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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

April 15, 2022

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

- Board election
- Next regular meeting
- Site additions
- List rule addition
- Phone training
- Canadian advocacy
- Convention
- Reporting award

• Board election

Over email between February 28th and March 7th, we completed our annual process of board elections (renewing current members and positions), as well as our reviewing of/agreement to: Article 9 of PSDP bylaws, PSDP's mission statement, and PSDP's cell phone policy.

• Next regular meeting

Friday, June 10th at 11:00 PT/2:00 ET.

• Site additions

We are updating our public access test to better account for how people interact with our current PAT and our accompanying public access standard. We will combine the two and make the test even more universal, so it is applicable to as many types of service dog teams as possible. We are planning to test the new PAT at our upcoming convention.

Veronica has drafted an article on her transition from a big to a small dog, with a focus on the disability rights perspective. The article is in the editing process.

• 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 has now been posted and introduced, 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 are continuing to training Katie and Karen A. to handle some of the intake phonecalls. They are talented volunteers and are progressing very well, to the point of being able to cover a routine phone call per week on their own. Training is ongoing to help equip them for handling some of the more challenging situations we encounter.

- **Canadian advocacy** (no update 4/15/22)

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 closed for our Long Beach, California 2022 convention, April 29–May 2. We are making the final preparations.

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

We are considering Rock Hill, South Carolina for our 2023 convention and are narrowing dates based on avoiding holidays and airline blackout dates for prospective travel certificates.

- **Reporting award**

We have received multiple submissions this year for our Award for Excellence in Service Dog Reporting.

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/reporters>