



NSAC News

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Trustees Elected at Convention 2019

The annual trustee election took place at Convention 2019 on Friday afternoon, October 4. The Credentials Committee confirmed 119 voting delegates. Cosie Allen was reelected as Vice President. JoAnn Santonocito was elected as Secretary and Bonnie Crosier was elected Trustee. Best wishes to each in their stewardship of NSAC.

New Church Chartered

A new NSAC church, Church of Peace, a Spiritualist Center, was chartered on May 1, 2019 in southeastern Wisconsin. The church is located at 5108 South 108th Street in Hales Corners and holds services at 9:30am and 4pm on Sundays. The Reverend Debbie Malison is Pastor. Welcome and congratulations to Reverend Malison and members on organizing the new church.

Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from July 1 through September 30, 2019:

Licentiate Minister: Tracey Bolton, Santa Barbara, California; Patricia Horne, Sabbathus, Maine

Certified Medium: Charvonne Carlson, West Allis, Wisconsin; Patricia Horne, Sabbathus, Maine

Congratulations to these members for their achievements. They have continued their Spiritualist education and have applied for and been granted certification.

A Medium Defined

Over the past few years, we have seen and heard Mediums called not just Mediums, but Psychic Mediums, Intuitive Mediums, and Evidential Mediums among other descriptive adjectives used. This is misleading and confusing.

Mediums are Mediums and Psychics are Psychics. If a Medium chooses

to work or offer services as both a Medium and a Psychic, they would be defined correctly as a Medium and Psychic.

To quote NSAC President Christine Krithades in her report to delegates at NSAC Convention 2019: *Pure Spiritualism must stand in committed opposition to those who confuse Spiritualism with all sorts of pseudonyms that serve*

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to entertain, but have no foundation or factual support of the continuity of life. It is up to us to define Spiritualism in our churches and camps.

Evidential Medium

Recent use of the term Evidential Medium does not describe a different type of Medium. In fact, all Mediums must provide evidence of the spirit entity from whom the Medium is bringing a message or greeting. The evidence may, but need not, be publicly acknowledged by the recipient.

Use of the term "evidential" misleads some into believing that recipients must be questioned and must publicly acknowledge accuracy of the evidence presented. This is not correct. Only the message recipient needs to feel there is acceptable evidence presented by the Medium. The recipient may choose to remain silent although some form of acknowledgement is appreciated by the Medium.

In the Religion of Spiritualism, mediumship never should be considered entertainment.

Proposed Bylaw Changes Voted by Delegates

Seven proposed bylaw changes were presented to delegates for consideration at NSAC Convention 2019.

Proposals submitted this year, and results of delegate voting are as follows:

Proposal 1 set the time at two years or more after which applications by a previous member must be submitted to the NSAC Board of Trustees for review and approval prior to any action by a chartered church society. Passed.

Proposal 2 increased fees following proposal from the Fee Review Committee of 2015 as follows: Church Charter Application, \$150; Church Annual Charter Fee, \$100; Executive Church Annual Membership—Individual, \$330; Executive Church Annual Membership—Student, \$130; Credential/Degree Application—Ordination, \$125, —Licentiate Minister, \$100, —Certified Medium, \$100, —Commissioned Healer, \$100, —National Spiritualist Teacher, \$130; Annual Registration Fee for Ordained Minister, \$115. Passed.

Proposed fees for the Annual Per Capita Assessment, and Annual Credential Renewal Fees for Licentiate Minister, Certified Medium, and Commissioned Spiritual Healer failed. The Annual Per Capita Assessment remains at \$20. All Annual Credential Renewal Fees remain at \$35.

Proposal 3 changed the appointment date of Missionaries by the Board of Trustees from the Convention meeting to the Spring meeting. Passed.

Proposal 4 proposed an ADA Compliance statement be added to the bylaws. Failed.

Proposal 5 changed the name of the section to Pastor or Pastoral Committee and set the number of members as not less than two and no more than five. Passed.

Proposal 6 proposed removal of section defining donor categories. Passed.

Proposal 7 proposed removal of section defining convention site requirements as it defines policy and

does not belong in bylaws. Returned to Bylaws Committee.

The bylaw changes will be published in a revised edition of NSAC Bylaws (*as adopted October 4, 2019*).

Transition

Joan L. Leduc

Joan Leduc of St. Paul, Minnesota passed to spirit on October 8, 2019. She held a Licentiate Minister certification and was former president of Spiritual Science Church in St. Paul.

Joan was a familiar face at NSAC conventions over many years and at Western Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp (*Wonewoc*).

Gratitude Corner

A special thank you to all who volunteered to help make NSAC Convention 2019 a success. It could not have happened without you.

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 Amanda Kalfas with details at 716-595-2000 or nsacadmin@nsac.org

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

How to Heal with Color, by Ted Andrews. Andrews presents an effective system for developing your innate healing skills with this easy-to-follow guide where you will learn the basics of color healing, why it works, and simple techniques for healing yourself and others. BKS340, \$10.00

The Art of Spiritual Healing, by Joel S. Goldsmith. Goldsmith alternates instruction with meditation to demonstrate that physical wellbeing results naturally from attaining a oneness with God. BKS117, \$13.00

In the Light of Healing, by Nona Brooks. The articles included in this book are a collection of sermons given by Brooks during her many years as minister of the First Divine Science Church in Denver,

Colorado. They stand as an affirmation of the road she traveled.

BKS302, \$13.00

Spirit Healing, by Harry Edwards. We would warmly recommend to your attention for the undramatic matter-of-factness with which this book approaches this most controversial subject where Edwards is "concerned only with facts."

BKS104, \$30.00

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, 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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