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AC&C Annual Board Meeting  
January 23, 2015  
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium  
New York, NY

Board Members and Officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair  
Dr. J. Khulman, Secretary  
Elaine Keane, Treasurer  
Dan Kass  
Dr. Hollander  
Louise Cohen  
Yonaton Aronoff  
Det. Brian McGhee  
Mike Dockett  
Risa Weinstock, Executive director

The meeting commenced at 10:35 am

Patrick Nolan, welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. He referred to the Mayor's announcement regarding over \$8 million in capital funds for AC&C and noted that this is an endorsement of the progress that AC&C has made. He also mentioned the proposal to increase the Board by adding two independent Board members.

Dan Kass, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Environmental Health and AC&C Board member presented an update on City Funding to AC&C. He noted the budget changes for FY15/ FY16 which reflected a 6.7% increase over FY 2014. NYC DOHMH will renew its contract with AC&C through June 2018 during which AC&C will receive additional funding for various programs or projects, including two additional mobile adoption centers; design and construction of the ventilation system and roof of the Brooklyn Care Center; demolition of the existing garage and construction of a new adoption center at the Manhattan Care Center.

Board Chairman Patrick Nolan thanked DOHMH for the commitment to AC&C. He also congratulated Risa and the AC&C staff for the dedication and hard work that led to the additional support from the Mayor's office.

Board member Louise Cohen also thanked AC&C for the great effort toward acquiring new capital. She referred to the proposed new adoption center and suggested meeting with the public to obtain ideas.

Several other board members expressed their appreciation to AC&C and DOHMH.

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Members of the public were also encouraged to continue to seek support for AC&C by talking to their Council Members and to the Mayor.

#### Approval of minutes

Elaine Keane, Treasurer, moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Kuhlman. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### Election of Board Members Officers

Patrick Nolan, Chair; Dr. Kuhlman, Secretary and Elaine Keane, Treasurer were reelected to serve for another term in their current position. A motion was made and the Board approved the reelection of the officers.

#### Appointment of Committee Members

- **Nominating Committee**

Louise Cohen moved to approve Patrick Nolan, Dr. Kuhlman, Mike Dockett and Yonaton Aronoff as members of the nominating committee. A motion was made and the nominating committee was approved by the Board. Patrick noted that this committee will focus on selecting the new candidates for the open Board positions. He asked that anyone interested in the Board position send a letter of interest and CV to AC&C.

- **Audit Committee**

Dr. Kuhlman moved to approve Elaine Keane, Louise Cohen and Yonaton Aronoff as members of the Audit Committee. Mike Dockett seconded and the Audit Committee was approved by the Board.

- **Development Committee**

Yonaton Aronoff moved to approve Dr. Kuhlman, Patrick Nolan and Elaine Keane as members of the Development Committee. Dan seconded and the Development Committee was approved by the Board.

#### Resolution to Amend AC&C Bylaws

Yonaton explained the proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.2 of the AC&C Bylaws to increase the Board by adding two independent directors through the Nominating Committee. Patrick explained that the Board will vote on the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee.

The motion to amend Article II of the AC&C Bylaws was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### Audit Report

Gina Manente from Rosenberg and Manente discussed highlights of the Fiscal Year 2014 financial audit. She noted that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified in the audit.

Dr. Kuhlman moved to approve the audit report, seconded by Yonaton. The 2014 financial audit was approved.

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## Executive Director's Calendar Year-End Report

Risa Weinstock, Executive Director thanked the public for attending. She thanked the Board, AC&C staff and NYC DOHMH for committing toward making AC&C a leader in animal welfare. Risa stressed the importance of the community working together to support AC&C and the animals in its care. A recap of 2014 data reflected an increase in intakes due to an increase in owner surrenders and intake of stray animals.

Some of the highlights of calendar year 2014 included the launch of the Admissions Department which prevented 367 animals from entering the shelter; introduction of an Animal Neglect Prevention Program in Staten Island in partnership with the Staten Island District Attorney and VCA; grant for a mobile adoption center for the Bronx from State Senator Klein; grant from FENWICK KEATS and ASPCA for a mobile adoption center and financial contributions of \$1.5 million. The Behavior Enrichment Department presented the 2014 highlights including the Dogs Playing for Life Program which commenced in September with a grant from Best Friends Animal Society. Best Friends Animal Society attended the Board meeting and was publicly thanked for supporting AC&C. Benefits derived from this program include improved quality of life and lessening stress and illness, which may help get more dogs adopted.

The Year- End Report concluded with an explanation of how AC&C will report its data moving forward, using the Asilomar Accords; the current challenge of increased intake of cats especially during the summer; and AC&C's plan to focus on increasing the live release of cats particularly this summer.

## Public Comments

Public comment was heard from 11:30am.  
The meeting ended at 12.10pm.