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PSDP Board of Directors Minutes
9/2/16, 12:30 p.m. PT/3:30 p.m. ET

Attendees

Veronica, Elaine, Chanda, Brad, & Linden

Agenda

- Next regular meeting
- Supreme Court case
- Priorities Survey
- Senate Bill 2680
- Presentations
- State legislative advocacy
- Revision of emergency card
- ACA regulation update
- Treasury Report

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
Friday, September 30th at 12:30 PT/3:30 ET.

- Supreme Court case
PSDP worked with attorney John Ensminger and other service dog groups to file an amicus brief on August 29th in a Supreme Court case (Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools). The case is set to be heard on October 31st.

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/Search.aspx?FileName=/docketfiles/15-497.htm>

This is a big deal and requires significant funds, so we genuinely appreciate our community's support in helping us make large and lasting impacts on service animal case law.

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

- Priorities Survey
Our annual Priorities Survey has been constructed. We will draft its webpage, post it Tuesday (after the Monday Labor Day holiday), and run it for two weeks.

This annual survey will help us shape our priorities for the next year.

- Senate Bill 2680
We helped out our fellow advocacy group, NAMI, by spreading the word to support this bill on September 2nd.

- Presentations
Brad and Veronica recently gave a well-received presentation on psychiatric service dogs at this year's South Carolina NAMI conference.

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- State legislative advocacy
We're still working on our micro-advocacy development, making it easier for everyone to help out. This is planned in part as step-by-step instructions for community members to set up email alerts when bills about service dogs come up in a state.
- Revision of emergency card
No new developments yet; this is still in process.

We are revising our emergency card to be additionally available as a fillable pdf. This is still in process as we review drafts.

We are also drafting a first-responder refrigerator notice, and will be doing so based on the 2016 convention's first responder discussion.
- ACAA regulation update
The Reg Neg process to update the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulations is two-thirds over.

Nothing is final until it's over, but things are generally looking good for psychiatric service dog users. Other issues are presenting more difficulty when it comes to reaching consensus among the airlines, advocates that specialize in service animals, and advocates that don't.
- Treasury Report
The treasury report includes changes to and progress in the categories of: income, expenses, current funds, the budget, earmarked funds, and fundraising.

PSDP recently received a quarterly distribution from AmazonSmile of almost \$30. This is just from a few community members going to smile.amazon.com for their Amazon shopping, so we're hoping to get more folks on board with this easy and passive fundraising method.