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Dear Doctor Blackburn:

Thank you for your letter of June 19th. The reorganization of the Supplements to CIRCULATION resulted in the abolishment of the Editorial Board. Thus, with my appointment as Editor of Supplements to CIRCULATION, CIRCULATION RESEARCH, and STROKE, I have been given the sole discretion for final acceptance of any manuscript for publication as a Supplement. Obviously, however, I shall always seek expert peer review in a manner comparable to that which would be exercised by the Editor of any journal as regards suitability for publication of submitted articles. I have sought such review as regards the Coronary Drug Project submitted to me by Dr. Klimt for consideration as a possible Supplement, and it is currently being evaluated by my outside reviewer. I am sure you appreciate that honest and effective peer review requires anonymity of the reviewer. As soon as I have received our reviewer's evaluation and made my own final decision, I will be back in touch with Dr. Klimt and you.

I cannot really answer your last question as to whether the Editorial Board members who served under Gene Braunwald were formally notified of the termination of their appointments by the change in editors by Dr. Braunwald or by the Publications Committee. I was not on the Publications Committee at that time and have only assumed membership since my own appointment as Editor. I suggest you might write directly to Dr. Richard Ross who serves as Chairman of the Publications Committee which oversees policy as regards all of the AHA publications if you wish to pursue this question.

Sincerely yours,

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CC: Dr. Ross