



NSAC News

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Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from July 1 through September 30, 2018:

Certified Medium: Lynda Lauts, Santa Barbara, California

Commissioned Spiritualist Healer: Lynda Lauts, Santa Barbara, California

Congratulations to this member for these achievements. She has continued her Spiritualist education and, applied for and been granted certification.

Trustees Elected at Convention 2018

The annual trustee election took place at Convention 2018 on Friday afternoon, October 5. The Credentials Committee confirmed 117 voting delegates. Christine Krithades and June Killmer were reelected as President and Trustee, respectively. Stacy Kopchinski was elected Trustee. Best wishes to each in their stewardship of NSAC.

In her acknowledgement of reelection, Christine Krithades will once again decline the president's salary.

Proposed Bylaw Changes Voted by Delegates

Seventeen proposed bylaw changes were presented to delegates for consideration at NSAC Convention 2018. Three of these were held over from the prior year. Proposals submitted for consideration this year, and results of delegate consideration are as follows:

Proposal 1 named the NSAC Executive Church in the section on Individual membership. Heretofore not mentioned in the bylaws, the Executive Church was established in the Articles of Incorporation dated December 22, 1964. Passed.

Proposal 2 added per-capita assessment of NSAC-chartered camps to churches and state associations. Failed.

Proposal 3 as amended by delegates increased per-capita assessment from \$15 to \$20. Passed.

Proposal 4 clarified the process concerning appointment or nomination and assignment of proxy delegates. Passed.

Proposal 5 clarified process for recommendation and approval of officer compensation. Passed.

Proposal 6 was considered by delegates in gross with Proposal 14. Refer to Proposal 14 below.

Proposal 7 replaced the word "worship" with "religious" when referring to Spiritualist services. Passed.

Proposals 8-12 were voted together as the wording revision was identical in each proposal. Wording changes made the bylaws consistent with current practice by identifying church boards of directors as having initial recommendation authority for applicants and the NSAC Department of Education as activity to which completed applications are submitted. Passed.

Proposal 13 removed missionaries as a category requiring certification and updated procedure for examination administration to align with current practice. Passed.

Proposal 14 with Proposal 6 moved Article XII, Section 25 to now appear as Article XVIII, Section 4. Old Section 4 is renumbered Section 5. Section short titles were added to all unnamed sections of Article XVIII. Passed.

The three proposals held over from NSAC Convention 2017 were proposals 6, 7, and 8 of that year. Proposal 6 reduced composition of the NSAC Board of Trustees from nine to seven persons. This proposal failed upon consideration by delegates this year. Proposals 7 and 8 were consequential to Proposal 6 thus not considered after its failure.

The bylaw changes will be published in a revised edition of NSAC Bylaws (*as adopted October 4, 2018*).

Code of Ethics Revised

NSAC's Code of Ethics was revised earlier this year by the Code of Ethics Review Committee and adopted by delegates at NSAC Convention 2018. The Code was reworked to simplify, clarify, and update language. Superfluous wording was removed. The document was reduced from three to two pages.

Among the changes in the revised edition, adopted October 2018, are the following:

- Board members were added to those subject to the Code and the word leadership added throughout the document to reflect their inclusion.
- Section II.c was reworded to include those incidences which must be reported in professional practices.
- In Section V.a, the word "treatment" was replaced with wording that better clarifies what denotes responsible practice in interpersonal relationships.

The revised code will appear in the updated edition of the NSAC Bylaws and is available for download from the NSAC website Documents page, nsac.org/member-pages/documents. Auxiliaries should obtain the revised Code for use effective immediately.

Rites of Ordination Given at Convention

The Rite of Ordination was given to two individuals at this year's Annual Convention:

Deborah (*DeeDee*) Freeman, Celebrate Life Spiritualist Community, San Francisco, California, conferred by the Rev. James Ehrhart, assisted by the Rev. Stacy Kopchinski

Judith Schaefer, Church of Spiritual Life, Derry, New Hampshire, conferred by the Rev. Jacquelyn Randall.

Congratulations and best wishes to these new NSAC ministers.

Gratitude Corner

The following have donated time and/or funding since the July News: Karen Beebe; Pam Bollinger; Church of Spiritual Truth; Paul and Nancy Cook; Elizabeth (Sue) Gehling; June and Ed Killmer; Valerie Miller and Frank Kotowski, Jr.; Heather Michaels; Janet Mitchell ; Jeremy and Kelly Neeser; Richard Newberg; Deirdre O'Hara; William and Valerie Patridge; Jackie Randall; Alice Robertson; Karen Clark Stone; Summerland Church of the Comforter; The Church of Spiritual Life; The First Spiritual Temple of San Francisco; Jan Watson.

Many others unnamed helped support this convention. Thank everyone who purchased from the Ways and Means table, bought books, entered the 50/50, and bid for the wonderful auction items which also were donated (*and sometimes created*) by members. To all those who gave of their time during the event, the Convention would have not been the success it was without you. Many gave money and items to aid the Convention beforehand, and we thank them also.

Are there members in your church or camp who deserve special recognition for their continuing service in helping build and support your auxiliary? Gratitude Corner is a place where they can be introduced and publicly thanked.

To express appreciation to these members in this column, simply contact NSAC Administrator Bobbie Caswell with details at 716-595-2000 or nsacadmin@nsac.org

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

Explore Your Psychic World, by Ambrose and Olga Worrall. This book is a thorough overview of the psychic aspects of life. It examines auras, astral travel, communication with discarnates, clairvoyance, possession, psychic attack, and dreams.

BKS238, \$15.00

Buckland's Book of Spirit Communication, by Raymond Buckland. Expands awareness of Mediumship, as taught by NSAC. A rarely found collective of multiple "How-To's." The material is informative, insightful, and easy to read and follow.

BKS514, \$20.00

Speak with the Dead, by Kostantinos. The author's simple instructions show you how to use ordinary electronic devices like tape recorders, video cameras, and computers to make contact.

BKS493, \$14.95

Talking to the Dead: Kate and Maggie Fox, by Barbara Weisberg. The well-known story of the Hydesville raps and the Fox sisters is told with properly researched details of the events. The events around the sisters and the rise of Modern Spiritualism are artfully related.

BKS553, \$15.00

NSAC Religious Services. This new, 257-page comprehensive publication is a tool (*not only for ministers*) for every Spiritualist that can help plant spiritual seeds. It is both a guide and provides explanations, detailing regular, Anniversary, Holi-

day, Patriotic, Life, Funeral and Memorial, among other religious services. Also includes hands-on Spiritualist Healing and how it can be most effective. More than a how-to book, one can find extensive resources: prayers for all occasions, Spiritualist Ceremonials; Platform Decorum, helpful hints for preparing to serve our church platforms, concluding with 37 pages of historic Spiritualist-inspired poetry. Should be on every Spiritualist bookshelf.

BKS1000, \$30.00

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