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### Calling All Writers!

Frank Kotowski, the new editor of The National Spiritualist Summit (TNS), is looking for writers to contribute articles to our official magazine. Submissions should be 500 words for a column article and 1.200 words or less for a feature article. Ideally, the articles should focus on the Science, Philosophy, and Religion of Spiritualism and all the subtopics associated with the three pillars of Spiritualism. Personal stories in relation to our religion and organization are still wanted but their focus should be on original perspectives and experiences.

Frank will begin a new series of brief comments on our Declaration of Principles starting with the July/August issue. Writers for this new series are asked to submit in writing their understanding of a principle, starting with Principle 1 for the July/August issue, then Principle 2 for the September/October issue, and so on. The length of these brief comments is limited to 100 words, and several comments will be published in each issue.

All comments about *TNS* and submissions to the editor should be sent to *nsactns@nsac.org*.

# Call for Trustee Candidates

Now is the time to consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee terms expiring in October include Vice President Cosie Allen, Secretary Carol Luetkens, and Jacquelyn Randall. All have indicated that they are available to serve if reelected.

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, <a href="https://www.nsac.org/member-pages/documents">www.nsac.org/member-pages/documents</a>. It contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement. If you

have not requested the password for member pages, it may be requested by email to *nsacinfo@nsac.org*. Your request must include both the member name and name of church.

A Candidates for Election document will be mailed to auxiliaries approximately six weeks before the Annual Convention. Candidate statements with photos will help everyone identify candidates and know more about them prior to the election at the Convention.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday, July 19, 2019.

# MPI Master Class on Mediumship

The Morris Pratt Institute will present a *Master Class on Mediumship* at this year's NSAC Convention, Thursday afternoon, October 3 in Milwaukee.

#### **Master Teachers**

The Master Class will be given by experienced MPI members, who, as Spiritualist Teachers, have and share great skill and proficiency in platform mediumship.

### Student Mediums Invited to Apply Now

MPI invites student mediums to apply for demonstration of mediumship during the class. Mediums will present platform mediumship with Spirit Greetings, subject to interjections, comments, and encouragement by the Master Teachers as skills are unfolded by students.

Minimum requirements: Current member of an NSAC church, completion of at least 12-15 lessons of the MPI Modern Spiritualism Course, and platform medium experience.

Apply to MPI, info@morrispratt.org. Applicants should include: full name and contact info (email and phone), NSAC church affiliation, MPI lesson status, platform medium experience, and other appropriate recommenda-

tions and details. Apply not later than August 15. Student mediums will be notified of acceptance by September 1.

## For others, this is a Master Class for every Spiritualist

The class is a gift from MPI to NSAC Convention attendees.

# Camp Promotion for 2019 Season

Camps wanting promotion through NSAC for their upcoming season should send 200 programs and other promotional materials to NSAC Head-quarters. They must be received by May 31 to be included in the June mailing to churches and ministers. Additional copies may be sent for display and pick up by visitors during the Lily Dale summer season.

### **MPI Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of members of the Morris Pratt Institute took place on May 4 at the MPI Building in Milwaukee. Trustees elected for three-year terms included James Ehrhart, Vice President (Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, California), Marguerite Gutt, Secretary (First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak, Royal Oak, Michigan), and Elaine Hager (NSAC Executive Church). The Board of Trustees and some MPI committees met on the day before the meeting; the Trustees met again immediately following the annual meeting.

#### **Gratitude Corner**

A big thank you to the anonymous person responsible for paving the parking lot at Hydesville Memorial Park. It looks amazing!

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.

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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

#### Reminder

**May 31:** Camp promotion materials due at NSAC for mailing

**July 20:** NSAC trustee candidatestatement deadline

**September 29–October 4:** NSAC Convention 2019, Milwaukee

#### **Bookstore News**

Featured this month . . .

The Four Agreements, by Don Miguel Ruiz. This book is a practical guide to total personal freedom. It reveals the source of self-limiting beliefs that rob us of joy and create needless suffering. It is a powerful code of conduct that can rapidly transform your life toward the experience of freedom, true happiness, and love. BKS 522, \$13.00

The Four Agreements Companion Book, by Don Miquel Ruiz. This volume takes you further along the journey to recover your awareness of your authentic self. A must read for anyone ready to leave behind suffering and master the art of meaningful living. BKS 521, \$14.00

Key to Yourself, by Venice Bloodworth. The beauty of this book is that it opens the door to a joyful life from within. Dr. Bloodworth combines contemporary psychology with the very same principles taught by the Master Jesus of Nazareth. She has found the base as how to unlock the power of the mind to THINK yourself into wellness, prosperity, and peace of mind. Her techniques teach us to meet the challenges of today's culture with wisdom that has endured for generations. BKS 043, \$11.00

The Silver Birch Companion, edited by Tony Ortzen. Silver Birch was the spirit guide to Maurice Barnbanell who faithfully recorded his interactions with Silver Birch. Some of the points which are emphasized throughout this volume are service, truth, love, patience, and progress. "If we serve without credit, bring smiles instead of tears, and can witness truth marching forward, then we know that our mission is succeeding."

BKS 184, \$20.00

Ancient Healing Techniques, by Douglas De Long. Author De Long explains how to apply the healing wisdom of the ancient world to your modern life. Learn the powerful methods for developing your

psychic abilities for chakra balancing, energy channeling and communicating with your spirit guides. Once mastered, these techniques will enhance your spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

BKS 492, \$16.00

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.

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