



**INTERNATIONAL  
— ASSOCIATION —  
OF CANINE PROFESSIONALS**

**Board Meeting MINUTES  
February 12, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Central**

**Mission Statement:**

The International Association of Canine Professionals shapes global standards through diverse **education, development and support** of industry professionals.

Agenda Item	Lead	Time	Status
<b>Roll call:</b> <b>Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jason Purgason, President</li> </ul> <b>Officers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fabian Romo, Vice President</li> <li>Rachelle Yates, Secretary</li> <li>Laurie McIntosh, Treasurer</li> </ul> <b>Board Members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marlene Ruiz</li> <li>Lora Bacharach</li> <li>Antonio Diaz</li> <li>Matt Covey</li> <li>Magdalena Szymanska</li> </ul>	Chair	2 Min	QUORUM – Y Fabian absent  <b>Procedural Guidance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert's Rules - Contemporary</li> <li>Professionalism</li> <li>Consideration of Others</li> <li>Time on Task</li> <li>Relevant input</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda</b>			
Presentation of Agenda	Chair	1 min	1. Motion to approve the agenda and agenda items  Jason makes a motion “I move to approve the agenda and agenda items as presented.” Antonio seconds No discussion or opposition MOTION PASSES
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>			
Presentation of Minutes January 8, 2026 Meeting	Chair	5 min	1. Motion to approve minutes as submitted  Jason makes a motion “I move to approve the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted by the secretary.” Antonio seconds No discussion or opposition MOTION PASSES
<b>Treasurers Report</b>			

Treasurers Report	Laurie		1. Treasurer's Report: 2025 completed and reviewed, reviewed monthly income statement and upcoming fees
<b>Discussion</b>			
President Report	Jason  Marlene  Jason	10 min	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SMART goals review from Board Retreat: No update</li> <li>2. Peru Proposal Update: Move to next meeting</li> <li>3. Plus One Membership Campaign: Have met 61% of goal, paid advertisements aimed at recruiting new members within various areas of the dog industry</li> <li>4. Board Responsibilities and Communication: Acknowledge chats and emails regularly from all board members, more engagement from board members on social posts</li> <li>5. CPJ: All online format close to launch</li> </ol> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facebook Page Rules Discussion: Discussion to remove rule of self promotion and review/revise current rules</li> <li>2. Dog Trainer Regulation Survey Discussion: Deeper discussion at retreat</li> <li>3. 2026 Sponsor Tiers Update: Changes to annual corporate sponsor tiers: eliminated bronze and starts at silver, increased price of diamond from \$10k to \$15k (limited to one), added space of titanium for \$7,500 (limited to 3 spots) and platinum (limited to 9)</li> </ol>
<b>European Members Committee</b>	Mag	10 min	1. EURO Conference Update: Dogtra confirmed as Platinum sponsor, 7 speakers with contracts signed, website updates are in progress, speakers to be featured on podcast, Highland Canine confirmed as main sponsor, send any potential vendor/sponsors to Mag
<b>Service Dog Committee</b>	Laurie	5 min	1. Service Dog Committee Questions for Board: Primary objective is to create content to be used as educational pieces to prepare successful CSDT outcomes, Laurie and Jason to discuss additional questions
<b>Therapy Dog Committee</b>	Lora	10 min	1. Therapy Dog Pilot Program Update: Ready to launch evaluator pilot portion, review and feedback for evaluator guide and test, will discuss in more detail at retreat
<b>2027 Conference</b>	Marlene	5 min	1. 2027 Conference Speaker Discussion: Board to submit names for potential speakers
<b>2026 Conference</b>	Jason	10 min	1. Conference Update: Conversations highlighting diverse speaker perspectives and how it can be advantageous when positioned strategically

**ADJOURN**

Jason makes a motion  
"I am going to move to adjourn at 10:53 central."

Respectfully Submitted by Rachelle Yates February 27, 2026

Approved by the Board of Directors March 1, 2026

