

AC&C Annual Board Meeting
January 30, 2014
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Thomas Chan, Director
Yonaton Aronoff, Director
Elaine Keane, Director
Dr. Howard Hollander, Director
Louise Cohen, Director
Dan Kass, Director
Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:40AM.
Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hollander made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Yonaton Aronoff. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Election of Officers

Louise Cohen made a motion to elect Patrick Nolan as Chairman, Dr. Kuhlman as Secretary and Elaine Keane as Treasurer. The Board agreed and Patrick Nolan, Dr. Kuhlman and Elaine Keane were re-elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Introduction of Dr. Lisa Levin, Medical Director

Patrick Nolan introduced Dr. Levin, newly appointed Medical Director of AC&C. Dr. Levin spoke about her background and discussed her goals for enhancing the medical department. Dr. Levin noted that she has already visited each of the facilities. She identified disease reduction, a high standard of care and improved treatment of animals in NYC as some of her goals. She stressed the need for community involvement and looks forward to discussing such issues with the public.

Executive Director Report

Risa Weinstock expressed her thanks to the Board for their time and support over the past year and to the public for supporting AC&C. She also expressed appreciation to specific groups and individuals for their financial and in-kind donations and for volunteering, and encouraged everyone to adopt a pet. Risa also acknowledged the AC&C staff in attendance and thanked them for their hard work and commitment.

The Executive Director report summarized the activities and developments in calendar year 2013. In 2013 there was an increase in the live release rate. The goal for 2014 is to increase the live release as AC&C continues to improve conditions at the Care Centers.

With the implementation of Local Law 59 and an additional \$2.6 million AC&C created new departments and new positions in Adoptions, Behavior, Medical, Operations and Placement, and increased hours of operations and services provided.

The new hire orientation process is more in-depth with on-going training to ensure that staff become familiar with policies and procedures. The goal for 2014 is to have bi-weekly in house training for staff and specific training for supervisors and managers.

Recently, a cross section of the organization participated in a focus group in addition to a companywide survey. The results of the survey will be discussed with staff at the upcoming all hands meeting.

There was a ground breaking for the new AC&C facility in Staten Island, expected to be completed in March 2015. Improvements at the other facilities include new cat condos, new signage, paint jobs in Manhattan Care Center and the Bronx Receiving Center and a new trailer for Field Staff in Brooklyn.

Risa noted that fewer cruelty cases are being handled by AC&C as a result of an agreement between the ASPCA and NYPD. Board Member and NYPD representative Thomas Chan explained the new process.

As a result of increased hours of operation the number of intakes have increased at the Receiving Centers. Placements have increased by 6.28% in comparison to 2012 and euthanasia continues to decline.

There were over 1,300 more adoptions in 2013 as a result of the redesigned adoption program and increased participation in offsite adoption events. There has also been an increase in the number of animals pulled from the At Risk List in 2013.

The New Hope partnership continues to expand with a total of 251 active partners.

The Foster Program is also growing. AC&C conducted a survey of its Fosters to learn how to improve the program. Volunteer hours continued to increase in 2013. AC&C also surveyed its volunteers to help strengthen the program. Risa encouraged the public to volunteer at AC&C. AC&C purchased twelve new transport vehicles with Capital Improvement Funds received from DOHMH, and expects all 12 to be fully operational by the end of FY 14.

AC&C launched its New York's Kindest campaign with ads throughout the City. The campaign encourages New Yorkers to be one of "NY's Kindest" by adopting, volunteering, and donating.

Audit Report

Gina Manente of the audit firm Rosenberg and Manente presented the financial report for fiscal year 2013. The Board accepted the report.

Patrick Nolan thanked Risa for her report, her vision for 2015 and encouraged the public to donate to AC&C.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from 10:55am.

There being no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25am.