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## Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

November 4, 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.

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### **Agenda**

- Next regular meeting
- Taxes
- Site additions
- Reporting award
- PSDP is Top-Rated
- Priorities survey
- Convention
- DOT meeting
- Outsider's attempted registry

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### • **Next regular meeting**

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PT/2:00 ET.

### • **Taxes**

We filed our forms for federal taxes and state registration exemption; they have been accepted.

### • **Site additions**

We have a wonderful article by dog trainer and community member Katie Jesseph: "Why I use positive, force-free training methods". We hope it will enlighten a lot of people and help them reflect on their training options!

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/positive-force-free-training>

Veronica updated the "look at that" technique to "engage/disengage" in some of her articles.

### • **Reporting award**

Miranda Stein won our 2022 Award for Excellence in Service Dog Reporting (with a \$500 prize, now delivered) for her article “Why Are Psychiatric Service Dogs So Uncommon?” in Psychology Today. We appreciate all reporters who write on service dogs in ways consistent with our reporting guide!

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

- **PSDP is Top-Rated**

Thanks to our loving community members, we earned a 2022 Top-Rated award from GreatNonprofits!

<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/psychiatric-service-dog-partners>

- **Priorities survey**

We conducted our priorities survey for the coming year with our community. This helps us learn how our community wants us to focus our volunteer efforts. We appreciate everyone’s input who participated!

- **Convention**

Our 2023 convention will be in Rock Hill, South Carolina from April 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open and filling fast—only 10 slots are left.

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

Our JetBlue friend donated travel certificates again this year. We really appreciate her help in supporting our scholarships! We’ve begun auctioning the certificates on eBay.

- **DOT meeting**

Our upcoming advocacy group meeting with DOT will be to review DOT’s complaint system/organization so advocacy groups better understand how it works and can give input about how to update it when possible.

Last meeting, 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 keep our community updated on meeting progress.

- **Outsider’s attempted registry**

Someone contacted us to get PSDP involved in lobbying for a DOJ-hosted service animal registry. We are strongly opposed to this and its implications for disability rights in our lives, and we tried to tactfully and clearly explain this to the person who wrote to us.

We also wrote to DOJ with the email exchange, unequivocally advising them against the idea.

