National Spiritualist Association of Churches

Nominating Committee

Call for Candidates

NSAC Board of Trustees,

Three 3-year terms

(see below under Trustee Term Expirations)

The NSAC Nominating Committee is asking those seeking election or re-election to the Board of Trustees to publicly announce their candidacy. This will give members an opportunity to be better informed about candidates, their background, and qualifications. Nomination of candidates also may be made from the Convention floor.

The established procedure is to receive candidate names and biographical information (candidate statement) and to publish and mail a *Candidates for Election* document forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of the Annual Convention. It also will be posted on the NSAC website.

How to announce

1. Submit a candidate statement and photo (passport-type head and shoulders) to the Nominating Committee, indicating the trustee position you are seeking. *(See reverse or next page for Election In- formation, including Bylaws Requirements, Trustee Term Expirations, and resources regarding Trustee Duties and Responsibilities.)*
2. Be aware of the receipt deadline for statement and photo: **no later than Friday, July 11, 2025** emailed (as attachments) to the Nominating Committee, ***allistairejoop@gmail.com***. Statements and/or photos received after this date will not be considered. The deadline will be strictly observed.

Candidate statement format and content

1. Statements must be in narrative (paragraph) form and no longer than 250 words (MS Word word counter will be used to determine length). It is recommended that statements be written in third person except for your vision and goals statements, which should be first person. The Nominating Committee will make necessary edits for consistency of style in final document, to facilitate reader review and evaluation. Statements longer than 250 words will not be considered.
2. Statements and photos must be furnished as computer-file email attachments (candidate statements in .doc, .rtf, or .txt file formats and photos in .jpg format), addressed to ***allistairejoop@gmail.com***
3. Statements should include the following information in this sequence:
   a. Full name with preferred informal name in parentheses, if applicable.
   b. Church membership (church name, city-state, date joined).
   c. NSAC credentials and degree held (OM, LM, CM, CH, NST).
   d. NSAC experience (include positions in which you served or are serving in a church, state, and the national organization).
   e. Highest formal education and MPI, CSS, and Ministerial Skills courses. List degrees/certificates.
   f. Other qualifications (experience in other organizations applicable to position you are seeking).
   g. Your vision, realistic goals for NSAC, how you propose to achieve those goals as a trustee.
   h. Contact information (phone, postal and email addresses) *(not included in word count).*

Contact any member of the NSAC Nominating Committee as follows:

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Election Information 2025

NSAC Bylaws Article XII, Conventions, Delegates and Procedures

Section 21. Eligibility for Nomination.

To be eligible for nomination for office on the NSAC Board of Trustees, a person shall be:

A. A member in good standing of an NSAC chartered church society for five (5) years immediately preceding the Annual Convention.
B. A delegate to at least three (3) NSAC annual conventions within the five (5) preceding years.
C. A duly seated delegate to the current Annual Convention.
D. Present in the Annual Convention assembly at time of election. Present is defined as a person attending in person physically at the location or virtually present through electronic means on a video platform such as, but not limited to, Zoom.
E. All candidates shall submit to the Nominating Committee a signed Code of Ethics document agreeing to abide by said Code. If an individual fails to submit same, their name cannot be put forth as a candidate. Anyone nominated from the floor must execute said Code of Ethics form BEFORE the election balloting begins.

Section 22.

In the event there are more than two candidates for a position and there is no election on the first ballot, only the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall remain on the second ballot. If there is only one nominee for a position, a voice vote may elect the nominee. If there are two or more nominees, ballots shall be distributed to the voting delegates.

Section 23.

A member of the NSAC Board of Trustees shall be eligible for election to any other office on the Board, without endangering his/her present status.

Section 24. Vacancy Created by Election to Another Office.

Any vacancy created by election to another office on the Board of Trustees and all unexpired terms of office shall be filled by election before proceeding with the election of other Trustees to the Board.

Trustee Term Expirations

Term Expiring 2025

Havi Richards, **Vice *President***

JoAnn Santonocito, ***Secretary***

Louise Barkdull, ***Trustee***

Trustee Duties and Responsibilities

It is important that potential candidates become thoroughly familiar with duties and responsibilities of an NSAC Trustee, including additional duties and responsibilities of officers. Resources include:

NSAC Bylaws Article V (Officers) and Article VI (Board of Trustees). Potential candidates are especially urged to re- view and become familiar with these articles prior to reaching a decision to declare themselves a candidate. It is important that candidates meet the requirements for the position they are seeking. A copy of the Bylaws can be obtained from the NSAC website member's page. Printed copies of the Bylaws can be purchased through the NSAC Bookstore.