



NSAC News

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Proposed Bylaw Changes Voted at Convention

Fourteen proposed bylaws changes were considered by delegates at NSAC Convention 2017. The large number was due to several proposed changes held over from the prior year.

All proposals for wording changes to the Declaration of Principles failed to win approval by delegates (**Proposals 1-4**, affecting Principles 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9).

Proposal 5, to reduce the number of days from 45 to 21 for outgoing trustees to transfer documents and information passed.

Proposals 6-8, concerning reduction of size of the Board of Trustees from 9 to 7 and related bylaws as to quorum size and voting groups, were not voted but referred by vote to the Long-Range Planning Committee for study.

Proposal 9 passed. It established a 3-year period after which auxiliaries not filing an Annual Report with appropriate fees paid shall be considered defunct.

Proposal 10 passed. Revises membership criteria to include subscription to the Bylaws by persons wanting membership, making the criteria consistent with NSAC Admission to Fellowship question 5 and the NSAC Disciplinary Procedure.

Proposal 11 failed. Required member applicants to sign the Code of Ethics and the Social Media Policy.

Proposal 12 withdrawn. Added an acceptance signature of the Code of Ethics and of the Social Media Policy to definition of Member in Good Standing.

Proposal 13 passed. Combined Department of Outreach with Department of Missionaries and revised department duties.

Proposal 14 passed after amendment to add only a requirement that churches using music not in the Spiritualist Hymnal must have appropriate licensing to avoid copyright infringement.

The changes adopted at Convention 2017 will be incorporated in NSAC Bylaws and revised bylaws published early in 2018 and posted on the NSAC website Documents page.

ing contacts between NSAC and its auxiliaries.

Stacy Kopchinski is Director of the Department of Missionaries. She can be reached at stacykopchinski@att.net or 262-492-4943 whenever there is need to contact the Department or a missionary.

NSAC Department Directors Named

Following Convention 2017, directors of NSAC departments were appointed for the 2017-18 year. An asterisk follows department names with newly appointed directors.

Department of Education, June Killmer (*Roseville, California*)

Department of Endowments, Rosemary Calderalo (*Pasadena, Maryland*)

Department of Lyceums, Havivah Richards (*Glen-dale, Arizona*)

Department of Missionaries*, Stacy Kopchinski (*Burlington, Wisconsin*)

Department of Phenomenal

Evidence, Frank Kotowski, Jr. (*Bay Shore, New York*)

Department of Public Relations, Susan Hazard (*Santa Barbara, California*)

Department of Publications, Joe Owen (*San Francisco, California*)

Call to Members

While working on projects at NSAC Headquarters, we have discovered that we are short on copies of some previous editions of the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual*. We would like to have copies of these editions in our library: 1940, 1944, 1948, 1967, 1972, 1975, 1980, 1987, 1991, 1998, 2001, 2002.

Most manuals identify editions as numerical "revisions," followed by a "published date." The published date is the edition date. This information



Missionaries Appointed

NSAC missionaries are appointed annually by the Board of Trustees at their post-convention meeting. We are pleased to welcome four new appointees this year: Gretchen Clark, Bonnie Crosier, Elizabeth (Betty) Simpson, and Norma Turner.

Re-appointments for the 2017-18 year include the following ministers: Marilyn J. Awtry, Rosemary Calderalo, Lelia Cutler, Bonnie Darby, Maureen Eslick, Kevin Folsom, Stacy Kopchinski, Jennifer Neumann, and Nancy Ryall. Each member of the Board of Trustees also serves as a missionary.

The goal of the Department of Missionaries is to promote the general interests of NSAC by strengthening relationships and establishing work-

can be found at the front of the manual, on the title page.

If you have any of these editions and would like to donate them, please send them to the office. Thanks to everyone in advance for helping us.

—Carol Luetkens
NSAC Secretary

Trustees Assigned

All members of the NSAC Board of Trustees each year are assigned as representatives to NSAC auxiliaries. Assignments are made by state, area, or city. This year's assignments are:

Arizona: Jim Ehrhart

California (*Monrovia*): Havivah Richards

California (*Northern*): Jim Ehrhart

California (*Sacramento*): Havivah Richards

California (*Santa Barbara*): Cosie Allen

Colorado: Havivah Richards

Connecticut: Jackie Randall

Delaware: Bunny Starr

District of Columbia: Christine Krithades

Florida: Janet Watson

Illinois: June Killmer

Indiana: Cosie Allen

Iowa: Janet Watson

Maine: Carol Luetkens

Maryland: Christine Krithades

Massachusetts: Jackie Randall

Michigan: Cosie Allen

Minnesota (*Rochester*): Janet Watson

Minnesota (*St. Paul*): Carol Luetkens

Missouri: Janet Watson

Nebraska: Janet Watson

Nevada: Havivah Richards

New Hampshire: Carol Luetkens

New Jersey: Bunny Starr

New York: Carol Luetkens

Ohio: Cosie Allen

Pennsylvania: Bunny Starr

Texas: Christine Krithades

Virginia: Christine Krithades

Washington: June Killmer

West Virginia: Bunny Starr

Wisconsin: Carol Luetkens

Reminder

January 25: Observance of Founders Day honoring Andrew Jackson Davis and the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum

January 31: Renewals of Credentials for LM, CM, and CH due at NSAC. (*OM holding CM and CH are exempt from this filing*) (*file with church secretary; payable to church; church secretary forwards as group to NSAC Headquarters*)

Bookstore News

New . . .

NSAC Spiritualist Manual, 20th Edition. Newly revised and expanded, including a 22-page Spiritualist Glossary. BKS 010, \$25.00

Featured this month . . .

Your Psychic Potential, by Richard Ireland. A guide to psychic development which stresses the subtle spiritual forces that weave throughout our everyday lives. Anyone interested in achieving conscious control over these forces will find this an indispensable guide.

BKS 962, \$19.00

Lessons From The Light, by Kenneth Ring, PhD. A culmination of extensive research on the near-death experience which beautifully melds intuitive analysis with fresh and balanced commentary.

BKS 734, \$17.00

Letters from The Afterlife, by Elsa Barker. This volume presents another way of looking at life and death which allows us to let go of the fear of death. Written in 1914, Letters describes eloquently and often humorously life in the invisible world.

BKS 910, \$15.00

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