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PSDP Board of Directors Minutes
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<u>Attendees</u>

Veronica, Brad, Chanda, Elaine, Morgance

<u>Agenda</u>

•Next Meeting
•Celebration
•2015 Convention
•Website
 -Board Activities
 -FAQ
 -Articles
•Treasury Report
•Nonprofit Status
•Emergency Contact Card
•Needs Assessment
•Guest Board Members
•Friends & Family Article
•Dog Trainer Workshops
•Membership Program

•Next Meeting
 We will do a Doodle survey to pick a new optimal meeting time.

•Celebration
 July 18, 2014 will mark the second year since we started our Facebook page and listserv.

•2015 Convention
 We are discussing location possibilities and date restrictions.

•Website
 -Board Activities
This page now contains links to Advocacy and Presentations pages. In June, we were able to submit comments on the United States National Park Service proposal to update their service animal regulations, and on Ontario's proposal to update their Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). We were able to mobilize some community members to submit comments as well, and we were specifically thanked by the AODA Reviewer for our comments.

 -FAQ
We are continuing to draft answers to common questions (FAQ) for the website, in sections, with the assistance of a community member. We have completed a preliminary "Laws" section, and are working on multiple other sections.

We are also planning on adding at least one page with responses from Pam Cohen, an attorney at Disability Rights California, to several questions submitted by our community.

 -Articles
We now have approval to use Tracey Martin's articles, with our editing. They have been edited and will be posted on our website soon.

We will be posting Veronica's "Interacting with the General Public" article on our website soon.

•Treasury Report
We discussed upcoming expenses and current funds, post-convention. The convention almost broke even with registration fees and half of the public access test fees, and our generous community members pushed us over the top with donations! Thank you. We have also received donations from outside of the community!

We are working on getting thank-yous out to donors.

•Nonprofit Status
The board is continuing to conduct research into the best way for us to create our nonprofit, and discussed nonprofit establishment timelines. A subcommittee was formed to promulgate these efforts.

•Emergency Contact Card
Community members at the convention voiced a desire for a PSDP emergency contact card, such as one that might be filled out with medical and contact information and attached to a dog's seat belt. We will provide this resource on our website in the near future, under "Service Dog Lifestyle".

•Needs Assessment
We plan to conduct another Needs Assessment Survey after the convention survey. Here are the previous survey's results, for review:

4.58 Providing written information about PSD costs and lifestyle
4.49 Maintain information sharing listserv
4.44 Providing a Public Access Standard and Public Access Test
4.40 Providing a FAQ for the general public
4.36 Providing a work and task list

31 nonprofit
29 new listserv
21 maintain listserv
17 costs and lifestyle
16 conventions

Overall, our progress has been excellent toward these community goals. We will continue to work toward those that still apply, and will be soliciting input on current community priorities.

•Guest Board Members
In the future, we may invite a community member(s) to join us for one or two board meetings. We need to focus on other priorities right now.

•Dog Trainer Workshops
Aspects of and major decisions regarding such workshops are under discussion. We may also add pet CPR certification to our activities. This agenda item will be tabled until we are prepared for further discussion.

•Membership Program
We are consolidating ideas for a membership program for the future. This item will be tabled until we achieve other priorities.

—End of Meeting—