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# **Report on Resolutions**

At NSAC Convention 2018 last October two resolutions came to the floor for the delegates to consider. The first one, Resolution 3, was regarding fingerprint cards for all credentialed workers. During its Spring meeting, the Board of Trustees determined that the solution was to have background checks for all credentialed workers, board members, pastors, pastoral-committee members, the national Board of Trustees, and lyceum workers at any church, camp, or auxiliary.

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ministerial associations. Once a year after all annual reports have been submitted, NSAC will bear the cost of the background checks for these individuals. All findings will be kept confidential to any church, camp, or auxiliary. In the event something is found, there will be a further investigation to see if it is warranted to be mentioned. The price for these background checks will be discounted if it is done as a group submission.

This process is needed today with all the shootings and attacks on churches. We need to protect our congregations and workers as well as our churches. With these background checks, we will have a policy and procedure in place if something should happen, and the insurance companies are more willing to side with the churches, camps, and auxiliaries. I feel that this will be a great benefit for everyone involved.

Resolution 2 was to put a suggestion that there be a congregation safe-

ty policy for each church, camp, and auxiliary. Since NSAC will be doing background checks, there is no need to double the work for lyceum workers because some locations do not have lyceums.

—Rev. Havivah Richards

# Speed Up Credential Application Process

All applications for NSAC credentials should be mailed to:

Rev. June Killmer, Director NSAC Department of Education 1635 Old Hart Ranch Road Roseville. CA 95661

It is important that the application is complete, including required signatures and the date of the Church Board meeting at which the application was approved by church Trustees. A church check for the fee, payable to NSAC, must accompany the application. The Department of Education records the payment and forwards it to NSAC Headquarters for deposit.

The application requires that *copies* of appropriate MPI certificates must be included. **Do not** send the original certificates. When affidavits are required, originals must be submitted and the candidate should keep a copy of each one.

Following these steps will insure the fastest processing of applications.

# Call for Mediums MPI Master Class on Mediumship

Attending the upcoming NSAC Convention in October? Are you a Spiritualist medium? You are invited to participate in the MPI Master Class on Mediumship as a Platform Medium bringing Spirit Greetings. The Master Class will be held during the Convention, on Thursday afternoon, October 3.

The Class will be presented at no charge for all Convention attendees. It

is a gift from the Morris Pratt Institute.

# Quality platform mediumship is the backbone of Spiritualism.

The Master Class is an educational opportunity to raise the level of presenting Spirit communication; a learning experience for Convention attendees to take back home and share with church members.

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### **Spiritualist Mediumship**

Mediumship is the unfoldment of the individual and one of the phases is communication from the spirit side of life.

#### **NSAC Definition**

A Medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World and through whose instrumentality, intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism

#### Oath of Mediumship

My mediumship is for the use of worthy individuals of the etheric (Spirit) world to relieve any suffering of individuals of the earth world.

It shall be used for the good of all—regardless of race or color, to bring peace to their troubled souls.

I will always be true to the trust that is reposed in me by my etheric friends and those who seek the service of Mediumship.

I will never be guilty of uttering a statement claiming it to be the expression of a discarnate (disembodied) spirit friend unless I received it from same.

I will not support any expressions that foster hate, but my every effort, thought, and prayer will be to assure peace among humanity, and harmony in all actions. 2 NSAC News, June 2019

So be it.

Mediums interested in demonstrating platform mediumship during the Master Class should apply to MPI.

Mediums should furnish the following information:

- · Name and contact information
- NSAC Member since
- NSAC church affiliation
- Completed at least 12 to 15 lessons of MPI Modern Spiritualism Course
- Mediums who have completed MPI course; have experience serving on the church platform and for what length of time. Certified Mediums also are welcome to apply.

Mediums: Please accept this invitation to serve the Morris Pratt Institute Master Class on October 3 and apply now. Apply via email to MPI no later than August 15 at <a href="mailto:info@morrispratt.org">info@morrispratt.org</a> or 414-774-2994

## **Gratitude Corner**

We would all like to thank Pamela Reinhoudt who came out of retirement to help out at NSAC Headquarters. We wish Pam the very best as once again she retires to enjoy family and friends.

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 Administrator Amanda Kalfas with details at 716-595-2000 or nsacadmin@nsac.org

# **New MPI Members**

Those admitted to MPI membership at the MPI Annual Meeting on

May 4 were Pamela Bollinger (Summerland Spiritualist Church of the Comforter, Santa Barbara, California), Bonnie Crosier (Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church NSAC, Normal, Illinois), and Betty Hutt (Celestial Spiritualist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

### **Bookstore News**

Featured this month ...

The Diakka, by Andrew Jackson Davis. There are certain cycles during which the approach of spiritual beings is all but impossible. These periods are marked throughout human history as seasons where there is an absence of development. This volume offers insight as to the impact these cycles can have on your life.

BKS 092, \$12.00

The Present Age and Inner Life, by Andrew Jackson Davis. This book addresses the needs and psychological demands of the time including the heart and the head, the soul and the understanding. Mr. Davis, through his psychic revelations in the fields of astronomy, physics and medicine explains their adaption to the tranquilization of man's nature.

BKS 094. \$22.00

The Harbinger of Health, by Andrew Jackson Davis. Some of the subjects presented in this book are the philosophy of disease, the medical value of clairvoyance, self-healing and the energies of medicine.

BKS 089, \$25.00

**Death and the After-Life**, by Andrew Jackson Davis. This mind-opening volume is a series of eight lectures by Davis on the Summer-Land.

BKS 088, \$15.00

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, *nsacbook store@nsac.org*, 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

## Reminders

**June 30:** End of Church fiscal year; time to commence preparation of annual report, due August 31.

**July 19:** NSAC trustee candidatestatement deadline

August 1: Credential Renewal Application due to church secretary from Ordained Ministers, and National Spiritualist Teachers

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 29-October 4:** NSAC Convention 2019, Milwaukee

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