



# NSAC News

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## A Note from the Department of Missionaries

Welcome to the month of LOVE! As Spiritualists we strive to celebrate love every day. The Department of Missionaries is working to make sure that you feel the love from us. By now you or your church should have received a communication from your Missionary. If you have not, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I want to thank the churches and missionaries that already are working together. It is so wonderful to see communication open and nice to see missionaries serving their churches.

We have been working with the NST Club and are compiling a list of NSTs willing to travel and teach. Most of our missionaries are also on that list. So, if you are in need of a teacher or presenter, please contact your Missionary. Your Missionary will have the list by the end of the month and will share with you if needed.

We are working for the unity we all are striving for in Spiritualism. The Department wants to make sure that you are feeling supported. Let us know how we can help. Let us all go forth this month sharing our love for Spiritualism and humanity. Blessings!

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## Nomination for NSAC Awards Closes March 31

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.

## Credentialing Drive

NSAC has an insufficient number of credentialed mediums (23%) and healers (12%) working on its platforms. This is based on data received from auxiliary annual reports for 2017. During NSAC Convention 2017, delegates approved a resolution to identify issues and develop strategies to increase credentialed platform workers.

Please take a few minutes to respond to the NSAC Credentialing Drive questionnaire now available. Your answers will be helpful. It is a brief, confidential questionnaire designed to identify gaps and strengths in the credentialing process. The questionnaire is designed to ensure a high level of anonymity, in order to encourage candid and constructive feedback to help NSAC and our auxiliaries grow. Your response is vital to this review process.

NSAC auxiliaries are asked to forward the Questionnaire to members, [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSACQuestionnaire](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSACQuestionnaire), add it to service and meeting announcements, and encourage members to complete and return it. All NSAC members are urged to complete the questionnaire by February 28. It can be done from any computer with internet access, email, or mailed to Patricia Horne, PO Box 197, North Hampton, NH 03862, [coffee\\_lover417@hotmail.com](mailto:coffee_lover417@hotmail.com).

If you have any questions, concerns, or technical issues, please contact Ms. Horne at 603-964-5256 or [coffee\\_lover417@hotmail.com](mailto:coffee_lover417@hotmail.com).

## Donations

Churches and camps often receive donations of money, hymnals, chairs, tables, food, keyboards, etc., and are always grateful for these gifts. A donation is defined as to make a gift of; especially to contribute to a public or charitable cause.

What we sometimes see or hear about are people suddenly becoming upset with an auxiliary and requesting return of their donations because they

suddenly feel that the auxiliary is no longer worthy of their gift. We would never take back our donations to other charitable organizations.

A donation/gift becomes the property of the auxiliary when given.

There may be a situation when, after a period of time, the auxiliary decides it can no longer use a piece of property that was donated. At that point, the Board of Trustees of the auxiliary shall determine what to do with the property, such as sell it to raise funds, and so forth.

Please bear in mind that once a donation is made, whether in cash or property, it ceases to be the property of the donor and becomes the property of the auxiliary. If the donor wishes to retain the right to decide how long the auxiliary shall retain the property, it is not a donation, but a loan of the item. No donation receipt is given to the donor in those circumstances.

## Nominating Committee Appointed

President Krithades has announced NSAC's Nominating Committee for 2018. They include Debra Malison, Chair, First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, West Allis, Wisconsin; Joanne Santonocito, Attunement Spiritualist Chapel, Hamburg, New York; Mark Schoen, New Beginning Spiritualist Church, Wonewoc, Wisconsin.

Information on NSAC Trustee positions expiring at this year's convention and how to contact the Committee to discuss will be announced soon.

## Another Call to Members

The recent call to members to help us retrieve additional copies of some past editions of the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* for the archive was heard. Nine out of the twelve editions needed have been received. We still need copies of editions dated 1991, 1998, and 2001.

Most manuals identify editions as numerical "revisions," followed by a

“published date.” The published date is the edition date. This information can be found at the front of the manual, on the title page.

If you have any of these editions and can donate them, please send to NSAC Headquarters. Thank you everyone for helping us in this search.

—Carol Luetkens  
NSAC Secretary

## 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 . . .

**The God Who Would Be Known**, by John M. Templeton and Robert L. Herrmann. This text is a compilation of philosophical reading bringing science and religion into accord. In light of past and current scientific discoveries it offers pointers to the infinite not from mystics, but through the findings of science.

BKS 105, \$15.00

**The Sacred Promise**, by Gary E. Schwartz. An exploration into the world of spirit with actual evidence given of an active and helpful Spiritual world where all have a function and responsibility. This text is

an exposition of ideas, interfacing theory, method, and anecdotes.

BKS 909, \$25.00

**The Risen**, by August Goforth and Timothy Gray. Through intuitive and physical mediumship, this book offers the reader dialogues of love, grief, and survival beyond so-called death. BKS926, \$20.00

**Aura Energy for Health, Healing and Balance**, by Joe H. Slate. Learn step-by-step aura empowerment strategies based on scientific research and laboratory testing which can promote wellness, accelerate learning, overcome fear, and build self-esteem. BKS852, \$13.00

**Letters From the Afterlife**, by Elsa Barker. Written through the hand of Elsa Barker this book is a collection of letters offered from David Patterson Hatch, a judge and author who sent back these descriptions of the afterlife. His motivation was an attempt to make the change easier for those with little or no knowledge of the world of Spirit.

BKS910, \$15.00

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.

## Reminders

**Past Due (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)*

**March 2:** Mail IRS forms 1096 to IRS and W-3 to Social Security Administration

**March 25:** 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

**September 30-October 5:** NSAC Convention 2018, Milwaukee

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