASIC CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCES**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 30 Maximum.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT: The officers and at-large members are nominated by the Nominating Committee and, upon recommendation of the Leadership Committee, are elected by the Council's membership at the Annual Business Meeting. The Council's Program Committee Chair for AHA Scientific Sessions is selected by the Council Chair in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Scientific Sessions Program (CSSP). The President, acting upon the joint recommendation of the Research Committee and the Council, selects the Council's representative to the Research Committee.

The Chair and Nominating Committee, in consultation with the appropriate leadership and staff, appoints the Chairs and Members of the Council's standing committees. External liaisons are appointed by the organizations that they represent.

The Leadership Committee shall be comprised of: Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Six to eight (6-8) At-Large Members (One At-Large Member must be a Early Career Investigator or Clinician), Chair of the Program Committee, Chair of the Membership & Communications Committee, Chair and Senior Advisor of the Early Career Committee, Co-Chairs of the BVCS Conference/ Program Committee, Chair of the Katz Prize Selection Committee, Chair of the Marcus Award Committee, Advocacy Ambassador, External Liaison(s), and others as deemed appropriate by Council Chair

TERM OF OFFICE: Terms shall be for two years (unless otherwise specified), and shall begin July 1st and end June 30th, except for Program Committee Chair, whose term shall be concurrent with the term of that committee. Terms shall be staggered to insure continuity. The Committee Chairs and members may be re-elected for one term – serving a maximum total of 4 year.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The committee may meet face-to-face twice per year. Additional meetings, via teleconference, may be arranged as required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: To conduct the affairs of the Scientific Council in the intervals between regular meetings and carry out the objectives within the policies of the AHA.

1. Provide input into the AHA's science positions as they relate to the Scientific Council's given field of cardiovascular interest; guide and direct the Council's programs; anticipate and appraise areas of developing relevance to the Council's objectives and programs; develop recommendations for needed activities in the areas of science, medicine and research interests, and topics for conferences which the

- Scientific Council believes the AHA should address over the next three-to-five (3-5) years.
2. Identify members to serve on writing groups for Scientific Statements, advisories, and guidelines and to review journal articles, serve as journal editors and editorial board members.
 3. Provide input into community education and patient education programs.
 4. Explore and provide opportunities for early career investigators to interact/mentor with others in their field of interest.
 5. Involve the Council in Association-wide strategic planning.
 6. Provide nominations to SACC for AHA Officers, Board and National committee members and awards.
 7. Maintain ongoing, open communications and interaction with the Council Operations Committee to ensure appropriate fiscal oversight and decision making based on available funds.
 8. Partner with the Council Operations Committee and Membership Marketing Communications Committee, to identify methods to increase the membership when appropriate and to increase the participation of current members in Council and AHA activities including the activities of the Affiliates and divisions.
 9. Partner with the Membership Marketing Communications Committee, to facilitate the communication of science through: the Scientific Council's web page; content submitted for AHA Scientific Membership home page, and; content submitted for publication in the AHA Scientific Membership Quarterly Newsletter.

Reports to the Chairman of each Council Leadership Committee and reports to the Science Advisory & Coordinating Committee (SACC).

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