



NSAC News

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Letter from the President

As we enter the second month of dealing with the COVID-19 virus, I pray that this message finds you safe at home. I know some of you are not able to be in quarantine because your jobs make you essential, and hope you are being vigilant. We are facing unprecedented times. It is painful to be separated from our friends and family, as well as our church families. Your Board has determined to do an abbreviated Spring Board via Zoom on April 27 to handle administrative matters. We have postponed the in person Spring Board to July 27-30. I know our OM and NST candidates are disappointed to have their oral examinations postponed; however we must all stay safe.

I wish to remind you of the short-term loan program established last month. NSAC will be offering short term interest free loans to assist our churches with meeting the pressing needs of your church while it is closed, such as utilities and rent. Your church Board (Officers and Trustees) would determine what bills must be paid while the church is closed. Each church seeking a loan would send a letter signed by the church board President, as well as the Secretary or Treasurer, promising to repay to the NSAC the sums advanced. You will outline the sums needed and attach a copy of the utility bill, etc. The letters can be scanned to me at ckckck@verizon.net.

Once the request has been approved by me, along with the NSAC Secretary and Treasurer, you will be mailed a check payable to your church. Those NSAC churches who have long-term loans with NSAC will not be penalized with any late payment fees during this crisis. If your church has a long-term loan, just send me a letter if you cannot raise your monthly payment so we can make appropriate bookkeeping entries.

With our churches closed, many of us are attending church via Zoom. Zoom has become a fixture in our lives now and is the preferred method of meeting during this pandemic. Unfortunately, the "bad guys" have infiltrated the system and are "zoom bombing", which is inserting trolls to hijack a meeting by displaying disturbing images and speaking vulgarities. If you are hosting a meeting or church service, Zoom has tips and advice to keeping out crashers. There are a variety of ways to make your gathering on Zoom more secure that are listed on the Zoom website. Please consider using these best practices for your next meeting or church service.

COVID-19 has brought many changes to our communities affecting our work and interaction with each other. But through these changes, one thing has stayed consistent: our connection to Spirit and to each other. I ask that you say our Spiritualist Healing Prayer every day and I pray that each of you will remain safe and well.

With blessings and love,
Christine Krithades, JD, OM, CH, NST
President

From the Secretary

The Covid-19 has hit the NSAC office, and in accordance to NYS, we had to furlong our employees. I remain at the office.

The ongoing progress at the office has the Bookstore now completed, with a new bookstore catalog which has been sent to all auxiliaries along with the Yearbook 2020. Additional copies of both items are available for purchase at the bookstore.

The new library/conference room is nearing completion, and we will add some photos next month.

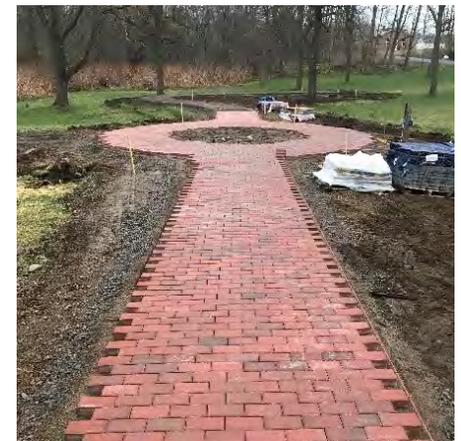
We need your help. We are looking for copies or photos of our forefathers who made NSA/NSAC what it is today. If you or your auxiliary has any of these photos, please let the NSAC Office know. We are in the process of turn-

ing the entranceway of the office into a museum of the NSA, NSAC history.

We are still in the process of obtaining bids for the exterior painting of the building. If you know a contractor in the Lily Dale area, please have them call the NSAC Office.

Hydesville News

The Phase II of the Hydesville Memorial Park is underway. Q's Landscape Enterprise Inc. is hard at work and the project is at the halfway point. If you would like to donate to this project, please visit www.nsac.org.



Gratitude Corner

Thank you to Joe Yadao establishing new lines of communication for Church of Spiritual Growth. He is constantly creating innovative ways to further the church and goes above and beyond the established Secretary duties.

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.

Cooperation

Cooperation—the working together of two or more individuals or groups to arrive at a mutually beneficial goal.

Like affords us many opportunities where we much work together in a manner which benefits all involved. Consider a marriage, a business partnership, teammates in an athletic event. Every set of team members must support a common goal of deciding and working toward what is best for the group as a whole.

In our churches, a prime example would be our Pastor or Pastoral Committee working in harmony with the Church Board of Directors toward a common goal of developing and growing a thriving church. One individual or group is not superior or in control of the other. Each has a role to play to have a well running and effective church.

The Pastor or Pastoral Committee plans the religious services, classes, Lyceum, and oversees the spiritual well-being of the congregation. This is no easy task as it is multi-faceted and requires organization of the many parts. The Board of Trustees is responsible for all the business operations of the Church and keeping accurate records of the income and disbursements. They are the ones who evaluate contracts for necessary repairs and oversee that the work is done as specified in the approved contract.

If a Church rents space, the Board evaluates the lease and assumes responsibility to comply with the specified terms of the agreement. The Board appoints a chairperson or committee to plan the social and fundraising activities of the Church to help provide the funds necessary to run the Church's monthly operations. Donations and offerings don't always bring in the resources necessary to meet all Church expenses.

Planning a Medium's Day is a prime example of where a Pastoral Committee would work in cooperation with the Board. The Pastoral Committee would see that they have mediums to work. The Board could handle the advertising and staff the entrance where the time of a reading is scheduled, and

fees collected. At the end of the event, it would be appropriate to have the Treasurer and another Board Member count the proceeds. The Treasurer would then take the money to deposit into the Church Bank Account. If there is an arrangement where mediums would receive remuneration, the Treasurer would handle this following Federal, State, and Church prescribed rules.

A debriefing with the Board and Pastor or Pastoral Committee to evaluate what went well, as well as what might have to be changed to the next time a similar event is planned. With this display of cooperation, everyone can feel a sense of success.

Let us remember, our mutual goal is to have a successful Church that meets the spiritual and social needs of the membership, as well as congregants who may be potential members.

June Killmer, OM, NST

NSAC Bookstore News

This month's coupon \$10 off any trumpet and a FREE illumination band (April 15–May 10). Our trumpets are made of tin, handcrafted in the USA by a Father/daughter team of first- and second-generation trumpet makers.

Small Trumpet: 30", 3-piece trumpet
BKS1903, \$50

Large Trumpet: 40", 4-piece trumpet
BKS1904, \$75

Illumination Bands: Small, BKS1906;
Large, BKS1907 \$5



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Reminders

October 11-16: NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix

Michigan State Cancels Convention

The Michigan State's 128th Annual Convention has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board regrets having to cancel the Convention and feels it's a responsible important to ensure everyone's safety.

Dates in Spiritualism

April 4, 1958: Transition—Bessie Stow.

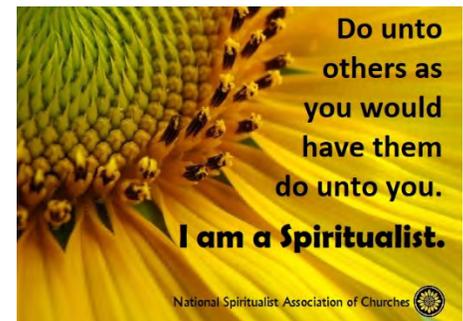
April 10, 1872: Transition—William E. Hammond, Dean of Modern Spiritualism.

April 10, 1848: Event—Maggie Fox and Lucretia Pulver (*previous maid*) testifies the happenings of the Fox cottage.

April 14, 1916: Event—Original Fox Cottage transported to Lily Dale, NY by Benjamin Bartlett.

April 21, 1840-1923: Birthday—Cora L.V. Richmond (*Spiritualism's orator*).

April 24, 1977: Event—New Morris Pratt Institute building dedicated.



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