



# NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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## Board News

Rev. Jennifer Rosson has resigned from the NSAC Board.

The NSAC Board would like to remind all those seeking affidavits for their Certified Medium credentials that affidavits can be received through Online NSAC church services. Please make sure that the affidavits are filled out in accordance with the NSAC By-laws and affidavit form.

The Board would also like to remind all those seeking affidavits for their Commissioned Spiritualist Healer credential, that the NSAC Board will review all affidavits, including those that are older than five years. The NSAC Healers League has been tasked to investigate the current requirements on healing affidavits and to report back to the NSAC Board on any changes that can be made to make it easier to obtain the Healing Affidavits.

The Board would also like to let our auxiliaries know that we have decided the NSAC is no longer operating under the pandemic guidelines. We encourage each auxiliary to check with your local ordinances and regulations in your area.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall Meeting

The NSAC Board has set the date for the next Town Hall Meeting. Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, via Zoom. If you have a question, you would like the board to answer, please submit the question to the NSAC Secretary no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please Register with the link below: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qf-GqrjIrGNxziE14fsL-Qv2bZQFJ3xrxj>

## Morris Pratt Institute

Several Morris Pratt Institute board members resigned after learning of the resignation of their administrator. The NSAC Board has placed MPI under supervision and Charvonne Carlson, NST,

NSAC Trustee as the primary supervisor.

The NSAC Board's priority is to make sure students at the Morris Pratt Institute are not affected.

## Questions on Duties

The NSAC Board has been receiving several questions on the specific duties of auxiliary board and Pastor/pastoral committee members. We will be highlighting some of the duties by position each month. We also suggest that you ask for a copy of your auxiliaries' current Bylaws and review them for specific duties. In general, the Board of Trustees shall have the general management and control of the business affairs and activities of the Society and have authority in the interim between member meetings to consider and decide all questions affecting the business of the Society. The Board is responsible for the financial affairs of the Society.

The President of the board shall:

- Preside over all business meetings of the Society and meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- Have general supervision over the Officers, Trustees, and the business affairs of the Society.
- Countersign all legal instruments as required and/or approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Approve, when the Secretary is unable to do so, by signature with approval notation and date thereon, all bills and requests for payment by the Society as directed by approved policies and procedures or by the Board of Trustees. Obtain separate approval from the Board of Trustees for each non-routine payment of more than \$500.
- Countersign all payments of bills against the Society, after written authorization has been made by the Secretary except on payments whereupon it was necessary for the President to approve payment in lieu of the Secretary.

## Auxiliary Spotlight

Now that the Covid-19 Pandemic has subsided, and the world has moved into its "new normal" most auxiliaries are returning to their public meeting places.

Some auxiliaries have updated their audio/video equipment and will provide services on a hybrid basis.

If your auxiliary is having a special event or has an article they would like to see in this spot, please email: [nsacmedia@nsac.org](mailto:nsacmedia@nsac.org).

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

March 31, Spiritualist from all over the world will gather at the Hydesville Memorial Park, the birthplace of Modern Spiritualism, to honor the Fox Sisters.

The Celebration will begin at 11am with a reception and fellowship. At noon, a Divine Service will be held under the heated tent at the property.

At 2pm, Tracy Murphy, Director of Historic Palmyra, and the Groundskeeper of the Hydesville Memorial Park will give a presentation on the history of the property, the Advent of Modern Spiritualism, and the Fox Sisters who proved the continuity of life with their communication with the Peddler, Mr. Rosna.

At 3pm, individual organizations will be able to do their own presentation in honor of the day, followed with a closing ceremony at 4pm.

At 6:30pm, for those staying in town, the Plymouth Spiritualist Church will host a Fellowship Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser. The proceeds of this fundraiser will support Hydesville Memorial Park, and the church. To register and pre-pay for the dinner go to

[www.plymouthspiritualist.org](http://www.plymouthspiritualist.org).

Saturday, for those staying the weekend, Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp will be open for visitors, and on Sunday, the Plymouth Spiritualist Church will hold church services at 10:30am

## Missionary Department

In accordance with the NSAC Bylaws, the NSAC Board will name Missionaries for the NSAC.

A Missionary is required to reach out to NSAC Auxiliaries and reach out to the public by responding to their inquiries about Spiritualism. Missionaries help existing churches in all Spiritual needs and help open new churches.

If you are interested in becoming a Missionary for NSAC, please review the NSAC Procedures Manual, found on the members page of the NSAC website. If you have any questions, or would like to be a Missionary, please notify the NSAC Secretary by April 1.

## Nominations for NSAC Awards Close March 31

March 31 is the deadline for nominations for NSAC Award. Awards are presented at the Annual Convention in October, in four categories: Teacher Award, Literary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Lifetime Service Award. Nominations must be on NSAC Form 14 Nomination for Award. Guidelines for Submissions are on the back of the form. The form was mailed in the February Monthly Mailing. Go to the NSAC website, members page <https://nsac.org/member-pages/>, and click on Forms.

## Congratulations

The following auxiliaries are celebrating the anniversary of their charter with the NSAC.

### MARCH:

First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit  
First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora  
Western Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association

## Assistance

The First Spiritualist Church of Austin is looking for NSAC Credentialed workers to assist them in growing their church. Please reach out to Rev Havivah Richards, church supervisor if you can assist them.

## Reminders

**March 22:** Gratitude Day. The fourth Sunday of March in each year shall be known as Gratitude Day. Chartered church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to The Cause. A special love offering shall be taken for the NSAC Spiritualist Benevolent Society. (*From NSAC Bylaws Article XVI, Section 4*)

**March 31:** Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

**March 31:** NSAC Awards Nominations due

**October 29–November 4:** NSAC Convention in Niagara Falls, NY

## Dates in Spiritualism

**March 7, 1891:** Event—Testimony regarding Lincoln séances by Hudson Tuttle.

**March 10, 1973:** Transition—Robert J. MacDonald, 5th President of NSAC (1956–1973).

**March 20, 1833–1886:** Birthday—Daniel D. Home (greatest gift to Spiritualism; levitation).

**March 22, 1818:** Birthday—J. S. Loveland (Authored first American book on Spiritualism and first lecturer to start regular meetings).

**March 23, 1822–1922:** Birthday—Dr. James M. Peebles (NSA world missionary of Spiritualism).

**March 27, 1837–1892:** Birthday—Catherine Fox (Modern Spiritualism).

**March 30, 1873:** Event—First automatic writing of “Spirit Teachings” began.

**March 31, 1848:** Anniversary—Hydesville, NY. Advent of Modern Spiritualism. This year is the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a live event being held at the Hydesville Memorial Park.

## Nominating Committee Named

The NSAC President has named the following to the Nominating Committee: Chair: Rev. Joyce Barlow, NST from NY Rev. Michael Pillsbury, from TN Linda Martin, from NY

## Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer).

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.

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

Glen N    Linda N    Lori    Kevin

### 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 in the love and power of God.

### To request Spiritual Healing

To have a name listed, 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 the first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center  
[nsachealing@nsac.org](mailto:nsachealing@nsac.org)

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Deadline: Items to be included in the current upcoming month must be submitted to the [nsacmedia@nsac.org](mailto:nsacmedia@nsac.org) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the upcoming month.

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