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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Dr. Howard B. Sprague, of Brookline, Mass., a former President of the New England Heart Association, was elected President of the American Heart Association for the 1950-51 term at the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting held last month at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Dr. Sprague, who is Clinical Associate in Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, succeeds Dr. H. M. Marvin of New Haven, Conn.

Dr. Louis N. Katz of Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, was chosen President-Elect for the 1951-52 term. Dr. Katz is a member of the Association’s Board of Directors and Chairman of the Research Committee of the Scientific Council. Other officers elected were Dr. Maurice Visscher, Minneapolis, Minn., Vice President; and Grant Keehn, New York, N. Y., Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh, was re-elected Chairman. Dr. John J. Sampson, San Francisco, was elected Secretary, and Dr. Harry Ungeleider was elected Assistant Secretary of the Association.


The following were re-elected to the Board: E. Cowles Andrus, M.D., Baltimore, Md.; William H. Bunn, M.D., Youngstown, Ohio; S. De Witt Clough, Chicago, Ill.; Robert L. King, M.D., Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Wendell Kinney, Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert L. Mehornay, Sr., Kansas City, Mo.; David D. Rutstein, M.D., Boston, Mass.; John J. Sampson, M.D., San Francisco, Calif.

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GOLD HEART AWARDS

Gold Heart Awards were presented at the Association's Annual Dinner last month for outstanding contributions in the field of cardiovascular diseases. These went to the four surviving signers of the Association's original articles of incorporation:

Dr. Lewis A. Conner, New York, first President of the Association and first editor of the American Heart Journal, the Association's former official publication; Dr. Robert H. Halsey, New York, President of the Association in 1931-32; Dr. Hugh McCulloch, Chicago, a member of the Executive Committee of the American Council on Rheumatic Fever; and Dr. Paul D. White, Boston, President of the Association in 1940-41, Executive Director of the National Heart Advisory Council, and Clinical Professor of Medicine at Harvard University.

In addition, awards were presented to Alva Bradley, Cleveland, for his outstanding work in securing the interest of corporations in sup-
porting heart research, and Mrs. Louise Baer, New York, for her outstanding contribution in securing general public support. Mr. Bradley, a realtor and former owner of the Cleveland Indians, is now Chairman of the American Council on High Blood Pressure Research. Mrs. Baer, wife of the columnist, Arthur "Bugs" Baer, is a Board member of the New York Heart Association and served as Chairman of New York’s 1950 campaign.

CAREER INVESTIGATORS

Career investigatorships are being established as part of the Association’s program to support the continuing careers of able investigators in the cardiovascular field. A brochure describing the requirements is available on request. Nominations for Career Investigators may be made by members of the Association’s Scientific Council, deans of medical schools, and heads of research units in the United States. Nominations should be sent to Dr. Charles A. R. Connor, Medical Director of the Association.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

A Special Advisory Committee of authorities in public health, preventive medicine and social work has been formed to assist the Association’s Public Health Division in working out specific activities for community cardiovascular disease programs. Dr. William A. Brumfield, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, was named Chairman of the committee. Other members include: Martin Cherkasky, M.D., Home Care Executive, Department of Home Care, Montefiore Hospital, New York; Ward Darley, M.D., Dean of School of Medicine, University of Colorado; W. Thurber Fales, Sc.D., Director, Statistical Division, Baltimore City Depart-

ment of Health; Frederick G. Gillick, M.D., Chief, Heart Disease Control Branch, Division of Chronic Disease, U. S. Public Health Service; Leonard J. Goldwater, M.D., Professor of Industrial Hygiene, School of Public Health, Columbia University; Ira V. Hiscock, Sc.D., Chairman of Department of Public Health, School of Medicine, Yale University; E. A. Irvin, M.D., Medical Director, Cadillac Motor Co., Detroit, Michigan; Charles T. Mears, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Heart Association; H. M. Marvin, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, Yale University; Dorothy B. Nysswander, Ph.D., Professor of Public Health Education, School of Public Health, University of California; Leo Price, M.D., Director, Union Health Center, New York; David D. Rutstein, M.D., Professor of Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine, Harvard University; Miss Bessie Schless, Director of Social Service, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Miss Margaret B. Taylor, R.N., Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota; James L. Wilson, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Michigan.

PROCEEDINGS OF CARDIO-VASCULAR CONFERENCE

The complete proceedings of the first National Conference on Cardiovascular Diseases held in Washington January 18–20 are now available in book form. Copies may be obtained from the Association at $1.75 each by writing to Dr. John W. Ferree, Public Health Director. The volume includes the full text of reports by the Sections on Technical Knowledge and Research, Community Services, and Professional Education. These reports present comprehensive information regarding the present state of knowledge in the cardiovascular field, proposals for applying this knowledge more effectively, and suggestions for further study in certain areas.
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