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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

April 4, 2025

Attendees: Veronica, Brad, Linden, Heather, Katie, and Karin

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
- Politics on the Peer Guidance Group
- GreatNonprofits
- Fundraising: raffle, walk
- Peer convention/meetups

• Next regular meeting

Friday, May 30th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET. FIX CALENDAR

Board social: Friday, May 9th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

• Site additions

Veronica wrote an article about when to retire/wash a dog, Brad edited it, and we're processing board notes, with the last remaining edit suggestion accepted at this meeting.

• Politics on the Peer Guidance Group

After our last meeting, we updated the rule about politics on our Peer Guidance Group (roughly, it's fine to discuss the facts and policies that affect disabled people without voicing partisan (party-based) endorsement or opposition). We're in the process of implementing this clarification and hope it will work out well.

We have been a little behind since Brad and Veronica have had a death and then hospitalization in the family to deal with.

• GreatNonprofits

Since it's a new year, we can once again invite our community members to share their reviews of PSDP, in hopes of earning us our 2025 Top Nonprofit badge from GreatNonprofits! We'll be explicitly asking for reviews after the convention.

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

- **Fundraising: raffle, walk**

Katie (a professional dog trainer and our Vice President) is putting together an educational webinar, probably on dog body language. It may be free, with donations encouraged. This is on hold for now.

We plan to have a 50/50 raffle for the community (Peer Guidance Group and convention-goers) to coincide with the peer convention. Brad will be drafting the language and webpage for this for the board to review before the convention.

- **Peer convention/meetups**

The 2025 peer convention will very likely be our last event in the convention format. We are considering instead having peer meetups. These would be more loosely organized with no costly meeting room, but would involve community outings over a couple of days with only a low registration fee. We would have itinerary outlines and discussion ideas based on registrant input. We discussed prospective locations for our first official peer meetup.

Separately, we are also considering having online education or discussion circle sessions for the community to participate in without having to travel.
