



NSAC News

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New Social Media Committee Formed

President Christine Krithades has announced establishment of a Social Media Committee for NSAC. Stacy Kopchinski has been appointed to chair the Committee. An NSAC Facebook page now has been established. Its address is www.facebook.com/national-spiritualist-association-of-churches-350459025807056.

CSE Receives Best of Falls Church Award

The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC in Falls Church, Virginia has been selected for the 2019 Best of Falls Church Award in the Churches, Temples, and Shrines category by the Falls Church Award Program.



The Falls Church Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local organizations throughout the Falls Church area. Recognition is given to those which have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

Reminders

January 25: Observance of Founders Day honoring Andrew Jackson Da-



vis and the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum

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

October 10-16: NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix

Support NSAC with Your Gift

At this time of year, many of us are making contributions to our churches and other nonprofit organizations that support our communities. Please consider making a gift to support NSAC as well, to help the organization that unifies us in the Religion of Spiritualism throughout the year! Just go to nsac.org/support-nsac and make your tax-deductible donation today. Thank you!

Trustee Assignments

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: Stacy Kopchinski
- California (*Monrovia*): Havivah Richards
- California (*Northern*): Stacy Kopchinski
- California (*Sacramento*): Havivah Richards
- California (*Santa Barbara*): Cosie Allen
- Colorado: Havivah Richards
- Connecticut: Bonnie Crosier
- Delaware: Bunny Starr
- District of Columbia: Christine Krithades
- Florida: Janet Watson
- Illinois: June Killmer
- Indiana: Cosie Allen
- Iowa: Janet Watson
- Maine: Bonnie Crosier
- Maryland: Christine Krithades
- Massachusetts: JoAnn Santonocito
- Michigan: Cosie Allen
- Minnesota: Janet Watson
- Missouri: Bonnie Crosier
- Nevada: Havivah Richards
- New Hampshire: JoAnn Santonocito
- New Jersey: Bunny Starr
- New York: JoAnn Santonocito
- Ohio: Cosie Allen
- Pennsylvania: Bunny Starr
- Texas: Christine Krithades
- Virginia: Christine Krithades
- Washington: June Killmer

West Virginia: Bunny Starr
Wisconsin: Bonnie Crosier

News from MPI

The Morris Pratt Institute, the educational auxiliary of NSAC, calls attention to the following:

There are two Ministerial (*formerly Pastoral*) Skills courses scheduled in 2020.

First up, Albertson Memorial Church, Old Greenwich, Connecticut, hosts the two-week course, Cosie Allen, Instructor, March 28-April 10; registration by February 1.

The Western Wisconsin Camp Association, Wonec, Wisconsin will host the second Ministerial Skills Course, Bunny Starr, Instructor, to be held May 30-June 12, registration by March 28.

An MPI Intensive Weekend of Spiritualist Study, *Bridge Crossing*, will be held at MPI in Milwaukee, Friday evening through Sunday, April 24-26. The weekend will assist Spiritualist students and others who are interested in pursuing a more learned and spiritualized understanding of Mediumship. Emphasis is Mediumship demonstrations on a church platform and in healing.

Detailed information and registration fliers for both Ministerial Skills schedules and the *Bridge Crossing* intensive weekend are part of the December NSAC monthly mailing, on the MPI website, morrispratt.org; or contact MPI at info@morrispratt.org or 414-774-2994.

Updates Please

A revised *NSAC Yearbook* will be published early in 2020. Please review auxiliary and credentialed worker listings for updates both for the Yearbook and on the NSAC website at nsac.org/directory/churches or nsac.org/directory/credentialed-workers.

Changes should be sent in writing to NSAC Secretary JoAnn Santonocito at nsacsecretary@nsac.org.

Revised NSAC Bylaws

Revised NSAC Bylaws as adopted October 4, 2019 have been published, mailed to auxiliaries, and posted on

the NSAC website, nsac.org/member-pages/documents. The PDF file of the Bylaws is indexed to provide quick reference. Bound, printed copies are available from the NSAC Bookstore at \$12.00.

Gratitude Corner

The Golden Gate Church of San Francisco is grateful for the ongoing, caring efforts of Bethany Decof, a church member who devotes hours each week to spiritual study, developing her gifts as a medium and healer; creating craft items for fundraisers; offering moral support to other church workers; and regularly, without fanfare, joining others in preparing and arranging food for the after-church social hour on Sunday and for many church events. She has been described as the mother of our church. In addition, she was part of the team that created the stained glass windows for the Clay Street entry of the church.

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 with details at nsacsecretary@nsac.org or 716-595-2000.

Headquarters Activity

The NSAC Bookstore has undergone extensive work to make it more inviting and to display titles so they can be viewed easily by visitors. This will be especially helpful to those who visit during the summer season at Lily Dale as well as to members and others throughout the year.

Free to Auxiliaries

NSAC has an abundance of magazine-size plastic wall units and of blank, bordered certificate paper (8½" x 11"). If either or both of these items can be used by your church, contact JoAnn Santonocito at nsacsecretary@nsac.org. We ask that you cover shipping costs.

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

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, Holiday, 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

NSAC Spiritualist Manual, 20th Edition, 2017. Revised and expanded, including a 22-page Spiritualist Glossary. 315 pages.

BKS 010, \$25.00

NSAC Spiritualist Hymnal, 5th Edition

BKS009, \$17.00

NSAC Bylaws, as adopted October 4, 2019

BKS002, \$12.00

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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