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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
- List rule update
- Phone training
- Priorities survey
- Convention
- Reporting award
- DOT meeting

• **Next regular meeting**

Friday, November 4th at 11:00 PT/2:00 ET.

• **Site additions**

No new article as of this meeting. Veronica plans to update the “look at that” technique to “engage/disengage” in some of her articles.

• **List rule update**

We updated a rule for the Peer Guidance Group about attachments on the list. Emoji used to be prohibited as part of that rule (in order to save people’s cell phone data), but we used community feedback to learn this is not necessary.

This update seems to be working well.

The rule #7 update was posted and introduced, and reads as follows:

No attachments or embedded pictures. Please limit your use of emojis.

To share pictures, include a link to an offsite photo page instead. When posting a link, provide a detailed explanation of what the person will read or see. We do this in order to prevent triggering our members and using up their expensive data.

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

- **Phone training**

After a needed break, a phone volunteer has restarted her calls for PSDP (and we appreciate it!). We're getting about 1.3 calls per day this year.

- **Priorities survey**

We will soon conduct our priorities survey for the coming year. This helps us learn how our community wants us to focus our volunteer efforts.

- **Convention**

Our 2023 convention will be in Rock Hill, South Carolina from April 21st to 24th. Registration is open and filling fast.

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/convention/2023-convention>

Our JetBlue friend is planning to donate more travel certificates. We really appreciate her help in supporting our scholarships.

Veronica is spearheading sponsorship solicitations, with help from others on the convention planning committee. Karin has joined the committee and we expect her to be a great addition.

- **Reporting award**

Miranda Stein won our 2022 Award for Excellence in Service Dog Reporting for her Psychology Today article, "Why are Psychiatric Service Dogs So Uncommon?". We appreciate all reporters who write on service dogs in ways consistent with our reporting guide!

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

- **DOT meeting**

We had an advocacy group meeting with DOT. We sent in several agenda items to discuss, based on the community feedback we solicited and board members' recent flying experiences.

We will try to get our update out to the community soon, even though we're late on this.

