



# NSAC News

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## Letter from The President

March 1, 2017

Spring is upon us and with that, your Board of Trustees holds its mid-year meeting at the end of April. We are meeting this year in Milwaukee. If you have any concerns that you feel should be brought before this meeting, please discuss them with your Trustee representative, so they can be considered for our agenda. The agenda is always full so working well in advance is recommended.

Trustee assignments are made annually by state, area, or city and can be found in the January edition of the *NSAC News*. Past issues are obtainable from our website. You can also contact Carol Luetkens, NSAC Secretary, for the Trustee assigned to your area.

The Board of Trustees will host a reception for local NSAC members at the MPI building on Sunday, April 30 at 4pm. Trustees enjoyed meeting with members of two western New York churches following last year's mid-year meeting and are looking forward to meeting members in Wisconsin.

The *NSAC Yearbook 2017* has closed and is being mailed to auxiliaries and ordained ministers this month. Additional copies will be available for purchase by contacting the NSAC Bookstore.

The website data for credentialed workers has been updated, consistent with information contained in the Yearbook. Those who received or renewed credentials in 2016 or 2017 will be included on the lists.

As a follow up to my letter in the February issue, much good has come of it. It took courage for people to call and address their problematic issues. I commend them for doing so and for demonstrating their willingness to do the right thing. Thanks to the many of you who contacted me with kind words of encouragement and to those who stand in support of the effort to help clear the way so our organization

can continue its path onward and upward.

—Rev. Christine Krithades  
President

## Gratitude Day— Fourth Sunday in March

The fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as Gratitude Day. Chartered church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to The Cause. A special love offering shall be taken for the NSAC Spiritualist Benevolent Society.

—NSAC Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 4

## NSAC Awards Nominations Close This Month

March 31 is the deadline for nominations for an NSAC Award. Awards are presented at the Annual Convention in October, in four categories: Teacher Award, Literary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Lifetime Service Award. Nominations must be on NSAC Form 14, Nomination for Award, available on the NSAC website forms page, [www.nsac.org/member-pages/forms](http://www.nsac.org/member-pages/forms). Guidelines for submission are on the back of the form.

## Biannual Reports Due April 15

Biannual reports are due at NSAC Headquarters this year by April 15. Reporting requirements are stated in the NSAC Procedures document for each department and committee, except that the due date is April 15 this year.

Reports are reviewed by trustees at their mid-year meeting. Contact NSAC Secretary Carol Luetkens with any questions concerning your report.

## It's Not Too Late to Register!

Registrations are still being accepted for the International Spiritualist Federation educational event, being held in the United States March 24-26, 2017. Tutors will be Robin Hodson, President of the ISF, and NSAC's Rev. Richard P. Schoeller, NST.

Choose one of two classes, "Working with Trance" or "Enhancing Your Mediumship." Demonstrations will be offered on Friday evening and on Sunday, after the service hosted at the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC in Falls Church, Virginia, at which Robin and Richard will serve.

Classes are \$125 and demonstrations are each \$25. Pre-registration is required for the classes; registration is recommended for the demonstrations but you may also register at the door. For more details and to register, please visit [www.theisf.com/event/usa-2017](http://www.theisf.com/event/usa-2017).

## Did You Know . . .

### What is a notary? Why do I need to get my annual report notarized?

A notary public is an officer appointed by your state to serve as an impartial witness to prevent fraud in the signing of important documents. Some notarizations also require the notary to put the signer under an oath, declaring under penalty of perjury that the information contained in a document is true and correct.

A document is notarized to deter fraud. As an impartial witness, the notary ensures that the signers of documents are who they say they are and not imposters. A notary will ask to see a current identification document that has a photograph, physical description and a signature. A driver's license, military ID or a passport will usually be acceptable.

Bear in mind the notary is simply certifying the identity of the signer and is not responsible for the accuracy or content of the document. The

signers are responsible for the content of the documents. A notary keeps a record of each document he or she notarizes and will ask you for the title of the document, such as annual report, power of attorney, and so forth. The notary is not entitled to read your document. A notary may not give you advice or prepare legal documents (*unless the notary is also a lawyer*). The notary cannot refuse to serve anyone because of race, religion, nationality, lifestyle, or because the person is not a client or customer.

The notary will watch you sign the document and then he or she will sign and place their seal and commission details below your signature. When you see a notary's seal on a document, it means the document is authentic and properly executed.

## Saving Our Spiritualist Churches Report

The complete report on *Saving Our Spiritualist Churches: NSAC Delegates to the Rescue* will be available soon as a PDF file to any member who wants a copy. All of the many comments, verbatim, will be included. Request your copy by email to [nsacinfo@nsac.org](mailto:nsacinfo@nsac.org) with SOSAC Report as the subject.

## NSAC Certification

This column concludes the series which began in August, and appeared in August, September, October, January, and February editions. Selected questions are from *Questions and Answers about NSAC Certification*. Further information about certification should be directed to June Killmer, Director, NSAC Department of Education at [junekillmer@surewest.net](mailto:junekillmer@surewest.net).

**Q** What happens if some emergency arises that would present a problem for the completion of the essay or written exam?

**A** One should immediately contact the NSAC Department of Education to request consideration of an extension of time.

**Q** What happens if the applicant does not successfully complete

either the essay or the written portion?

**A** The applicant is notified and provided with the information needed for their improvement. The applicant's church, or state association when applicable, is also notified.

The applicant is requested to study further and to notify the NSAC Department of Education when they are ready for retesting.

**Q** If the applicant's examination is not satisfactorily completed, will there be an additional fee?

**A** Each applicant is entitled to three tries for each section of the examination, all of which must be completed within one year. After this, a new application and fee are required.

## Annual Report Preparation

Churches and camps preparing annual reports sometimes need separate notary service when both the president and secretary cannot be present at the same time. Last year to address this issue, alternate pages 3-4 to the report were prepared and provide separate statements for each officer.

The annual report form is available on the NSAC website forms page, [nsac.org/member-pages/forms](http://nsac.org/member-pages/forms). Those needing separate statements for notarization by the president and secretary can request *NSAC Form 1, Rev. 1505, Alternate P3-P4* by email from [nsacinfo@nsac.org](mailto:nsacinfo@nsac.org). These pages will be incorporated in the form in its next revision.

## Reminders

**March 26:** Gratitude Day (*See NSAC Bylaws Article XVI, Section 4 for details*)

**March 31:** Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

**March 31:** NSAC Awards Nominations due

**April 15:** Department and Committee Biannual Reports due

**October 22-27:** NSAC Convention 2017, Milwaukee

## Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

**A Mini Course in Healing**, by Joseph H. Merrill. BKS 155, \$5.00

**A Mini Course in Mediumship**, by Joseph H. Merrill. BKS 156, \$5.00

Each course is compiled by Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, former President of NSAC. These booklets are intended not only to convey knowledge on the subject matter but also to be an aid to NSAC members preparing to become credentialed workers. They are being offered through the Bookstore at the special price of \$5.

**Natural Law**, by Victoria Barnes. In this booklet Dr. Barnes reviews Natural Law and offers more detailed information on the Law of Attraction and the Law of Vibration. Each of these Laws has a particular bearing on the unfoldment of mediumship and is recommended for those seeking either to begin their study of, or to enhance their mediumship. BKS 194, \$6.00.

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, [nsacbookstore@nsac.org](mailto:nsacbookstore@nsac.org), 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

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