



Veronica Morris, PhD

Linden Gue

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Bradley W. Morris, MA, CPhil

Heather Walker

Katie Jesseph, IAABC-ADT

1651 Sandpiper Drive
Rock Hill, SC 29732
USA

(805) 876-4256
info@psych.dog
www.psych.dog

Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

May 10, 2024

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
- Air travel
- Logo gear
- Raffle
- Peer convention

• **Next regular meeting**

Friday, July 12th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

Board social: June 14th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

Welcome to Karin as our new Assistant to the Board! And Katie is our new Vice President, taking over from the now-retired Elaine Malkin who served PSDP since our founding.

• **Site additions**

Veronica wrote an article titled “My future service dog: what should I train first, and next?”. It’s now posted on our training page.

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/service-dog-training-order>

Veronica has ideas for articles: prospect vs SDIT vs SD article idea (approved to polish up), and when to retire/wash a dog (approved to draft). Katie is happy to brainstorm about the latter article.

• **Air travel**

DOT is renewing their OMB status on the service animal flying form (required for it to have legal effect), and they’ve slightly updated the form to clarify that owner-training is fine. We submitted a comment:

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/board-of-directors/board-activities/advocacy>

The form is in the next stage of the OMB approval process; it is drafted and now has a companion instruction document. We need to submit a comment this month.

DOT plans to handle more substantive issues in the future, partly through their ACAA advisory committee. We'll have to ensure we have their ear before they draft an NPRM in this arena.

- **Logo gear**

We evaluated products from a new prospective supplier of gear with PSDP logos. It didn't work out. We still have patches available, but will put our search for a purveyor of other logo gear on hold.

Our Facebook posts are continuing to get spammed in the comments by scammers trying to sell purported PSDP gear. We will keep taking action to remove, report, and block them.

- **Raffle**

For our online raffle, the deadline for submitting items is May 15th. June 1st–July 17th is when we sell tickets (\$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5). The drawings will start on July 18th. Thank you so much to our donors!

- **Peer convention**

Our 2024 peer convention was at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rock Hill, South Carolina, April 26–29. Brad is processing the pictures.

We will not be doing as intense of a tourism day in the future, but will aim for a more relaxed post-convention outing. The science museum was more exciting than anticipated!

We are considering modifying the registration form to better screen for seeing which teams might need more guidance. We might add an open-response question like: In the last 18 months, has your dog shown sustained stress signs or reactivity in unusual situations, or lunged and barked at another dog? Please describe so we know how to offer guidance.

We will consider this and/or alternative methods of doing what we can to ensure safety and minimal stress for teams at the convention.

