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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

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Attendees: Veronica, Brad, Elaine, Linden, and Heather

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.

Agenda

- Next regular meeting
- Site additions
- Flyers
- List rule addition
- Phone training
- Virtual meetups
- Canadian advocacy
- Convention
- Treasury
- Presentations
- Community photos

• **Next regular meeting**

Friday, April 15th at 11:00 PT/2:00 ET.

This meeting is a semi-open board meeting with PSDP leadership invited.

• **Site additions**

We are continuing to develop more ideas for expanding our site's new training section with useful articles.

• **Flyers** (no update 2/25/22)

We now have a revised FAQ flyer in English.

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PSDP-flyer-2021.pdf>

We are planning to similarly update our family & friends flyer and our handler needs space flyer, as we're able to.

• List rule addition

We have a new rule for the Peer Guidance Group that clarifies the list is not a crisis resource. The need for and a draft of this rule emerged from the moderator group and was refined by the board. It will be posted and introduced in the near future, and reads as follows:

While PSDP encourages the discussion of mental health topics, the list is not to be used as a resource for emergencies (human or canine). In the event of a medical or mental health emergency, please seek help from an appropriate crisis resource.

• Phone training

Veronica and Brad have been training Katie and Karen A. to handle some of the intake phonecalls. They are talented volunteers and are doing very well. One just started covering a routine phone call per week on her own, and the other is close to doing this. Training is ongoing to help equip them for handling some of the more challenging situations we encounter.

• Virtual meetups

Our community members are enjoyed virtual (Zoom) meetups for Peer Guidance Group members every so often. We're pausing this since organizers are unable to direct this at the moment.

• Canadian advocacy

Linden looked into possible changes in flight accessibility for service dog teams. It looks like their rules are similar to the US rules, with the exception that it's unclear whether owner-trainers would be allowed in practice. Linden will follow up with a Canadian advocate to try to understand better what the situation is on the ground (and in the air).

• Convention

Registration is still open for our Long Beach, California 2022 convention, April 29–May 2. We are almost done acquiring the rapid COVID tests for the convention. The info packet is mostly done; the schedule and activities are complete. We have plush service pups Solo and Indi available for sponsoring for \$25 as a cute way to help raise scholarship funds.

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/convention/2022-convention>

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/convention/2022-convention/sponsor-solo-indi>

• Treasury

We are very grateful to a friend of the community who donated several JetBlue travel certificates. Sales of these certificates are a big help in funding convention scholarships!

We will be producing a financial report and budget.

• Presentations

Veronica was on a popular dog-involving science podcast panel to talk about service dogs.



Brad and Veronica were invited to give an online presentation to NAMI's Peer Leadership Council this summer.

- **Community photos**

We have posted the 2021 community photos. Thanks to community members for submitting them!

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/community-photos/service-dog-pics-2021>
