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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

August 28, 2026

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

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
- Board membership
- Site updates
- Peer Guidance Group
- GreatNonprofits
- Fundraising: raffle
- HUD memo
- Service animals monument
- Online discussion circles

• **Next regular meeting**

Friday, November 20th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

Board social: Friday, October 2nd at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

• **Board membership**

Karin resigned from the board; we are very thankful for her service.

• **Site updates**

Brad updated our housing page, letter template page, and Laws FAQ to account for HUD's guidance withdrawal and planned non-enforcement of ESA user rights.

• **Peer Guidance Group**

We have migrated our peer guidance group to groups.io.

• **GreatNonprofits**

We're inviting our community members to share their reviews of PSDP, in hopes of earning us our 2026 Top Nonprofit badge from GreatNonprofits.

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

- **Fundraising: raffle**

We are planning on having quarterly 50/50 raffles for a couple of weeks at a time for the community. The previous raffle was June 10th–June 23rd and the next is planned for September 2nd–September 15th.

- **Reporting award**

The winner of our 2026 Award for Excellence in Service Dog Reporting is Danielle Bongiovanni, for “Regulation May Punish Competent Service Dog Trainers Alongside Fraudsters”, Community Sentinel (February 3). Ms. Bongiovanni accepted the award but turned down the prize money since PSDP was interviewed for the article. We applaud her journalistic ethics.

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

- **HUD memo**

HUD issued a memo indicating they will no longer enforce housing rights of ESA users. We are working with a coalition to push for SDIT access in housing when HUD puts out a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

- **Service animals monument**

There is an effort to construct a service animals monument, but it is meant to honor working animals of various kinds. Veronica is pushing for them to more accurately name the monument ("working animals", rather than "service animals").

- **Online discussion circles**

We are considering having more online education or discussion circle sessions for the community to participate in without having to travel. Possibly "ask the trainer".

