



# NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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## Help from The Treasurer

May 1, 2017

It is now close to the time of year when our secretaries, treasurers, and perhaps others file the NSAC Annual Report for their church or camp. First, a big THANK YOU for the work you have done these past two years. The 2016 reports were much improved over the 2014 and 2015 reports. I enjoyed talking with and helping many of you with any problems which may have arisen.

It appears the most prevalent errors or omissions were on page 2 of the report, the Member Census and the Financial Statement sections. Let's start at the top of the report and discuss things I believe may be an issue. Most of the form is pretty straightforward; include all of the information requested.

On the page 1, please include all names with both email and postal addresses. Especially important is all information for the contact person.

### Page 2—

**Member Census**—Please check the balance brought forward from the previous report. This part of the report is used to calculate per-capita assessment. A Membership List must be filed with the report.

**Financial Statements**—Again, please check the balance brought forward from previous report for the balance on hand. Enter total receipts on line 27. Add the disbursements and enter on line 28. Subtract disbursements from the total receipts and enter on line 29 (Cash on Hand this Report).

**Assets—Cash and checking**, line 51, this amount should agree with line 29. Remember this should be a reconciled Bank Statement so that the two amounts will agree. If Petty Cash is used, then it should be added to the Checking account balance for the entry on line 51. Several reports last year used a bank balance

at the correct date but it had not been reconciled with the auxiliaries bookkeeping accounts.

**Miscellaneous disbursements**, line 40, should be itemized on a separate sheet if over 10% of the total disbursements.

**Financial Institutions.** Please list names and addresses of each.

**Insurance.** Please send certificate of Insurance with the report. All the information is usually on the first page and lists coverage and premium for each type of insurance. If no insurance please give reason, e.g., under another church, or state, and give names.

These are the main areas where discrepancies occur so hopefully this may help to answer any questions you may have. Copies of the reports and guidelines may be found on the website under Member Pages/Forms. The third and last page of the report has places for signatures and notary statement. If the signees cannot go together for the forms to be notarized, alternate pages 3 and 4 are available upon request at [nsacinfo@nsac.org](mailto:nsacinfo@nsac.org).

If you have suggestions for revisions to the report form, or for wording which may make it easier to read, please let me know. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Phone: 813-419-4426; email: [jan.nsac@outlook.com](mailto:jan.nsac@outlook.com).

Thank you. I look forward to seeing many of you in October.

—Janet Watson  
Treasurer

## Credential Renewals

NSAC credentials must be renewed annually, to remain effective. Renewals are due either in January or August.

### Renewals due January 31

Licentiate Minister (LM), Certified Medium (CM), and Commissioned

Healer (CH)—unless the CH and/or CM certificates are held by Ordained Ministers (OM).

### Renewals due August 31

Ordained Minister (OM) and National Spiritualist Teacher (NST). Those in these categories holding CM and CH certificates renew all of these at this time.

Prompt renewal will ensure that the holders are listed both on the NSAC website and in the NSAC Yearbook as active workers.

## Donate Old Hymnals for Further Use

Put replaced Church hymnals to further use. Often, new NSAC churches are in need of hymnals. If your church has unused older hymnals it would like to donate, contact NSAC Headquarters and let us know how many you could donate. We will let churches needing them know.

If you are a new church or a church in need of the older hymnal, let us know your need and we will contact you when hymnals are available.

## Call for Trustee Candidates

Now is the time to consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee terms expiring in October include Treasurer Janet Watson, Trustee Havivah Richards, and Trustee Bunny Starr. All have indicated that they will seek re-election.

If you feel you have the qualifications and time to commit to service as an NSAC Trustee, be sure to obtain a copy of the Call for Candidates, enclosed in our May mailing to auxiliaries, available on the NSAC website Forms page, [www.nsac.org/member-pages/documents](http://www.nsac.org/member-pages/documents), or by email request to [nsacnominations@nsac.org](mailto:nsacnominations@nsac.org). It contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement. If you have not requested the password for member pages, it may

be requested by email to [nsacinfo@nsac.org](mailto:nsacinfo@nsac.org). Your request must include both the member name and name of church.

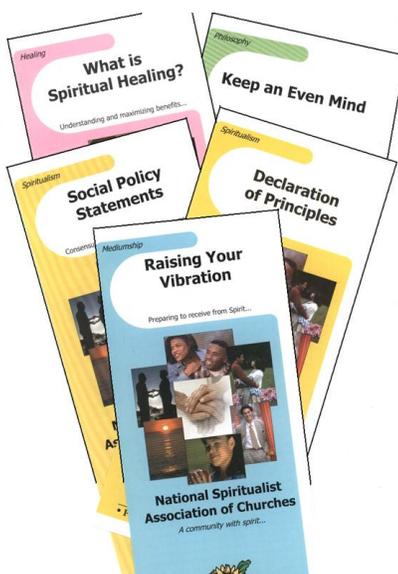
A *Candidates for Election* document will be mailed to auxiliaries approximately six weeks before the Annual Convention. Candidate statements with photos will help everyone identify candidates and know more about them prior to the election at the Convention.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

## Free Information Brochures and Cards

NSAC has a number of free information brochures and cards which churches and camps should have available as resources for members and others interested in Spiritualism. Titles include:

*Declaration of Principles*  
*Foundation Facts Concerning Spiritualism as A Religion*  
*Funding Our Future*  
*Healers Do and Don't*  
*Healing Basics*  
*Hydesville Memorial Park*  
*Mediums Do and Don't*  
*Social Policy Statements*  
*Spiritualism and NSAC*  
*What Is Spiritual Healing?*



Brochures are available in quantities not exceeding 25 of each title per order. To best manage our inventory, please order only as many as you feel

will be picked up in the next three months. Additional orders can be placed any time supplies are exhausted.

To order, send your request in an email as follows:

### Address and Subject

To: NSAC Bookstore, [nsacbookstore@nsac.org](mailto:nsacbookstore@nsac.org)

@nsac.org

Subject: NSAC Information Brochures

### Body Information

Order for: (name of church/camp/ association name placing order)

Contact name: (individual placing order)

Contact phone:

Ship-to address:

Order: (list quantity and title of each brochure on a separate line); example:

(qty.) Foundation Facts Concerning Spiritualism as A Religion

(qty.) Healers Do and Don't

(qty.) Mediums Do and Don't

(qty.) Social Policy Statements

(qty.) Hydesville Memorial Park

## Trustee Reception in Milwaukee for NSAC Members

NSAC members were invited to a reception hosted by the NSAC Board of Trustees on Sunday, April 30, in Milwaukee. Among those present were members from First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, West Allis, Wisconsin; Spiritualist Chapel in the Woods, Roscoe, Illinois; and from Summerland Lakeview Spiritualist Church, Brooklyn, Wisconsin. The reception continued the trustee goal of being more personally available to members outside the annual convention each October.

## Camp Promotion for 2017 Season

Camps wanting promotion through NSAC for the upcoming season are asked to send 200 programs and other promotional materials to NSAC Headquarters. They must be received by May 31 to be included in the June mailing to churches and ministers. Additional copies may be sent for display and pick up by visitors during the Lily Dale summer season.

## Opportunity to Host NSAC Convention in 2019 and 2020

Both 2019 and 2020 are available for churches and state associations wanting to host an NSAC convention. Conventions are an excellent way to bring members of your church or association together. Help is available in the form of a convention-planning handbook and a meeting planner, who can help with securing a venue which best meets our needs.

For more information, contact NSAC Secretary Carol Luetkens at 716-595-2000 or [nsacsecretary@nsac.org](mailto:nsacsecretary@nsac.org) to discuss.

## Reminders

**May 31:** Camp promotion materials due at NSAC for mailing

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

## Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

**The Scoble Experiment**, by Grant and Jane Solomon. In this updated version the Scoble Experimental Group offers scientific evidence for life after so-called death. This updated account chronicles the extraordinary results of a five-year investigation which included test, observations and recorded results. The Scoble Experiment is highly regarded as the most important scientific investigation in history. BKS 902, \$26.00

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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