



NSAC News

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Letter from the President

Did you ever wake up in the morning with a song running around your brain? Some folks call it an “ear worm”. I call it a message from Spirit. Today I woke up with the 1970’s song, “I believe in Angels” firmly implanted in my brain. I could recite all the words although it has been a long time since I heard the Abba version from the ‘80’s. The song was written and recorded by a gospel-country artist named Cristy Lane.

“I have a dream, a song to sing to help me cope with anything.

If you see the wonder of a fairy tale, you can take the future even if you fail.

I believe in angels, something good in everything I see.

“I have a dream, a fantasy to help me through reality.

And my destination makes it worth the while.

Pushing through the darkness still another mile.

I believe in angels, something good in everything I see.

“I have a dream, a song to sing to help me cope with anything.

If you see the wonder of a fairy tale, you can take the future even if you fail.

I believe in angels, something good in everything we see.

When I know the time is right for me, I’ll cross the stream,

I have a dream.”

So my friends, what is **your** dream, **your** message from Spirit as you read these lyrics. Each of us has a personal dream, a goal that we share only with Infinite Intelligence, that still small voice that comes to you in the night.

We have been through so much over the past 18 months, but there is one constant, that still small voice that will never leave us. Spirit is there to support us, guide us, guard us, hear our dreams, make them come true before we “cross the stream.” No matter how

old we are, we each have a dream. Let us honor our connection to Spirit. Honor and revel in it. Let the presence of Spirit wash over you as the words and music of this song. Spirit can make your dream a reality.

With blessings and love,
Christine Krithades, J.D., OM, CH, NST
President

Call for Trustees Candidate Reminder

We are pleased to share with you an exciting opportunity to become a member of the Board of Trustees. The NSAC Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for six open Trustee positions.

The terms expiring in October 2020 include Interim Treasurer Stacy Kopchinski, Interim Trustee Jen Rosson and Trustee Havivah Richards. Havivah has indicated she is available to serve if reelected.

The terms expiring in October 2021 include President Christine Krithades, Interim Trustee Betty Hutt, and Trustee June Killmer. Christine declines to run for a third term as president.

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, available to download from the NSAC website Documents page, nsac.org/member-pages/documents. This document contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement. If you do not have 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.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday, July 23, 2020. Please email (as attachments) to Myrna Westgate, Chair of Nominating Committee, mcwestgate68@gmail.com.

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.

A Message from the NSAC Missionary Department

We are now moving safely forward out of the constrictions of the pandemic, and as Spiritualists, we embrace the momentum of change as the light of Spiritualism shines the way ahead. Your missionaries continue to be here to offer our support. We encourage you to reach out to us if we may be of help. Please know that each of your NSAC Board of Trustees also serve as representatives to offer their guidance and assistance. The current missionary assignments for 2021-2022 are as follows:

Alaska, California, Hawaii

Pamela Bollinger, pjobollinger@gmail.com

Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island: Rosemary Calderalo, rosemarycalderalo@gmail.com

Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin: Marrice Coverson, spirit_sps@aol.com

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Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming: Elaine Hager, revelaine@cfl.rr.com

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C.: Michael Pillsbury, michael.pillsbury535@gmail.com

At our upcoming Annual convention in October 2021, our delegates will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed bylaw change restructuring the current Missionary Department, creating Regional Auxiliary Support Teams of credentialed workers, ensuring that each auxiliary receives at least one visit per year, and that auxiliary requests for training, education, and guidance are supported. This bylaw change supports the goal and objectives of the new Department of Spiritual Education and Development.

With love and blessings,
Pamela Bollinger, Director
NSAC Dept. of Missionaries

Donation Acknowledgments

Two donations were made to the Hydesville Memorial Park Endowment Fund in tribute to Richard Schoeller. We thank the generosity from the people who gave these two donations.

Pillar 4 U.N.I.T.Y spells UNITY

What is UNITY without Community? Community is how we build, learn, connect, grow, and expand. It is where individuals come together to share ideas, skills, talents and abilities to improve, create, support and build a better world.

We continue to move forward with a series of Zoom sessions, focusing on one area of the plan at a time to allow for more in-depth discussion. For those just joining in, we are calling these areas “Pillars” to denote their foundational nature. The focus of the next Zoom meeting (June 24th) is on the goals within Pillar 4: Connect the Community. This is the last zoom session in the series. Please keep an eye out for additional information prior to Convention.

Pillar 4: Connect the community.

Goal 10

- NSAC demonstrates and provides guidance to create a supportive, inclusive, and loving organizational environment.
- Ensure our policies demonstrate what we believe, who we are, and what we stand for

- Ensure policies, procedures and resolutions are tracked to implementation and available to members
- Develop and offer training on innovative problem-solving techniques, unconscious bias awareness, conflict resolution, teaching, etc.
- Develop and offer training on NSAC Code of Ethics, disciplinary procedures, ethics complaints, etc.
- Make available videos and training on NSAC website
- Review NSAC Code of Ethics and signed by NSAC Board of Trustees and members of auxiliary leadership positions on an annual basis
- Ensure NSAC language is as inclusive, sensitive to the differently-abled, and non-gender-specific as possible
- Ensure Ethics Code Review Committee members are reflective of the general public
- Create NSAC Code of Ethical Standards and post on website
- Establish on website an anonymous means to file a grievance
- Select independent and objective Ombudsperson
- Revise Awards Program
- Restructure the Department of Public Relations and the Department of Publications under a new department called Department of Communications with a mission of marketing and brand development
- Develop and implement an innovative and expansive brand transformation plan
- Convene open and ongoing discussions with auxiliaries about current social justice issues
- Identify and set up a contract vehicle for a consultant in church advertising that auxiliaries could opt to “buy-in” for services
- Ensure messaging is consistent across all communication vehicles and provides a wider variety of “talking points” to members for key issues related to Spiritualism
- Research, create, or reestablish NSAC relationships with spiritualist organizations to grow the movement and its related truths
- Create relationships with local institutions and organizations
- Redefine the mission of the Department of Phenomenal Evidence
- Design a multifunctional platform to expanded the study of spiritual phenomena

Goal 11

- NSAC attracts families and young adults to grow, maintain and retain members and guests in support of a robust, vibrant, Spiritualist community.
- Create inclusive videos articulating how Spiritualism can improve one’s life
- Host events for young adults and families
- Enhance attendance by offering free items and events
- Involve youth and young adults on boards and committees
- Spotlight and Summit will merge with the Department of Spiritual Development and Education
- Ensure NSAC Definition of Spiritualism resonate in today’s world view
- Create a “under construction forum of thought” for scholarly discourse and respectful communication
- Identify and call for funds and promote research/study topics
- Develop and implement plan
- Develop a diverse group of research advisors
- Sponsor workshops to advance the discussion and awareness of spiritual phenomena
- Maintain a library, collection of images, videos, reports, and other newly acquired evidence
- Manage a peer review process of studies and academic articles, evaluated by other scholars before being accepted for publication
- Produce and distribute globally a Scholarly Journal

Goal 12

- NSAC, having claimed sacred stewardship of spiritual truths, will expand awareness and display leadership by reintroducing the truths of Spiritualism to humanity. “As the sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun, so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of truth.”

Goal 13

- NSAC increases involvement of its members.
- Create a system of volunteer registration

- Appoint a Volunteer Coordinator
- Develop resources and tools for those leading volunteers
- Put out a call to all NSAC members and auxiliaries to identify what resources they may provide to support implementing this Plan as well as the day-to-day work of NSAC

The Long Range Planning Committee encourages all spiritualists to join in the growing conversation at the next zoom session scheduled June 24th.

Please save the remaining date: (all times the same, 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, and 5pm Pacific time)

The Zoom link for each session will be sent out prior to the date and time. Recordings of each session are also available upon request. If you would like to receive the full Plan, have input, or have any questions, please email: lrpcommittee@gmail.com.

After each session, a follow-up survey will be sent out to evaluate the session and gather additional thoughts and insights from NSAC members. We look forward to seeing you and all champions at the sessions!

With Appreciation,

Steven J. Vogel, Chair
Rosemary Calderalo
Charvonne Carlson
Bonnie Darby
Patricia Horne
Jackie Reeves
Alice Robertson
Norma J. Turner

You've Got Mail

In 1998 Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks built a relationship through emails, in this romantic comedy and they were excited about each one they received. Email has become a universal way to communicate with our relatives, friends, business colleagues, social contacts and organizational contacts. It is a speedy way to let your close friends and family know how you are doing and what it's happening in your life. It is an efficient way to communicate ideas, projects, etc. with work colleagues.

A wonderful avenue to communicate, however, to use email to promote your business, your events, your opinions and your views, political or

personal with a name and address from a list of colleagues is wrong. It is an invasion of privacy to clutter someone's email with unsolicited and unwanted communications. We so easily send off emails. Let us be sure that we know the recipient is in our inner circle of relationships or allow them the right to decline by contacting them in advance of hitting that send button. Be thoughtful and professional in your use of email.

Myrna Westgate

Reminders

July 23: NSAC Trustee candidate statement 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.

October 3-8: NSAC Convention 2021, Seattle, WA <https://nsac.org/news-events>

Dates in Spiritualism

June 10, 1956: Transition—Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, third President, NSAC

June 17, 1832-1919: Birthday—Sir William Crookes (psychical research).

Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer). Spirit guides and doctors will diagnose the trouble and its cause, attention being directed to overcoming the cause, and then removing the symptoms.

Please set time aside each day to send healing thoughts for each of those listed below, that they may receive from Spirit that 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 and love in the power of God.

Anna
Brian
Elizabeth
Gina
Jabari
Lori
Romain
Verna

To request Spiritual Healing

In order to respect personal privacy, you first must obtain permission from the person, or from their caretaker, to be placed on the Spiritual Healing list. Then 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 first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names will be listed for two months unless removal sooner is requested. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center
nsachealing@nsac.org

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