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PSDP Board of Directors Minutes
10/13/14, noon PDT/3:00 p.m. EDT

Attendees

Veronica, Elaine, Chanda, Brad, Morgance

Agenda

- Next Regular Meeting
- PSDP Address
- 2015 Convention
- 2014 Needs Assessment
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 - FAQ
 - Articles
- “Behavior, Not Belongings” Campaign
- Treasury Report
- Nonprofit Status
- Pupparel

This regular meeting was called by verbal agreement during the prior meeting, or by intermediate written reasonable notification made in good faith and agreed to by a majority of board members through email or phone, and was held through videoconferencing.

- Next Regular Meeting
Monday, October 27th, noon PDT/3:00 p.m. EDT., through videoconferencing.
- PSDP Address
PSDP board members are in a period of geographic transition. Until further notice, physical mail to PSDP should now be addressed to:

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4777 E HWY 246
Lompoc, CA 93436

When PSDP obtains a new permanent address, records will be updated to reflect the change.

- 2015 Convention
The 2015 Convention Planning Committee is has announced the location and dates of this year's convention: the Hilton Garden Inn, Rock Hill, SC, April 18th & 19th. The 2015 Convention webpage has the details, and links to the now-open registration page:

<http://www.psychedogpartners.org/resources/convention/2015-convention>

- 2014 Needs Assessment
We are conducting our second annual Needs Assessment Survey, starting today.

This survey is for PSDP stakeholders to tell us what's important for our organization, and it closes Friday, Oct. 24th. Thank you to all community members who are giving us feedback to help us serve the community's needs better!

- Website

- Advocacy

- We have published a statement regarding Canine Companions for Independence's (CCI's) ill-considered petition and pledge. Our statement is called "There Are No Fake Vests":

- <http://www.psychdogpartners.org/board-of-directors/board-activities/advocacy/fake-vests>

- We sincerely hope this will encourage CCI and the public to understand the severe disservice CCI's campaigns do to many within the disability community, and further to act responsibly and ethically in light of this understanding.

- We have authorized Deanna, at her request, to publish our letter in her local newspaper.

- 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, but Pam Cohen has contributed another section under the "Ask an Attorney" heading, on access to state parks:

- <http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions/ask-attorney/aaa-can-sd-denied-state-park-access>

- Articles

- Julia's article on how to pick a breeder of a prospective service dog has been published; thank you, Julia!

- <http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/getting-a-dog/pick-breeder-prospective-service-dog>

- "Behavior, Not Belongings" Campaign

- We are considering launching a "Behavior, Not Belongings" campaign, once we can prioritize it, based on this slogan we came up with in our statement entitled "There Are No Fake Vests". The aim would be to get our community and the public involved in educating gatekeepers in the U.S. not only on the relevant laws regarding service dog access, but on practical politeness toward service dog handlers—that is, on avoiding harassing/singling out a service dog handler, unless there is a clear reason to question the handler. We would also make it clear that there are specific conditions under which the handler of any dog, service dog or not, could be asked to remove their dog.

- With this campaign, we would hope to make things easier for both gatekeepers and those with disabilities, so that both parties can move through the world while minimizing unnecessary interruptions. One method we are considering in achieving this aim is to conduct a social media and news media campaign to encourage people to pledge to print copies of a flyer or card we would create, and distribute a certain number of these to the management/employees of (at least) a certain number of businesses they frequent. Overall, we would be "Encouraging respect beyond the laws".

- This campaign remains in the works, as we must prioritize other issues at the moment. We would be happy to make this a joint project with other service dog organizations.

- Treasury Report

- On Monday, 10/6/14, we opened a bank account as an unincorporated association at the Rabobank branch in Buellton, CA. While PayPal works the same as before, donors can now make donation checks payable directly to "PSDP"! Chanda will still receive such donation checks at:

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- This is also detailed on our updated "Donate" page, which now has pictures of community members raising funds to donate to us:

- <http://www.psychdogpartners.org/donate>

- We discussed upcoming expenses and current funds, including listserv costs state incorporation fees, 501(c)(3) filing fees, and fundraising efforts. We also discussed banking methods and plans for the

future.

We decided to renew our annual contract with Google as our listserv host.

- Nonprofit Status

A subcommittee is continuing to conduct research into the execution of steps toward state incorporation and federal 501(c)(3) status (nonprofit creation). Discussions are underway regarding research into the pertinent corporation, solicitation, and tax laws in York County, South Carolina, and federal filing requirements.

The board approves the draft of articles of incorporation presented via email, as set forth for future incorporation in South Carolina, with Veronica and Brad listed as the incorporators and the pair of them and Chanda listed as initial directors, for practicality's sake. The first order of business would be to elect the other current board members (Elaine and Morgance) to the board.

We plan to elect July 1–June 30 as our fiscal year, due to the timing of our convention and its planning.

- Pupparel

In researching laws regarding commercial co-venturers, we have determined we would like to ask Pupparel to continue to offer PSDP-logo products, but to cease providing any funds to us. In other words, we will not have Pupparel as an official “co-venturer”. We are still very happy with our relationship with Pupparel—we plan to continue the non-financial portion of our relationship—and are only doing this in light of the filing requirements and fees required when an organization has a co-venturer, which seem to have been created only with larger organizations in mind. Unfortunately, for a small organization like ours, these additional requirements make it more a burden than it's worth to have a co-venturer.