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## Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

February 24, 2023

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**

- Election of directors & Next regular meeting
- Site additions
- SD meetups
- Convention
- Air travel practicalities
- Board social

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### **• Election of directors & Next regular meeting**

The Board of Directors was re-elected in the previous arrangement.

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PT/4:00 ET.

### **• Site additions**

Thanks to picture submissions from the community and work by Veronica, the 2022 community photos are posted:

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/community-photos/service-dog-pics-2022>

We have three very useful new articles to help people train, two of which have been posted. Elaine wrote “Training to help you exit a building”:

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/training-to-help-you-exit-a-building>

Heather wrote “Our story of training “under”—body awareness & small spaces”:

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

Linden wrote an article on training during disabling mental health episodes, which has entered the editing phase.

### **• SD meetups**

We might get a volunteer(s) to workshop spreadsheet/system rules and details of operation, have the board approve, then set this in motion. Veronica and Heather will be on the committee for this.

- **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 was due January 1<sup>st</sup>, but the tourism day scholarship application will be open until the convention registration period closes.

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

Veronica and others on the planning committee have been able to get a good number of sponsors, so convention-goers will have some free meal coupons as goodie bag items and door prizes.

- **Air travel practicalities**

Open Doors Organization is handling the service animal documentation for multiple airlines, including JetBlue, Alaska, and Allegiant. We are not quite on the same page about how this should be done, but we were able to do an invited training for their staff and leadership. We made significant inroads toward ensuring they handle the documentation in appropriate ways, and we will keep communicating with each other.

- **Board social**

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a social meeting together over Zoom. The board members are friends, but it's easy to revert into business meetings being our main or only contacts. We will try to continue to have social meetings to enhance our relationships and strengthen our commitments to each other and our community.

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