NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

NSAC News

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NSAC Board News

The NSAC Board would like to thank everyone who attended the 2024 Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The board held their pre and post-convention meetings, and accomplished a tremendous amount of business.

The Treasurer and Secretary, with the boards approval have been working on having all our investment funds moved from Raymond James to Schwab. The transfers began during the convention.

Some auxiliaries requested time with the board during the convention, and the board met with all of them.

The Physical Phenomena Mediumship Affidavit has been revised to allow easier identification of what Physical Phenomena is.

The Healing Affidavit has been revised to allow the healing medium to obtain affidavits through social media.

The NSAC board has revised the NSAC Physical Phenomena Mediumship Affidavit and the Healing Affidavit. Both affidavits will be available shortly on the NSAC website.

The NSAC Board has named heads for the following committees/departments:

- Dept. of Archives: Thomas Daly
- Dept. Phenomenal Evidence: Rev. Stephen Hermann
- Conflict Resolution: Louise Barkdull
- Ethics Committee: Allison Bell
- Hydesville Committee: Rev. Cosie Allen
- Long Range Planning Committee: Jeffrey Ganey
- Bylaws Committee: Steven Vogel
- Mediumship Committee: Rev. Stephen Hermann
- Dept. Publications: Louise Barkdull, Rev. Bonnie Darby-Merritt, Rev. Havivah Richards
- Social Media Committee: James Bae
- Science Research Committee: Deb Nye & Dave Steffenhagen
- Fundraising Committee: Lyn Batt
- Convention Committee: Rev. Lorraine Radice & Rev. Havivah Richards.

There were additional chairs named for convention related committees, which will be published closer to the NSAC convention.

From the NSAC Secretary

Wow, the convention ran smoothly. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to assist. Many hands truly made light work.

I, along with the Vice President and Treasurer met with Anne Thomas, the new editor of *The Summit Magazine (TNS).* It was great to catch up and go over the ideas for the magazine. Pricing for the online, printed copies and advertising in the magazine will be coming out shortly.

The first issue, Jan/Feb, will be a collaboration of some old articles.

Anne's email: *nsactns@nsac.org*. She is seeking advertisers and contributors for the magazine.

The delegates at the convention would like the NSAC News, and the website to have a listing of auxiliary events. If your auxiliary would like to promote an event, please submit the information by the 20th of each month to the Secretary at:
nsacsecretary@nsac.org.

NSAC 2024 Annual Convention

The 2024 NSAC Annual Convention was a great success.

For the first time in decades, everyone ran unopposed for positions to the NSAC Board. Congratulations go out to the following:

- Reverend Lorraine Radice: fill remaining 2-yr term for Treasurer
- Reverend Michael Pillsbury: fill remaining 2-yr term for Trustee
- Reverend Cosie Allen: President
- Reverend Betty Hutt: Trustee
- Reverend Bonnie Darby-Merrit: Trustee

The delegates approved the following raises and increased expenditure:

- $3500 for the board to travel
- Increase Treasurers salary to $24,000/year
- Increase President's salary by $5000, to $20,000/year
- Increase Spotlight Editor stipend by $400, to $10,400/year
- Increase Secretary salary by $5,000, to $55,000/year
- Give the Vice President a Salary of $15,000/yr

There were no bylaw changes or resolutions adopted by the delegates at this convention. Bylaw proposal 7 was referred to the Ethics Committee.

Some other motions that were adopted at the convention were:

- Hybrid Committee to look into live streaming future conventions.
- Convention Committee and Board to consider changing the Monday Banquet to an evening reception to save costs.
- The NSAC Board moves the reading of reports to an online (Zoom) type setting for all NSAC members to allow more classes, seminars and workshops during the annual convention.

Winners of the NSAC Awards:
Rev. Marilyn Awtry, Rev. Rosemary Calderalo & Rev. Marrice Coverson.

Rev. Marilyn Awtry receives the Outstanding Achievement Award

Reminders

December 1: All credential renewals of members of the State Association are due.

December 31: All credential renewals are to be postmarked to the NSAC Secretary

January 15: Any edits and/or corrections of auxiliary and/or credential members listings are due to the NSAC Secretary.

Dates in Spiritualism

October 7, 1838: Birthday – Margaret Fox (Fox Sisters).

October 10, 1898: Camp Edgewood was founded.

October 11, 1965: Event – Sunflower banner becomes official flag of NSAC – Designed by Reverend E. Schoenfeld.

October 18, 1902: Morris Pratt Institute was founded.

November 14, 1849: Event – Public meeting of Modern Spiritualists, Corinthian Hall, Rochester, NY

November 26, 1920: Event – National Spiritualist Association changed its name to National Spiritualist Association of USA

Margaret (Maggie) Fox

Original MPI Building

NSAC Day

"In celebration of our history and in gratitude to the pioneers of our organization, the fourth Sunday in September of each year shall be known as NSAC Day, and a special offertory may be requested during church services to benefit the NSAC General Endowment Fund to provide for the future operating needs of the organization."

It is sad to say that the NSAC has not received any donations this year from this celebration.

NSAC Bookstore News

The NSAC Bookstore hours are Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 9:30am-4:30pm.

Place an order by calling the NSAC Office, or email us at: *nsacbookstore@nsac.org*

Congratulations

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

October:

First Spiritual Temple, CA

Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, ME

On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp, MA

Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC, NV

Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, NY

Morris Pratt Institute, WI

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center, WI

November:

Summerland Spiritualist Church of the Comforter, CA

Auxiliary News

If your auxiliary is hosting an event, or doing something special in the name of Spiritualism, we would like to know. Please contact the NSAC Secretary by the 20th of the month.

Current MPI Building

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, 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 in the love and power of God.

Cathlene, Dylan

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 at:

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 the 20th of the 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.