



NSAC News

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Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from April 1 through June 30, 2019:

Licentiate Minister: Charlene Spitzer, San Francisco, California

Certified Medium: Myrna Westgate, Rehoboth, Massachusetts

National Spiritualist Teacher: Debra Malison, West Allis, Wisconsin

Congratulations to these members for these achievements. They have continued their Spiritualist education and have applied for and been granted certification.

Help Preserve Our Archives

You may have noticed several beautiful old photos in the May-June edition of *The National Spiritualist Summit* magazine. To benefit future generations, your headquarters staff is at work scanning historic pictures and copying minutes from past conventions. Many photos are becoming so fragile that time is of the essence.

NSAC is asking for donations to the NSAC Archive to help in this preservation effort. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

Donations by check should be mailed to NSAC at PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752. Donations also may be made through the NSAC website, www.nzac.org. Please note "Archives" on your donation.

MPI Master Class on Mediumship: Call for Mediums

Spiritualist mediums are invited to demonstrate mediumship during the MPI Master Class on Mediumship as a Platform Medium bringing Spirit Greetings. The Master Class will be held for all attendees during the NSAC Convention in Milwaukee, on Thursday afternoon, October 3.

Quality platform mediumship is the backbone of Spiritualism. Educated and well-trained Mediums can help Spiritualism thrive as a respected, dignified religion.

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

Certified Mediums and student Mediums who have completed the MPI Mediumship Course are welcome to apply.

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 info@morrispratt.org or 414-774-2994

Privacy of Church Mailings

The Code of Ethics Review Committee has received several phone calls regarding churches and camps using email to deliver information. We know that email is a fast and efficient way of sending information. However, it is important to remember that people have a right to their privacy. In order to respect this right, churches and camps must be sure that an individual is willing to receive church mail, whether email or postal mail. There are several ways to do this.

Many churches provide guest books for visitors to sign. Here, one could post a simple note to read, *If you would like to receive church announcements by emails, include your email address next to your name.* This would assure that the guest is willing to receive church email.

When church members renew their membership, include a space on the renewal form with a check box indicating their willingness to receive

emails. If your church does not use a printed renewal form, create a simple form for members to sign accepting email communications.

It is important that members understand that their address will be used only for church or camp mailings and that the address is considered confidential and is not made available for other purposes.

A big word of caution! When you send group email (*email blasts*), you **must** insert the multiple-addressee list in the **bcc** line (*blind carbon copy*). This keeps the list confidential as bcc addressees are not visible to other addressees of that message. (*If addressees are inserted in the cc line, all addressees will be visible to each recipient.*)

Again, you must respect a person's privacy and not share their email address with others on the list. Not observing this caution seems to be the most common way in which people acquire the addresses of other people. This has prompted many calls to the Ethics Committee.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank those who have called us with their concerns about emails and other issues. This gives us an awareness of your desires and an opportunity to focus our efforts toward correcting infringements in order to restore a harmonious atmosphere for all involved.

—Elaine Hager, Chair
NSAC Code of Ethics Review Committee

Summer Greetings from the Department of Missionaries

Our love of Spiritualism shines brightly during this summer season of light! Churches and auxiliaries are active and busy. Missionaries are serving the cause of Spiritualism by reaching out and responding to requests from NSAC auxiliaries and individuals as well as from non-NSAC affiliated organizations. Their activities include communication via phone

calls, emails, and personal visits to offer help, support, information, encouragement, answer questions, participate in events and fundraisers, and serve as speakers, teachers, and visiting mediums and healers.

The NSAC Department of Missionaries is here to be of service to you and to Spiritualism. Several of the Missionaries are able to travel outside of their assigned areas while others who are not physically able to travel serve by phone or email. We all work together.

Please reach out to your Missionary or to me at pjobollinger@gmail.com or 650-773-6743. We are here for you! May your summer be filled with light, love, and many blessings.

—Pamela Bollinger, Director
NSAC Department of Missionaries

Absent Spiritualist Healing

Spiritualist Healing is a form of mediumship. It is a simple, safe, and supportive energy therapy that aims to bring balance to mind, body, and soul, as well as to stimulate the body's own natural ability.

A person in need of healing in any part of this planet can be found, diagnosed, treated, and probably healed with Absent Spiritualist Healing.

The means by which this takes place is through prescribed thought energies which are common to both spirit and earth life.

Spiritual beings (*Spirit Intelligences: spirit doctors, chemists, surgeons, researchers, scientists*) combine their own healing forces with the magnetism and vitalizing energy of the healer. Then, they both convey them to the patient who is distant from the healer and cause them to be absorbed by the system of the patient.

If you or someone you know needs Absent Spiritualist Healing, please either email nsachealing@nsac.org or use the Contact Us form on the NSAC website, www.nsac.org, and provide their first name and last-name initial and they will be placed on the NSAC Healing List for two months. If additional healing is needed, just make the request again after two months.

NSAC churches also are encouraged to send healing to those on the list

during their regular religious healing services.

—Laura Hansen, Director
NSAC Healing Center

Introducing Reverends

When in doubt about the preferred way to introduce or present ordained ministers in documents prepared by an NSAC auxiliary, the following guidance should be helpful.

If the Rev. Mary Smith is an NSAC-ordained minister, then all needed is, *The Rev. Mary Smith*. If the Rev. John Jones is mentioned but is not ordained through NSAC, then *The Rev. John Jones* should be followed by, *ordained through the (name) church/organization*.

Following this guide will help prevent possible confusion for NSAC members as to the authority for an ordination.

Gratitude Corner

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.

Reminders

July 20: Trustee election candidate statements and photos due to Nominating Committee

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

August 11: Celebration of the birthday of Andrew Jackson Davis

August 11: Spiritual Science Day

August 15: MPI Mediumship Master Class applications due

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. Reminder:

Certificate(s) of Insurance must be attached to the Report

September 29–October 4: NSAC Convention 2019, Milwaukee

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

Letters from the Afterlife, by Elsa Barker. Written through the hand of Elsa Barker, an established author in her own right. Letters presents an “astral travelogue” that describes often eloquently, sometimes humorously, life in the “invisible” world. BKS910, \$15.00

Lessons from the Light, by Kenneth Ring. Expanded information on Near-Death Experiences is presented by the author for the purpose of developing the absence of fear of death, and knowledge that dying is a peaceful and beautiful experience. BKS734, \$17.00

The Spiritual Universe, by Fred Alan Wolfe. A physicist's vision of spirit, soul, matter, and self that examines the place where religion and philosophy, science and spirituality intersect. BKS730, \$15.00

The Sacred Promise, by Gary E. Schwartz. An exploration into the world of spirits. Actual evidence of an active and helpful spiritual world is revealed. BKS909, \$25.

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