



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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Letter from the President

Hello Dear Friends,

Your NSAC Board had a meeting via Zoom on July 27-29. The Board was able to address quite a bit of the business on the agenda to assure that the NSAC remains stable during these tumultuous times. Here is a summary of our work.

The first order of business was to evaluate and determine the best course of action regarding the 2020 Convention. With much regret we made a collective decision to cancel the 2020 Convention that was scheduled to be held in Phoenix, AZ in October. The Board believes that canceling the Convention is the safest course of action to protect the health and safety of our members. Your well-being is our top priority during this pandemic. This is only the second time in 102 years that the Convention has been canceled.

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Hotel contracts for conventions such as ours are made a minimum of two years in advance. In working with the manager of the Phoenix Airport Crowne Plaza Hotel, I am pleased to report that our 2020 convention contract was able to be reassigned to 2022 at that same location. Through my negotiations with her, we were able to avoid incurring a cancellation penalty of approximately \$30,000.00. Our contract will be transferred with a minimal increase in the room rate of \$6.00 two years from now.

There are three Board positions that are up for election in 2020, the treasurer and two trustees. Article V Section 2 of our Bylaws states as follows, "The term of each group is for three (3) years or until their

successors are elected." I have consulted with our parliamentarian, Chris Dickey, and she advised "if the Board decides to cancel the convention, then the treasurer and two trustees just continue in their office until the next convention. If that occurs in 2021, then those positions would be elected to a 2-year term. If any of the current three board members do not want to continue on, then they may resign. The Board may fill the vacancy and at the 2021 convention, the delegates will elect members to fill a 2-year term in these positions." I will keep you abreast of any changes in the event of any resignations and subsequent appointments.

I want to thank the members of the Long Range Planning Committee for their extraordinary work over the past nine months. The Board is implementing the recommendations that do not require a bylaw change. A summary of the LRP report by the committee chair, Steve J. Vogel, will be made available to you soon.

The Board reviewed the audit report prepared pursuant to the motion made at the 2019 convention. We have determined that in order to fulfill the motion, additional information will be needed. The audit company will be contacted.

The Director of Education, the Reverend June Killmer, is contacting every candidate who is slated to test for either their Ordination or National Spiritualist Teacher credentials. Some were to test at the original dates set for the traditional spring board meeting. Others were to test during the pre-convention time slots. In an effort to continue the forward motion of our willing workers, it has been decided that a majority of the Board will travel to the Morris Pratt Institute in late October or early November to administer these examinations. If any candidate is not comfortable traveling at that time, the Reverend June Killmer will arrange for the examination/s to take place during the 2021 April spring board meeting at

the same location.

Missionaries for 2020-2021 have been appointed, and the Director of Missionaries, the Reverend Pamela Bollinger, will be presenting an article next month, in this Newsletter, with the names of the Missionaries and their appointed localities and Board representatives.

We do need you to file your 2020-year end reports. If you have any questions, our secretary and treasurer are available to assist you. Should any auxiliary have difficulty meeting their charter and per capita fees, please contact me directly. We are here to help you keep your churches functioning during these unprecedented times.

The Board will remain vigilant, attentive and active in attending to the business of the NSAC. Our next meeting will be held in October during the customary "preconvention" dates. Rest assured that we will not hesitate to convene sooner if necessary. We will meet as often as needed and is possible in order to take care of any pressing matters that may arise under the current pandemic conditions.

I'm sure that I speak for all Board members when I say, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need us. We are here for you.

Above all else, stay safe and well.

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

From the Secretary

We have been getting some foot traffic since Lily Dale has opened. If any auxiliary has a brochure on their church/camp and would like to advertise, please send them to the NSAC office. Improvements are being made to the NSAC office. The newly renovated entranceway has a "free" brochure rack.

The exterior painting of the NSAC office building should begin the end of August/early September.

Annual Report Reminder

All department heads are required to submit their annual reports to the NSAC office by August 31.

Renewal of OM's are due by August 31. Fee for renewal: \$115 payable to the direct-charter church society by August 1, direct-charter church society sends \$105 to the NSAC Secretary with renewal form. Renewal fee for NST is not required.

NSAC Bookstore News



To order these 16 oz. NSAC tumblers, call the NSAC at 716-595-2000 or email us at nsacbookstore@nsac.org. The cost is \$10.00 along with \$2.50 for shipping.

The New Entrance Sign is Here!



Gift Fund for Churches Established

There is now a Gift Fund for Spiritualist churches in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be established by a \$2,000.00 donation from JT & EJ Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church and Rev. Nancy Ryall through a combination of offerings from online services and classes. We would invite donations from other churches who are doing well who are able to donate as well as individuals. They can be sent to the NSAC secretary and designated specifically for this fund. There will be continuing events and classes that will be offered in the future with all proceeds going to this fund.

The parameters for the fund are the following: The funds will be distributed to as many churches as possible and the contributions not to exceed \$100 per church until all churches who are in need have had an opportunity to be gifted, after which individual churches may receive a second gift and all residual funds, should there be any, will be donated to the Spiritualist Benevolent Fund. The NSAC Board of Directors will allocate these funds to whichever churches they deem in need with the above specifications.

These are trying times, but we can survive and thrive through all of this by sticking together and supporting one another. Please watch for future events to raise money for this fund.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ryall, OM, CM
JT & EJ Crumbaugh Board of Directors

Study Cards Are Here

NEW!! If you are a Morris Pratt Student who is continuing with earning credentials with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, we have your Study Cards in stock and ready for sale.



The study cards include Commissioned Healer, Certified Medium, Licentiate Minister, Ordained Minister, and National Spiritualist Teacher. The complete set is only \$75.00 plus \$10.00 shipping and handling. You can email mpratt@execpc.com for orders.

Reminders

August 11: Spiritual Science Day

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.

September 22: Observe NSAC Day

September 27: Anniversary of NSAC founding in 1893.

Dates in Spiritualism

August 8, 1852: Event—D.D. Home first levitation.

August 9, 1864: Event—First convention of National Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, PA.

August 10, 1850: Event—*Spirit Messenger* published.

August 11, 1824: Birthday—Andrew Jackson Davis (Founder: Harmonial Philosophy. Named: Poughkeepsie Seer).

August 16, 1815: Event—Original cottage built at Hydesville, NY by Dr. Henry Hyde.

August 1946 Event—*Psychic World* published by Maurice Barbanell.

Web Developer Contract Open

The NSAC is looking for a qualified firm or individual(s) to submit a quote for the revision of your NSAC website. The Long Range Planning Committee report recommended a new integrated website which would include multiple options, including social media. All interested in providing a quote, email the Reverend Bonnie Crosier at revbonnie1216@aol.com for specifications.

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.

All COVID Patients

Bill B.

Bunny S.

David

Elaine S.

Finnegan (In Transition)

Katy N.

Leonard

Louise P.

Patti (In Transition)

Tanya P.

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
nsachealing@nsac.org

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