



# NSAC News

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## The President Reports ...

To the Members and Friends of NSAC:

Since our Annual Convention 2017, I am amazed at the upsurge of people throughout the country who have taken the time to come forward and contact church headquarters, or me personally, to express their pleasure with the direction of our organization, and their renewed sense of enthusiasm for NSAC. Thank you to each of you.

Our Convention this year will be held at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, the same venue as last year. This hotel was most generous in host-

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ing our Spring Trustee Meeting. The Convention will be collectively hosted by "the people." The response has been terrific! Members have rallied, answered the call, pulled together, and expressed great interest and excitement with being able to participate. There are still some sponsorship opportunities available. During the Spring Trustee Meeting, it was decided to eliminate the Friday evening service in response to requests from many delegates for more opportunity to visit with friends before departure.

The Department of Missionaries is working in close conjunction with Trustees and visiting more churches and camps this year. I had the opportunity to visit the Spiritualist Church of Awareness in Orlando, Florida and attend their annual meeting.

Our Headquarters has a new assistant, Amanda Kalfas. She's doing great. Please introduce yourself when you call. Before the Lily Dale Assembly season opens, we are having long-overdue repairs made to the upstairs restrooms.

NSAC will be well represented at the World Congress of Spiritualists 2018 Conference, being held at England's Arthur Findlay College July 5-7. Attending will be June and Ed Killmer, Nancy and Gary Ryall, Rosemary Caldero, Richard Schoeller, Steve Vogel, and me. I will be giving a keynote address on the opening day. Apologies if I omitted anyone.

While the stock market continues to yo-yo, our investment portfolio remains positive due to our strong-yet-conservative investment strategy.

At Convention the delegates approved listing for sale the real estate formerly occupied by the Tucker Smith Washington Memorial Spiritualist Temple. With the invaluable assistance of a Chicago attorney, Julie Jones, the property was sold. The proceeds have been placed in the dedicated Church Investment account.

A constant watchdog approach, on both routine and unexpected expenditures, and fresh innovative solutions, is finally paying off. A monumental amount of back work needed to be cleared up before any real headway could be made. I am excited about the team effort of Trustees to stay current and proactive with NSAC affairs for speedy resolve to demands. I commend the willingness of Trustees to maintain an open-door policy to all NSAC members.

Yes, there is more work to be done. Such is the nature of any organization. We stand united to continue to strive for procedural excellence as NSAC Spiritualism continues its quest to shine as the light of the world.

—Christine Krithades  
NSAC President

## CSSA Dissolves

The California State Spiritualist Association dissolved effective June 1, 2018, following a hiatus period to consider whether to continue serving its seven member NSAC churches.

Several years prior, CSSA terminated all processing relating to creden-

tialing and annual renewals and directed its member churches to coordinate that function directly with NSAC. Costs, attendance, available volunteers, and travel expenses had seriously impacted annual conventions. Thus, a majority of its seven member churches voted for dissolution. The bulk of its funds were distributed to member churches.

CSSA was organized and incorporated in 1896. Its records and important documents have been shipped to the NSAC Archive. Upon payment of final expenses and shipping, remaining funds will be remitted to NSAC.

## A Note from the Department of Missionaries

Summer is almost here! Hopefully, when planning your vacation, you can include plans to attend or see some of our Spiritualist churches or camps. A directory is at your fingertips on the NSAC website, [nsac.org/directory/churches](http://nsac.org/directory/churches), or can be found in the *NSAC Yearbook 2018*, which can be ordered from the NSAC Bookstore, [nsacbookstore@nsac.org](mailto:nsacbookstore@nsac.org).

The Department is busy helping churches and camps make plans for a great summer. Some of us are traveling and others are helping auxiliaries in their growth of knowledge through education about our religion.

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If you would like a visit from your missionary, all you need do is make contact with your assigned missionary or me.

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I want to take a moment to tell you of my recent travels and to show you that this Missionary Department is serious about helping our churches and camps feel supported! I am making it my goal to visit every church and camp within the next two to three

years. All NSAC missionaries are dedicated to supporting its churches through phone contact, emails, and/or travel. With Spirit's and your help, we are off to a great start.

The first part of Spring was spent traveling to the churches in my home state of Wisconsin: Summerland Lakewview Spiritualist Church, Free Will Spiritualist Center, First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, and I will be at the Western Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp this summer.

At the end of April, I continued working towards my goal with a trip to The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment in Falls Church, Virginia. Invited in May to the New England area, I visited the Augusta Spiritualist Church, Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Spiritualist Church, Temple Heights Spiritualist Church and Camp, Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life, and Portland Spiritualist Church in Maine.

During this travel, I taught a workshop at Church of Spiritual Life in Derry, New Hampshire. The Derry church also hosted the Eastern States Spiritualist Gathering, a fun night of tradition and celebration of Spiritualism! Next were visits to a couple of churches in Massachusetts: Church of Spiritual Growth and First Spiritualist Church of Salem. I promise to return and visit the churches and camp which were missed.

It was home for a few days then off to the Michigan State Spiritualists Association Convention. My most recent trip was to Camp Edgewood in Washington State. This visit included time spent with the Church of Spiritual Truth, Church of Divine Grace, and Church of Spiritual Unity. Visits to Connecticut, Illinois, and Florida are on the calendar.

Look for detailed articles on these trips and travel of other missionaries in the July-August issue of TNS magazine. TNS has a new section called "Missionaries on a Mission." In this section, churches and camps we visit will be highlighted. We hope you share our vision of making it our commitment to help NSAC members, churches, camps, and Spiritualism.

If you would like a visit from your missionary, all you need do is make contact with your assigned missionary or me at [stacykopchinski@att.net](mailto:stacykopchinski@att.net). If

we are able to make arrangements for travel, we will try our best to be of service to you. Have a fun and safe summer. Blessings and abundance.

—Stacy Kopchinski, Director  
NSAC Department of Missionaries

## Michaels Retires from MPI

Heather Michaels announced her retirement from the Morris Pratt Institute last month. Her service and dedication as Office Administrator extended over many years. Everyone who has been an MPI student during that time knows how much Heather was a part of their experience.

The MPI Board of Trustees has expressed its sincere appreciation for her many years of service and its wishes for her happiness and good health in the time ahead.

## Gratitude Corner

This month, we give thanks to the following additional individuals and organizations which have sent Gratitude Day donations to benefit the Spiritualist Benevolent Society: Mike and Elaine Pillsbury; The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment NSAC; Church of the Living Spirit; Connecticut State Spiritualist Association; and First Spiritualist Church of Brockton.

Donations in support of Convention 2018 have increased thanks to contributions from Lorraine Raddice and two anonymous donors.

## Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

**Astral Projection for Beginners**, by Edain McCoy. Visit a realm in which time and space have no meaning—the astral realm. Written for beginners, this friendly guide presents step-by-step instructions for six easy and effective astral projection techniques. BKS507, \$9.95

**Out-of-Body Exploring: A Beginner's Approach**, by Preston Dennett. If you have wanted to have an out-of-body experience, but were intimidated by books on the subject, *Out-of-Body Exploring* is for you! This is an entry-level-to-expert book—everything from what OBEs are, to how you can have your own anytime you want. BKS560, \$13.95

**Out-of-Body Experiences: How to Have Them and What to Expect**, by Robert Peterson. *Out of Body Experiences* is the book to teach you how to leave your body and what to expect when you do it. A simple step-by-step manual and "flight guide" the author talks not only about his own experiences, but what you may encounter when you leave the body. For the first time, out-of-body experiences are accessible to anyone who cares to try.

BKS711, \$13.95

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

**July 5-7:** World Congress of Spiritualists 2018 Conference, Stansted, England

**August 1:** *Credential Renewal Application* due to church secretary from Ordained Ministers, and National Spiritualist Teachers

**August 11:** Birth date of Andrew Jackson Davis

**August 12-18:** ISF 35th World Congress Week, Stony Point Center, NY

**August 12:** ISF Biennial General Meeting, Stony Point Center, NY

**August 13:** Spiritual Science Day

**August 31:** *Annual Report and Convention Delegate Credential* forms from each auxiliary due at NSAC. Check for earlier due date if member of state association

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

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