



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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Letter from the President

In consideration of the personal safety of our Board members during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Board will be conducting its "spring board" meeting via Zoom July 27-30. We had hoped to meet in person after having to postpone the April meeting, but that simply isn't safe right now. On behalf of the Board, my sincere apologies to our OM and NST candidates who were hoping to test in July. Our Director of Education, the Reverend June Kilmer, will be in contact with you to reschedule your examinations.

I am excited that so many of our churches are holding Sunday services via Zoom. This past Sunday I was able to visit five church services. Just a reminder: if you are doing messages via zoom, please turn off the recording button. Members have asked how to "count" their services during this past year for their annual reports. In a brief Board meeting, last week we agreed that you should count zoom services. Please list the total services in person and via zoom.

The NSAC Bylaws in Article XII, Section 7, provide that 20 devotional services be held by a chartered auxiliary in order to send delegates to Convention, *except when some extraordinary circumstances prevent the holding of this number of meetings as determined by the NSAC Board of Trustees*. Please know that your Board and I are committed to protecting churches and our members. The number of services reported on your annual report will not affect your church's ability to send delegates to convention.

We are still planning to hold our Convention in Phoenix in October. In 1918 the Convention was called, and approximately 100 delegates traveled to St. Louis, Missouri. The records reflect that the Board deliberated approximately 4 hours to determine whether to convene the Convention. President Dr. George B. Warne

announced that due to the influenza epidemic and the edict from President Woodrow Wilson, the Convention would not be gaveled to order. Thus, the 1918 Convention was never held. There was no court reporter, and the records in the NSAC office are a summary statement submitted by the secretary.

I have been in contact with the manager of the Phoenix Airport Crowne Plaza, and discussed with her our logistics. There will be a buffet for the banquet meal, but the hotel employees will serve you. The manager suggested we may need to set the meeting room with round tables of ten, set six feet apart, rather than the theater seating we use. Delegates may be asked to pick a table and sit with those individuals throughout the meeting. The safety and health of the delegates is of paramount importance, and we will do what it takes to ensure we have a safe Convention.

Let us remember that our connection to Spirit and to each other is the center of our lives. Please remember to say our Spiritualist Healing Prayer every day. I pray that each of you will remain safe and well.

With blessings and love,
Christine Krithades, J.D., OM, CH
President

Members Still Have Time to Declare: Call For Candidates

The document "Call for Candidates" for election to the NSAC Board of Trustees at this year's Annual Convention was included in the NSAC mailing to auxiliaries in May and has been posted on the NSAC website (www.nsac.org). This document is the second page of the file entitled "NSAC Election Info 2020." The terms expiring this year are currently held by Janet Watson, Treasurer, and Havivah Richards and Bunny Starr, Trustees.

If you have an interest in serving our organization by running for a

board position, you should obtain a copy of the Call for Candidates from auxiliary secretaries, from the NSAC website documents page, or from the Nominating Committee (valerilynne22@gmail.com). Only statements in proper format and received by July 17 will be accepted.

The NSAC Nominating Committee will collect candidate statements and publish them in a Candidates for Election document several weeks prior to the Annual Convention. This will give members notice of candidates and their qualifications prior to the Convention.

Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follow, during the period from January 1 through March 31, 2020:

Certified Medium: Janet Mitchell, Phoenix, Arizona.

Licentiate Minister: Paula Mellino, Las Vegas, NV.

Congratulations to those members for this achievement. They have continued their Spiritualist education and applied for and have been granted certification.

From the Secretary

Lily Dale Assembly has reached out to the NSAC office and they are looking for NSAC speakers for their daily 2:30pm service during the season. If interested in speaking, contact the Lily Dale Office at 716-595-8721.

July 11, 5pm EST Stacy Kopchinski, Social Media Chair and I will be presenting a zoom meeting to answer your questions on completing the annual report. Please email Stacy at StacyKopchinski@att.net for the link to this meeting.

In other news, the NSAC office has received a letter from someone incarcerated looking for a Spiritualist pen pal. If interested, call the NSAC Office and ask for Kim.

Annual Report: Part 2 of 2

The annual report, along with the Delegate Reports must be postmarked no later than August 31.

Meetings held and Attendance

This section gives us information on the number of services, classes, meetings, etc. For delegate representation at convention, NSAC Bylaws requires a church to hold at least 20 devotional services during the preceding year. (There is an exception to this Bylaw for extraordinary circumstances and the number of meetings will be determined by the NSAC Board of Trustees).

Member Census

This information is important for a couple of reasons. First, it allows the organization to gauge where we are in our membership. Second, the Total Members this report are the members you are paying in Per Capita. Please note that at the 2019 Convention the Per Capita rate increased to \$20. Lastly, the total members determine the number of delegates you are allowed for convention.

The Financial Statement

It is extremely important that Cash on hand last report (line 21), is taken from last year's report.

Please note that page 4 of the report is a guideline on the categories for the report. It is extremely important that Cash on hand this report (line 29) and Cash and Checking (line 51) are the same amount. A difference in the two lines reflects an error in your records. If you are unable to reconcile the difference, please contact Jan Watson, NSAC Treasurer for assistance.

Financial Institutions

All financial institutions with pertinent information need to be listed.

Insurance

It's required to include a copy of your church's current insurance certificate.

NSAC Bookstore News

New York State has begun to open, and foot traffic in the bookstore has increased. If visiting Lily Dale this summer, stop in to see the variety of books and say hello.

A Message from the Missionary Department

As we continue to navigate and adjust our lives through the many changes resulting from the Covid-19 virus, as well as the individual and collective experiences and challenges of these times, the Missionary Department continues to be available to serve you and support you. We encourage you to reach out to us by phone or email. In addition, a Zoom meeting to meet with you virtually can also be arranged.

Missionaries for 2020-2021 will be appointed at the NSAC July Summer Board meeting at the end of the month per the bylaw amendment adopted by delegates at the 2019 Convention, so updates will be forthcoming. Our prayers for healing and for your safe well-being are with you. May we all find comfort in knowing that we are always connected by love to one another and to Infinite Spirit. With love and blessings,

—Pamela Bollinger, OM, Director
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Reminders

July 17: NSAC Trustee candidate statement deadline.

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

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.

October 11-16: NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix.

Dates in Spiritualism

July 2, 1892: Transition—Catherine Fox Jencken.

July 3, 1850: Event—Fox sisters demonstration at Barnum Hotel, NYC. Arranged by Horace Greeley.

July 6, 1890: Event—National Federation of Spiritualists formed.

July 7, 1930: Transition—Sir Arthur Conon Doyle.

July 7, 1964: Transition—Arthur Findley.

July 8, 1934: Transition—Dr. Walter F. Prince. Founder of Boston Society of Psychical Research.

July 10, 1933: Transition—Rev. E.W. Sprague. Author: *All the Spiritualism of the Christian Bible*.

July 17, 1874: Event—Sir William Crookes defends Florence Cook; famous materialization medium.

July 21, 1888-1961: Birthday—Victoria Barnes, MD (Author: MPI Advanced Course).

Gratitude Corner

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.

Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer). Spirit guides and doctors will diagnose the trouble and its cause, attention being directed to overcoming the cause, and then removing the symptoms.

Please set time aside each day to send healing thoughts for each of those listed below, that they may receive from Spirit that which is for their highest and best needs.

Agnes McQ.
Bill B.
Brian B.
Christine B.
Frank D.
Janet O'H.
Jill F.
Winifer S.
World Health Crisis

Your healing prayers are needed and benefit others in ways we may never know.

Prayer for Spiritual Healing

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.

To request Spiritual Healing

In order to respect personal privacy, you first must obtain permission

from the person, or from their caretaker, to be placed on the Spiritual Healing list. Then notify the Spiritual Healing Center. Spiritual healing is directed to a specific individual. To list more than one individual from a household or group, submit first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names will be listed for two months unless removal sooner is requested. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center
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