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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

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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
- Taxes
- Site additions
- Air travel
- Rideshare companies' pilot programs
- Priorities survey
- GreatNonprofits
- Fundraising: raffle, walk
- Peer convention

• **Next regular meeting**

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

Board social: Friday, November 22nd at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

• **Taxes**

We had to do the more complicated state tax forms and will have to submit this more complicated accounting in the future, registering rather than filing an exemption from registration.

• **Site additions**

Veronica wrote an article about when to retire/wash a dog and it's still in the editing phase.

• **Air travel**

DOT renewed 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 and the form and instruction document are now out:

<https://www.transportation.gov/resources/individuals/aviation-consumer-protection/service-animals#ServiceAnimalForms>

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. DOT has now appointed advisory committee members.

- **Rideshare companies' pilot programs**

Uber and Lyft are piloting programs in which service animal users have the option to self-identify. There are a lot of unanswered questions and worries about this, since it might be an express lane to discrimination. We signed onto the petition from Advocates for Service Animal Partners to challenge the companies to do better.

- **Priorities survey**

We are constructing our annual priorities survey for the community and will send it out soon. This is the formal way we get community feedback about what community members would like PSDP to focus on in the coming year.

- **GreatNonprofits**

Thanks so much to our community members for their reviews of PSDP, earning us our 2024 Top Nonprofit badge from GreatNonprofits!

<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.

One of the two kinds of nonprofit raffles that are exempt from their own complicated raffle-specific registration and accounting in South Carolina is a "fifty-fifty raffle" with a maximum of \$950. A fifty-fifty raffle is just cash for tickets, splitting the proceeds between the nonprofit and a winner. We can technically hold one once every seven days, but they can only be open to our community members and their guests (this would probably be the disability community and their friends and family).

The other kind of exempt nonprofit raffle is one in which up to \$950 in value of noncash prizes are donated. If we were to do another noncash-prize raffle, we would have to focus on items that are easier to mail, such as gift cards. Here's a chart that gives the essential details at a glance:

<https://sos.sc.gov/sites/sos/files/Documents/Charities/Exempt%20vs.%20Nonexempt%20Raffles%20September%202020.pdf>

- **Peer convention**

The 2025 peer convention planning committee is planning next year's convention, for May 3rd–5th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Long Beach, California.