

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:

Jeff Sebo, Board Secretary

Jonas Mueller, Board Chair