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PSDP Board of Directors Minutes 9/8/14

Attendees

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Agenda

- Next Meeting
 - Wisconsin Medicaid Benefit
 - 2015 Convention
 - Needs Assessment
 - Website
 - Board Activities
 - FAQ
 - Articles
 - 2014 Convention Pictures & Video
 - Treasury Report
 - Nonprofit Status
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- Next Meeting
Monday, September 29th, noon PDT/3:00 p.m. EDT.
 - Wisconsin Medicaid Benefit
We met and exceeded our weekend advocacy challenge by having 11 supporters write an advocacy email. Those supporters are thanked on the issue's webpage:
<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/board-of-directors/board-activities/advocacy/wisconsin-medicaid-benefit-comment>
Thank you advocates! This kind of action makes a real difference in creating a more just world for service dog handlers.
 - 2015 Convention
We have formed a 2015 Convention Planning Committee and are narrowing the location possibilities and date restrictions, soliciting price quotes from candidate hotels.
 - Needs Assessment
We are drafting our second Needs Assessment Survey. We plan to conduct these annually in September.

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.

- Website

- Board Activities

- We have posted our old statement on Public Law 112-154, for the sake of including it in our advocacy history:

- <http://www.psychdogpartners.org/board-of-directors/board-activities/advocacy/veterans-affairs-p-l-112-154-statement>

- We have also thanked advocates on the Wisconsin Medicaid service dog benefit proposal (link is above, under "Wisconsin Medicaid Benefit").

- FAQ

- We are continuing to draft answers to common questions (FAQ) for the website, in sections, with the assistance of a community member. There are no new completed sections since the last meeting.

- Articles

- Julia's article on how to pick a breeder of a prospective service dog is still undergoing editorial review.

- 2014 Convention Pictures & Video

- We have posted the Convention pictures and video links:

- <http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/convention/2014-convention/pictures-video-links>

- Treasury Report

- We discussed upcoming expenses and current funds, including our website renewal fee and a donation from Margie Cantwell's book-selling activities, facilitated by Deanna (thank you!).

- We are up-to-date on getting thank-yous out to our non-board donors.

- Nonprofit Status

- A subcommittee is continuing to conduct research into the appropriate avenue for our nonprofit creation. Discussions are underway regarding the viability of fiscal sponsorship, the state of incorporation, and research into the pertinent laws in the locales considered.