

August 29, 2024 - NSF CEIF Animal Welfare Committee Agenda

1. Attendance:
 - a. Meghan Barrett and Cheryl Preyer
 - b. Student Representative: Jordan Smink
 - c. Innovafeed (co-Chair): Olivier Mesnil
 - d. Better Insect Solutions: Lars-Henrik Lau Heckmann
 - e. Agronutris: Julien Chuche
 - f. Open Philanthropy: Michelle Lavery
 - g. Mars: Bree Modica
2. Updates on:
 - a. 2024 Temporary Plan for Vertebrate Welfare in Research Proposals (Update as decided by CEIF leadership)
 - i. Companion animals - communicated with Mars, Hills, & researcher at UIUC. In this case, Champion has come out to confirm standards already, so the researcher is good to go and just needs to write this into her proposal.
 1. Would have to confirm how we confirm for new researchers at new institutions moving forward.
 - ii. Farmed animals - researcher match standards in country where they are based. Researcher standards by country (IACUC in U.S.) and there will be two separate protocols for this
 - iii. IAB can decide whether they fund only the non-invasive portions of research or non-invasive plus invasive.
 - b. 2024 Temporary Animal Welfare Statement for researchers at ESA
 - i. Meghan will draft a minimal statement to include with CEIF research statement that accompanies public presentations.
3. Governance Best Practices Conversation
 - a. Discuss the document that Ian Banks (Enviroflight) sent around and what Meghan has put together so far to address some pieces.
 - i. Define purpose of committee
 - ii. Define jobs and responsibilities
 - iii. Establish plan for communicating documents to the IAB
 1. Minutes behind firewall at website after reviewed and approved by committee (notify IAB)

2. Items for IAB feedback/voting - share via AirTable (like other CEIF voting items)
 - iv. Balanced representation
 - v. Are we all okay with dropping the budget piece, and simply stating that all COI and COC, legal, etc. is to be followed in the same manner as established by the by-laws - and that CEIF leadership is responsible for the management of these?
 1. Don't want to ever create a lack of unity between AWC and CEIF overall guidelines on these issues and believe these are overall leadership matters
 - vi. Establish a process for 1) removing members that are not contributing in a timely manner; and 2) re-nomination if a member leaves during their two-year appointment
- b. Once finalized, this Governance document will be sent to CEIF leadership for review and then share the final document with the IAB.
4. Discussing and brainstorming priority areas for the group moving forward
 - a. Finalizing committee logistics
 - b. Vertebrate animal welfare – official CEIF research project guidelines to replace the temporary plan
 - c. Invertebrate animal welfare
 - i. official CEIF research project guidelines
 - ii. welfare indicators we want to see incorporated into current CEIF projects
 - iii. CEIF minimal welfare guidelines for production systems (voluntary)
 1. Process for updating these guidelines in association with best available evidence
 - d. Welfare statements for researchers to include in papers, presentations, etc. - version to replace the temporary 2024 version.
5. Next meeting time: <https://www.when2meet.com/?26164607-2jlip>
 - a. Meghan will send a meeting poll to schedule the next meeting (fill out by 9/3).
 - b. Next meeting note taker: Jordan Smink
6. Action items
 - a. *Recorder* (Cheryl) will send around the minutes today (8/29). Once they are approved by all in attendance, Cheryl will be asked to make them available to CEIF membership behind the firewall (preferably by 9/3).
 - b. Barrett will formalize and send around a version of what we've discussed so far for governance - 9/16.
 - c. Barrett will work on addressing the yellow-highlighted parts of the Governance Best Practices Document - by next meeting.
 - i. Everyone else should be brainstorming in relation to this part of the Governance Best Practices Document for the next meeting.

- d. Barrett to run draft documents for 2024 statements and vertebrate animal policies by CEIF leadership prior to implementation - by 9/12.