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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

December 30, 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

- Next regular meeting
- Site additions
- PSDP involvement in ASAP
- SD meetups
- Convention
- DOT meeting
- Outsider's attempted registry

• Next regular meeting

Friday, February 24th at 11:00 PT/2:00 ET.

• Site additions

Thanks to picture submissions from the community and work by Veronica and Brad, we have 2023 calendars available to download from our site for printing. They're linked in a news entry in the sidebar.

The deadline for community photo submissions for our website is December 31st.

• PSDP involvement in ASAP

Veronica and Brad have been serving as resources for Marion Gwizdala's new advocacy organization, Advocates for Service Animal Partners. He seems to be doing good work in mediating access challenges and aims to improve US states' service animal laws.

• SD meetups

(Postponed till next meeting)

• Convention

This year we're offering tourism day scholarships so more people can attend our end-of-convention bonding outing. The application is linked from the convention page. The regular scholarship application is due January 1st, but the tourism day scholarship application will be open until the convention registration period closes.

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

We've sold all the travel certificates our JetBlue friend donated. We really appreciate her help in supporting our scholarships!

- **DOT meeting**

We had an advocacy group meeting with DOT to review DOT's complaint system/ organization so advocacy groups better understand how it works and could give input about how to update it. While we're not sure how they'll be implemented, we were able to give DOT significant feedback that we hope will have an impact on increasing the usefulness of the knowledge gained and reduce the prejudice in the old system.

- **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. We have another reply in the works, since the individual seems open to communication but naïve about civil rights issues.

—Separate item: board social scheduled for January 20th.
