Animal Charity Evaluators
Board of Directors Meeting
Type of Meeting: Standard Monthly Meeting
Date: 03.31.2019

In attendance:
Chairperson: Jonas Mueller
Secretary: Jeff Sebo
Board Member: Sam Bankman-Fried
Board Member: S. Greenberg
Board Member: Allison Smith
Board Member: Eric Herboso
Executive Director: Leah Edgerton

Absent:
Board Member: Persis Eskander
Treasurer: Peter Hurford

Quorum established: Yes

1. Call to order: JM called the meeting to order at 10:05 am PST

2. Approval of minutes: Previous meeting minutes were approved via email.

3. Items considered:
   1. New board members (JS)
      a. ACE has appointed three new board members: AS, EH, PE
      b. Going to vote on proposal to limit former staff members to under 50%.
      c. Going to consider adding new board members again at end of 2019.
   2. BOD Investigation (JM)
      a. JM discussed BOD investigation with new board members.
      b. PH has completed investigation and is working on report now.
      c. JM discussed final steps and timeline in preparation of report.
   3. Officer roles (JM)
      a. We need to appoint new board members.
      b. JM and JS summarized board roles for new board members.
      c. Chair: Still discussing options.
      d. Secretary: EH nominated and approved
      e. Treasurer: AS nominated and approved
   4. Approve account transfer
      a. The board approves removing Jonathan Bockman (former Executive Director) and adding Leah Edgerton (new Executive Director) as a signer on both of Animal Charity Evaluators' checking accounts at Bank of America. Gina Stuessy,
Director of Operations, will remain a signer on the Operations account (-5743). Amanda Cesario was removed as a signer in 2016.

b. Approved.

5. Charity recommendations (LE)
   a. Discussed pros and cons of conducting charity evaluations and opportunities for improvement.
   b. LE is currently discussing with the staff and is inviting feedback from the board.
   c. Discussed the current state of ACE research and how to move forward.

6. Progress update (LE)
   a. All-staff retreat
      i. Staff discussed big-picture discussions, annual planning, AARF update, team-building, and more. LE will distribute report to board.
   b. Strategic planning, budget setting
      i. Working on 2019 Prospective Goals post.
   c. Communications:
      i. Guide to Giving now includes EAA fund.
      ii. Cause prioritization video. Explains why we focus on farmed animals without oversimplification.
      iii. Adding updates to the mistakes page and will distribute to board for feedback.
   d. Philanthropy
      i. Currently having meetings with major donors.
      ii. Currently working on Open Phil grant renewal application.
   e. Research updates (LE)
      i. EAAF grants. Currently finalizing decisions, communicating decisions, and preparing blog post.
      ii. Updates to charity eval process: more streamlined reviews.
      iii. Will likely have more specific/narrow CEEs in evals this year.
      iv. Likely archiving our research about veg diets sparing 36 animals/per year, might not be able to replace it for a long time, if ever
      v. ERD: PBCM Consumer research priorities completed.
   f. Events this year: which board members will attend EAG or AR?
   g. Staff changes: SD is on leave. CB (previously an intern) is coming on with a 6-month PT contract to assist comms team during SD’s leave.

4. Closed session

5. Next scheduled meeting: May 12 2019, 10am PT

6. Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm on March 31 2019 by JM.

Submitted by: