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PSDP Board of Directors Minutes
12/15/14, noon PST/3:00 p.m. EST

Attendees

Veronica, Elaine, Chanda, & Brad

Agenda

- Next Regular Meeting
- Website
 - Personal Impact
 - Community Photos
 - Training Logs
 - Hospitals
 - Convention
 - List Rules & Thriving on the List
 - Advocacy
 - FAQ
- Annual Business Calendar
- SD & SDIT state laws
- Pup'parel
- Treasury Report
- 2015 Convention
- Nonprofit Status
- "Behavior, Not Belongings" Campaign

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, December 29th, noon PST/3:00 p.m. EST, through videoconferencing.

- Website
 - Personal Impact
In the soon-to-be-live "Personal Impact" section of the "You Can Help!" page, we have added stories to the website about how PSDP has helped individuals, from their point of view. We are very happy with the submissions and how this website section has turned out!

<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/can-help/personal-impact>

We plan to archive and refresh these stories on an annual basis, likely November–December.

- Community Photos
It's time to once again solicit community photos, this time for a 2014 section. We already have some wonderful portraits from the 2014 convention to get us started!

<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/community-photos>

- Training Logs
We have made Veronica's blank dog-training log available in multiple formats, along with much more in our new "Training Logs" page!

<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/getting-a-dog/training-logs>

-Hospitals

We are generating a sample hospital service dog policy and other resources to assist those who have service dogs and need to be in a hospital. We discussed the interplay of such a policy with our comment on the VA's recently proposed rule, and we began to evaluate the website organization in light of the pending creation of a "Hospitals" section for professional and personal guidance.

-Convention

We will add a few quotations and a picture to the "Convention" page from convention evaluations to highlight the positive and life-changing experiences people have at PSDP conventions.

<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/convention>

-List Rules & Thriving on the List

We recently added the listserv rules to our website, as well as a page dedicated to helping people thrive on the list, both linked to from the "Support Listserv" resources page. Thanks to our convention planning committee members for helping us create these new resources!

"List Rules":

<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/support-listserv/list-rules>

"Thriving on the List":

<http://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/support-listserv/thriving-list>

-Advocacy

The Veterans Administration has released a Proposed Rule regarding service animals on VA property. It looks promising overall, and appears to be consistent with PSDP's earlier interpretation of P.L. 112-154 and other federal regulations. We are in the preliminary phases of drafting a comment on the proposal, after which we will release it on our website and announce it through social media.

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=VA-2014-VHA-0024-0001>

-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 we have now linked to the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) in the "Laws" section of the FAQ.

•Annual Business Calendar

Details were discussed regarding how to optimize the annual timing of recurring business requirements and happenings. We added "Community Photos" and "Personal Impact" website updates to the calendar.

•SD & SDIT state laws

We discussed the nature and applicability of state laws regarding service dogs and service dogs in training. We plan to do our best to host conventions only in states that support reasonable access for psychiatric service dogs in training.

•Pup'parel

Due to the busy nature of the business during the holidays, we are putting on hold the update on the nature of our relationship with Pup'parel. From last time:

In researching laws regarding commercial co-venturers, we have determined we would like to ask Pup'parel to continue to offer PSDP-logo products, but to cease providing any funds to us. In other words, we will not have Pup'parel as an official "co-venturer". We are still very happy with our relationship with Pup'parel—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.

•Treasury Report

We discussed upcoming expenses and current funds, the budget, earmarked funds, and fundraising.

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