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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

May 30, 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, July 25th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

Board social: Friday, June 27th 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.

Pictures from the convention are now up:

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/resources/convention/2025-peer-convention/2025-convention-pictures>

• **Politics on the Peer Guidance Group**

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've implemented this clarification and it's working out well.

• **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! Now that it's after the convention, we'll be explicitly asking for reviews.

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

- **Fundraising: raffle, walk**

We are thinking of having quarterly 50/50 raffles for a week at a time for the community. Brad will be redrafting the language and webpage for this for the board to review before the convention.

- **Peer convention/meetups**

We had a great time together at the 2025 peer convention. 11/12 people rated the convention at 5 stars, with the other rating at 4 stars.

The 2025 peer convention was likely 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.
