



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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NSAC Board News

The NSAC Board held their annual Spring Board Meeting in mid-April. There were several items on the agenda including meeting with the Director of the Department of Education, review of the biannual reports from our departments and committees, auxiliary updates, and Missionary appointments.

The NSAC Board also reviewed the submitted questions received by our members in anticipation of the next Quarterly Town Hall meeting coming up on April 24.

Quarterly Town Hall

The NSAC Board held their second Quarterly Town Hall meeting on April 24th with over a hundred registered, and in attendance.

The meeting began with the Rev. Rosemary Calderalo, NSAC Treasurer introducing the board.

The Rev. Cosie Allen, NSAC President gave an opening statement welcoming everyone.

The Rev. Rosemary Calderalo spoke on the monies received from the LA Center. The process is ongoing.

Charvonne Carlson, Rev. Rosemary Calderalo and Rev. Betty Hutt spoke on the Church of Two Worlds, DC, and where we are on obtaining a clear title. Rev. JoAnn Santonocito, NSAC Secretary, gave a presentation including photos of the church.

Charvonne Carlson spoke on the Morris Pratt Institute, and where things stand. The NSAC Educational charter will be seeking someone to work full-time as the administrator. This person will have to work out of the Morris Pratt Institute. The specifics of the job duties will be released soon. If you are interested in this position, please email: info@morrispratt.org

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175th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism Celebration



Our Devotional Service

Pictured: Rev. Havivah Richards, NSAC, Ann Marie Dibben, SNU, Robin Hodson, ISF, Rev. Cosie Allen, NSAC, Rev. Richard Schoeller, NSAC, Sharon itual Center.Siubis, Inner Spir-



Speaker: Rev. Cosie Allen,



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Proclamation presented from the Town of Newark, making March 31 to be known as "Hydesville Day".

If you have photos of the event and wish to share, send them to: nsacsecretary@nsac.org

Hydesville Memorial Park

The NSAC Board would like to thank the NSAC LM/CM Society, along with the Hydesville Memorial Park Committee on hosting the 175th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism. This event took a year to prepare for, and the Board would like to thank: Rev. Cosie Allen, Rev. JoAnn Santonocito, Rev. Rosemary Calderalo, Carol Caesar, Ellen Sklaver, Tracy Murphy, Celeste Elliott, and Ann Marie Dibben.

TNS Magazine

With the board placing the magazine on hiatus, the NSAC Secretary has, based on the information received from the TNS Editor, sent a letter to everyone who has a TNS subscription, or advertisement listing in the magazine. If you have not received a letter, please send an email to nsactns@nsac.org with the start date of your subscription and/or ad, and the amount you paid, how you paid (via check, credit card via stripe) and if you want a refund.

NSAC Spiritualist Benevolent Society

Thank you to the following auxiliaries for following the NSAC Bylaws in honoring the fourth Sunday of March as one of our holidays and taking up a love of offering in honor of

"Gratitude Day"

**Attunement Spiritualist Chapel
Summerland Spiritualist Church of the Comforter
Plymouth Spiritualist Church
The National Spiritualist Church of Norwich**

These funds help support those NSAC Members who have designated their lives to further Spiritualism.

NSAC is Hiring

The NSAC Office is looking for a part-time bookstore person for up to 20 hours per week for the summer. Must work weekends.

The NSAC Office is looking for someone to take care of the lawn for the summer season.

The NSAC is looking for someone to be the Director of the Department of Publications.

The NSAC is looking for someone to be the Director of Public Relations.

For any of these positions, please contact the NSAC Secretary at the NSAC Office or email:

nsacsecretary@nsac.org

The NSAC Board is seeking bids from legal firms to be the NSAC legal counsel. The firm must know ecclesiastical, real estate and non-profit law. If you know of a law firm that would be interested in submitting a bid, have them contact the NSAC Secretary.

Reminders

July 28: NSAC Trustee candidate statement deadline

October 29-November 3: NSAC Convention 2023, Niagara Falls, NY

Dates in Spiritualism

May 2, 1823-1889: Birthday – Emma Hardinge Britten (Greatest Woman Propogandist of Spiritualism) Known as “The Silver-Tongued Lecturer”

May 3, 1959: Transition—Mildred Stow

May 8, 1893: Transition – Margaretta Fox Kane

May 11, 1883: Event—Elizabeth Courtney; youngest person ordained by NSAC

May 22, 1859-1930: Birthday—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (The History of Spiritualism)

May 27, 1953: Event - NSA of USA changed to National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Congratulations

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

MAY:

Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC

The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis Healing Hands of Light Spiritualist Church

First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

Chain Lakes Spiritualist Camp Association

Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC

Questions on Duties

The NSAC Board has been receiving several questions on the specific duties of auxiliary board members and Pastor/pastoral committee members. We will be highlighting some of the duties for a position each month. We also suggest you ask for a copy of your auxiliaries' current Bylaws and review them for any position 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 Secretary duties are:

To attend to the Society's correspondence in coordination with the President on all non-routine or extraordinary matters.

Prepare and keep on file all records of the Society, including an accurate list of members.

Be responsible for receipt of monies, or evidence of such monies, keeping an accurate account for transfer with documentation to the Treasurer.

Be custodian of the Church charter.

Present a report to each meeting of members of the Society to cover the activities of the office, including membership and credential-worker statistics.

File a complete NSAC Annual Report for the Church.

Call for Trustee Candidates

Now is the time to consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Terms for those appointed to the board:

Trustee: 1 year term, presently filled by Rev. Bonnie Darby-Merritt

Vice President: 2-year term, presently filled by Rev. Havivah Richards

Trustee: 2-year term, presently filled by Louise Barkdull

Treasurer: 3-year term, Rev. Rosemary Calderalo

Trustee: 3-year term, presently filled by Rev. Lorraine Radice

Trustee: 3-year term, Charvonne Carlson

If you feel you have the qualifications and time to commit to service as an NSAC Trustee, be sure to obtain a copy of the *Call for Candidates*, enclosed in our May mailing to auxiliaries or available on the NSAC website Forms page, at nsac.org

It contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday July 28, 2023. Email to:

nsacnominations@nsac.org



Donations

Donations were made to the following this past month:

NSAC Fox Cottage Preservation Fund
Hydesville Memorial Park Endowment Fund

Missionary Department

At the NSAC Spring Board Meeting, the NSAC named several people to be NSAC Missionaries. Once the position of Missionary has been accepted, the Director, Rev. Betty Hutt will assign regions.

We wish to thank all those who serve as a missionary for this organization. It is through your efforts that this organization will expand and grow.

The list of missionaries, and their region they will cover will be in the June 2023 NSAC News.

If you have any questions, or concerns regarding a Missionary, or their duties, please contact Rev. Betty Hutt, the Director of Missionaries at:

missionary@nsac.org.



The NSAC Board is updating their files on Auxiliary Bylaws, and we need your assistance. We need a copy of every Auxiliaries current Bylaws. We are requesting that every NSAC Auxiliary have their secretary mail and/or email a current copy of your Bylaws to the NSAC office.

Thank you to all the auxiliaries who have sent in a copy of their current Bylaws, it is much appreciated.

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The Rev. JoAnn Santonocito spoke to the Department of Archives and gave an update on the digitizing project. We now have the 1800's to the early 1900's magazines and newspapers all digitized. This totaled over 7TB of data. The next phase is to have all the people files from 1893 - 2010 digitized. These files have been processed and are ready for shipment to Iron Mountain.

Rev. JoAnn Santonocito gave a photo presentation on the Puritan Spiritualist Church. Due to the condition of the building, the Village is requesting the NSAC have the structure torn down immediately. The NSAC office is seeking bids from the local area on having the structure demolished.

Rev. Havivah Richards, NSAC Interim Vice President spoke on The National Summit (TNS) and where things stand. Everyone who has a current subscription or advertisement should have been notified. If you did not, please email: nsactns@nsac.org

The board answered as many questions as they could, and we look forward to the next one.

Department of Veterans Affairs

The NSAC Board has been asked by our membership to submit for Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization listing. The initial paperwork requires the NSAC to list interested Ordained Ministers.

If you are an active NSAC Ordained Minister and are interested in taking part in this venture to become a Chaplain through the Department of Veterans Affairs, please email the NSAC Secretary by May 20.

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.

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.

Sofia, Arthur, Kerrill G, Medhat S, Rose C, Sandi C, Karen S, Tammy B, Margie C, Frank R, Lin & Ron F, Suzanne, Carol F, Andrea A S

To request Spiritual Healing

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

Spiritual Healing Center
nsachealing@nsac.org

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Deadline: Items to be included in the current upcoming month must be submitted to the NSAC Secretary at nsacsecretary@nsac.org no later than three days prior to the first day of the upcoming month.

Subscriptions: Make a request by email (Subject: NSAC News Request) from the address to which you want NSAC News sent. Your request must include: your name; and your church or camp name. A monthly email notice will contain a link to the NSAC website page from which a PDF copy can be viewed and downloaded.

Be a part of the 2023 convention!

Available Sponsorships for Convention 2023!

Item	Cost	Sponsor(s)
Audio/Video, \$450 per day	\$1350	
Pen and notepads	\$270	
Convention bags	\$350	
Lanyard/badges	\$450	
Flashdrive	\$700	
Event Tickets	\$100	
Signs & Labels	\$75	
Music for the week	\$500	
50/50 raffle tickets	\$50	
On site expenses	\$600	
Contribution to Convention Expenses	Any amount	

If you would like to donate to the Convention Fund, that is great too!

We have 2 Ways to accept donations: PayPal or Check

PayPal link can be found at nsac.org, hit the "donation" button, indicate donation is for "Convention" or make checks out to "Convention Fund" and send to the NSAC office at PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

Available Volunteer Opportunities for Convention 2023!

Please contact the NSAC office for details. Volunteer for one day or every day!

Opportunity	Church/Person
Ushers for Church Services - 4 for each service	
Sunday Morning	
Sunday Evening	
Tuesday Evening	
Wednesday Evening	
Thursday Evening	
50/50 Raffle - 2 each day	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Friday	
Ways and Means Table - 2 each day	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Friday	
Auctioneers for auction items - 2 each day	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Friday	

Even if you can volunteer for an hour, everyone is needed