



National Society of Arts and Letters

Call to Meeting Chautauqua, NY May 21-26, 2018

Dear Members of NSAL,

It is time to turn our attention in full to the upcoming annual meeting and the Woodwinds Competition that will take place in Chautauqua from May 21 to May 27. National Second Vice President, Greater New York Chapter President and Convention Chair Margaret Johnson and her committee have been working very hard to make our stay in Chautauqua memorable and productive.

Some of you have been to Chautauqua in the past and are anxious to return. Others have never been but are looking forward with great anticipation to the activities that await us. While our Woodwinds Competition and Master Class will be the highlights of the annual meeting, we have planned some very special music for you as well. We will be treated to a concert given by our judges. Our distinguished panel of judges includes bassoonist William Ludwig from Indiana University; clarinetist Charles Neidich from Juilliard; oboist Mark Ostoich from the Cincinnati University Conservatory of Music; and flutist (and former recipient of the NSAL Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement) Carol Wincenc from Juilliard.

Our home while in Chautauqua will be the historic Athenaeum Hotel on the banks of Chautauqua Lake. Reviews of the hotel range from "an absolutely beautiful place" to "a very majestic place," and even "such a unique place...unlike anything else and full of people who are all happy to be there." The atmosphere will be relaxed and we will have time to consider the future path of the National Society of Arts and Letters.

We are planning a session to help our chapters make use of the video that we are preparing for the 75th anniversary in 2019 in Washington D.C. We are also planning a session to announce some changes we hope to make to the national website that we think will be beneficial to all chapters and possibly save the chapters money as well.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Chautauqua. Please come and be a part of helping guide NSAL into the future.

With gratitude and appreciation for your continued support of NSAL,

National President

Join Us in Chautauqua

Dear Members of NSAL,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2018 Convention and Woodwinds Competition at Chautauqua Institution on the idyllic shores of Chautauqua Lake in Western New York. We hope you will enjoy the unique experience of staying in this historic place, where it feels as if one is entering a less hurried time. The Institution's illustrious visitors and speakers throughout its history have included Susan B. Anthony, Thomas Edison, Jane Goodall, four sitting US Presidents, the Reverend Desmond Tutu. George Gershwin composed his Concerto in F in one of the music practice shacks in 1925.

The quiet lanes rambling through the park-like grounds invite relaxing strolls. In your spare time, you may enjoy browsing through the several craft shops, antique stores and restaurants, now open year round. If you don't feel up to the walk, the Athenaeum offers vans for a group, or if you're on your own, the staff will give you a lift in an electric cart.

You will find plenty to enjoy off the grounds, from The Robert H. Jackson Center (Jackson was the Chief of Counsel for the United States at the Nuremberg Trials in 1945-46), the Roger Tory Peterson Center, the Audubon Center, and the William Seward Mansion. Lake Erie is just nine miles north of Lake Chautauqua and is known for its almost tropical sunsets. There are plenty of wineries and cheese producing dairy farms in the region, if you're looking for a more leisurely adventure. If you are arriving early or staying longer to tour the regional sights, the Athenaeum Hotel is offering our convention rate of \$135 (including all applicable taxes) per night two days before and following the convention dates. We recommend the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Darwin Martin House or the Albright Knox Art Museum in Buffalo (77 miles north east). Niagara Falls is 96 miles north east of Chautauqua and if you bring your passport, Toronto, on Lake Ontario is only another 83 miles away.

Thursday night, we are honored to present a concert starring our renowned judges, at Lenna Hall on the Chautauqua campus, followed by a reception.

Friday evening, there will also be a reception. If you feel the need for more substantial fare, you will have the opportunity to try some of the local restaurants that are only minutes away from the hotel.

Saturday afternoon, we will give you a bit of free time to do some shopping, stroll along the shore of Lake Chautauqua or relax in the famous rocking chairs on the Athenaeum porch.

Feel free to call or email us with any questions:

Margaret Johnson
Greater New York Chapter President
Convention Chair
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716-451-4004



Schedule of Events

Monday, May 21	3:00pm-5:00pm 5:00pm-8:00pm	Registration Buffet Dinner	Athenaeum Lobby Athenaeum Parlor
Tuesday, May 22	7:00am-9:00am 10:00am-4:00pm 12:00pm-1:30pm 1:30pm-3:30pm 3:30pm-5:30pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	Breakfast Registration Exec. Bd, & Bd. of Trustees Lunch (Early Arrivals and Guests welcome) Executive Board Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting National Board Reception	Athenaeum Parlor Athenaeum Lobby Athenaeum Parlor Chautauqua Room Multi-Purpose Room Sun Room (Annex)
Wednesday, May 23	7:00am-9:00am 9:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 12:00pm-1:30pm 1:30pm-5:00pm 5:30pm-7:30pm	Breakfast National Board Meeting Registration National Board Lunch National Board Meeting Presidents' Reception	Athenaeum Parlor Chautauqua Room Athenaeum Lobby Athenaeum Parlor Chautauqua Room Athenaeum Parlor
Thursday, May 24	7:00am-9:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 12:00pm-1:30pm 1:30pm-3:30pm 7:00pm-8:00pm 8:00pm-9:30pm	Breakfast Contestants' Orientation and Rehearsal Blocks General Session Registration Presidents' Luncheon Winston Presentation General Session Continues Judges' Concert Reception	Athenaeum Parlor Sun Room Athenaeum Athenaeum Parlor Athenaeum Lobby Ath. Dining Room Athenaeum Parlor Lenna Hall Athenaeum Parlor
Friday, May 25	7:00am-9:00am 10:00am-12:00pm 12:00pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm 8:00pm-9:30	Breakfast Woodwind Competition On-Site Box Lunches Woodwind Competition Continues Reception Strategic Planning Dinner Meeting	Athenaeum Parlor Lenna Hall Lenna Hall (Tents) Lenna Hall Athenaeum Parlor Off site
Saturday, May 26	7:00am-9:00am 10:00am-12:00pm 12:00-1:30pm 1:30- 4:00pm 5:30pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-10:00pm	Breakfast Master Class Buffet Lunch Chapter Presidents' Meeting National Awards Reception National Awards Banquet Dinner	Athenaeum Parlor McKnight Hall Ath. Dining Room Chautauqua Room Athenaeum Parlor Athenaeum Parlor
Sunday, May 27	7:00am-9:00am 8:00am-10:00am	Breakfast New Board Member Meeting	Athenaeum Parlor Chautauqua Room



William Ludwig, Bassoon



Charles Neidich, Clarinet



Mark Ostoich, Oboe



Carol Wincenc, Flute

Officers Reports Due Monday, April 30

To all NSAL National Officers, Board Members and Chapter Presidents:

Please keep your report to one page if possible and focus on your specific position or chapter's annual accomplishments in furthering the NSAL mission. The report could include a National winner from the previous year; Winston Voice and Art awards; number of local competitions; the names of the winners and the awards; chapter programs and featured artists; fundraising projects; expenditures for awards, competitions, publicity, and insurance.

Please omit names of chapter members, including hosts and hostesses of meetings, locations of events, served refreshments as well as over-abundant adjectives. These reports may assist us in obtaining grant money, so they should be written as if to a Board member of a philanthropic organization who wants to know only what the National Society of Arts and Letters is actually providing for young artists. Our chapter members who give so much to the organization will be acknowledged in other venues.

Please send your report as a Word document to Dr. Carey Wall: <wall@mail.sdsu.edu>.

The 75 Fund

Sincerest thanks to our members who contributed to the 75 Fund which enables the Iowa Young Writers Studio award, the presentation of our Winston winners at the Annual Meeting, public relations for NSAL and general operating expenses. Reaching our organization's 75th celebration in 2019 with a substantial fund in place will sustain our progress going forward.

Please send your gift of \$75 or more to: Kathleen Anderson, 1209 Baltimore, El Paso, TX 79902

Come Help Celebrate Our 75th Birthday in the Nation's Capital!

Washington DC—where it all began—the year was 1945; on a warm summer day, two women dedicated to the arts, sipping lemonade on the porch, had a strong desire to help young artists. Fast forward to today. Co-chairs Bea Hessick and Judy Gilbert are in the planning process for our Annual Meeting and 75th Celebration of The National Society of Arts and Letters, where we will celebrate you—our volunteers—as well as our young artists! Mark your calendars now for May 28 through June 2, 2019.

In Memoriam

Central Illinois Bernhard Works	Little Rock Betty Ray	New Jersey Lois LaBoule	St. Louis Jarmaine Migala Dr. Allen Myers
Greater Arizona Richard Andeen Allen Dutton Mae Sue Talley	Member at Large Annette Masson (Mid Michigan) Jean St. Germain (Empire State)	Ohio River Valley Rose Nardi	Washington, D.C. Thomas Booth Patricia Bush

Chapter Election of Annual Meeting Delegates

All members in good standing are invited to attend the Annual Meeting, but only those elected by their Chapter membership shall be voting delegates. Each Chapter and those in the Member at Large category may elect one voting delegate for every 10 members, not to exceed 5 delegates, in addition to the chapter President (or alternate), past National Presidents from the Chapter and chapter members serving on the National Board. The Chapter's Corresponding Secretary will submit a list of delegates, alternates, and other accredited voters to the National President and the host Chapter President by May 1.

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Nominations for National Executive Board of Directors—2018-2020

The nominations comply with the bylaws of the National Society of Arts and Letters. Elected officers other than the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer may serve only one term in the same office within a six-year period.

Margaret Johnson (New York)

A candidate for the office of President shall have served on the National Board of Directors for two years.

Doni Lystra (Michigan)

A candidate for First Vice President shall have served on the National Board of Directors for two years. Doni is stepping up as no other qualified person has offered to serve in this position. She has made it clear that she will not advance to president when her term is over.

Anne White (Arizona)

A candidate for Second Vice President shall have served on the National Board of Directors for two years or shall have served a complete term as chapter president at the time of nomination.

Joy Thornton-Walter (Illinois)

Recording Secretary. A candidate for elective office to the National Board of Directors shall have been a member in good standing for five years.

Jan Harroun (Clearwater/Tampa Bay)

The Treasurer may serve two consecutive terms, if invited to do so. A candidate for elective office to the National Board of Directors shall have been a member in good standing for five years.

Judith Hall (Clearwater/Tampa Bay)

The Assistant Treasurer may serve two consecutive terms, if invited to do so. A candidate for elective office to the National Board of Directors shall have been a member in good standing for five years.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Jones-Batka, Chair; Carl Altstetter; Chris Cosdon

The Athenaeum and Chautauqua

Make your reservation at the Athenaeum by calling 800-821-1881.

For other inquiries, call 716-357-4444.

Rooms are \$135 per night, including all applicable taxes.

The Athenaeum is 70 miles from the Buffalo airport — the most direct point of arrival—and 50 miles from the Erie airport. We recommend Buffalo as the most direct airport. There is shuttle, limo or Uber service from the airports, or car rental agencies right inside the airport buildings.

The Athenaeum provides free WiFi. There is no charge for parking. And your registration covers all events but the Monday night buffet dinner, Tuesday breakfast, the National Board and Board of Trustees luncheon Tuesday and the National Board Luncheon on Wednesday.

Please register early so we can do everything to prepare to make your visit pleasant and memorable. For any questions regarding the annual meeting in general, contact Margaret Johnson at 716-451-4004 or <mjohnson123@roadrunner.com>.

The Chautauqua Tourism Bureau is located at the Main Gate of the Institution, so if you have special questions about the area not answered by the brochures in your totes, they will be happy to help you. You might wish to check out what is going on at the Institution during the summer and plan a return visit.

Airports: Nearby airports include the Buffalo (NY) Niagara International Airport (70 miles northeast of CHQ) (RECOMMENDED) and the Erie (PA) international airport (40 miles west of CHQ).

Bus service includes Coach USA (Buffalo to Jamestown 716-665-3076), and Chautauqua Area Rural Transit (Chautauqua County Airport and Chautauqua County; 1-800-388-6534 in Jamestown and 1-800-556-8553 in Dunkirk).

Amtrak (Buffalo or Erie, no stops in Chautauqua County) (716) 856-2075.

CHQ Season, Set shuttle times

For reservations call, Buffalo Airport Shuttle at 716-685-2550 (must call for reservations 2 weeks in advance)

Saturdays: Buffalo Int. Airport---> CHQ 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. CHQ ---> Buffalo Int. Airport 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sundays: Buffalo Int. Airport---> CHQ 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. CHQ ---> Buffalo Int. Airport 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Also schedules from: Toronto, Ontario Canada—door to door; Erie international Airport, Erie, PA; Cleveland International Airport; Pittsburgh international Airport;

Additional Transportation Services: A Fancee Limousine Service (1-800) 947-1537; Chautauqua Limousine (716) 683-7455 (Buffalo Airport only). Reservations should be made in advance. Advanced Transportation (716) 267-2607 or (716) 499-2607; Sears Luxury Transport (814) 730-8032 (**All Airports—Advance Reservations Required**); Transitions Limousine (716) 908-3030;

Car rentals include: Buffalo airport and Enterprise Rent-A-Car (1-800) 325-8007; 2124 Washington Street, Jamestown, NY

Dining and Shopping link: <http://chq.org/plan-your-visit/dining-and-shopping>

Chautauqua Tourism — Planning your trip <http://www.tourchautauqua.com/Suitcase.aspx?pre=1061605475>

<http://www.tourchautauqua.com/Default.aspx>

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARTS & LETTERS

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20, 2018

May 21-27, 2018



Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

NAME:

_____ GUEST/SPOUSE: _____

CHAPTER: _____ POSITION: ___ Natl. Board ___ Chapter President ___ Delegate ___ Member

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE : _____ E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION: *Deadline April 20, 2018 (All attending must pre-register.)*

Member Registration is \$460.00 per person	\$ _____
Guest/Spouse Registration is \$460.00 per person	\$ _____
National Board and early arrival Buffet dinner \$44 (5/21) (all are welcome)	\$ _____
Executive & Trustees Boards breakfast add \$11.00 (5/22) (all are welcome)	\$ _____
Executive & Trustees Boards luncheon add \$21 (5/22) (all are welcome)	\$ _____
National Board and early arrival luncheon add \$21.00 (5/23) (all are welcome)	\$ _____

For those guests or spouses who wish to attend only one or two events, you may purchase the following individual events:

Wed. Pres. Recep. \$32 _____	Thurs. Pres. Lun. \$30 _____
Thurs. Recep. \$38 _____	Fri. Box Lunch \$16 _____
Fri. Recep. \$27 _____	Sat. Recep. & Awards Dinner \$70 _____

Total Payment \$ _____

FULL REGISTRATION FEE is all inclusive:

All meeting materials

Wednesday: National President's Reception (Business Casual)

Continental Breakfasts (5) (5/23-5/27)

Thursday: Presidents' Luncheon (Business Casual)

Thursday Evening: Judges' Concert and Reception (Business Dress)

Friday: Competition/Boxed Lunch (Casual)

Friday Evening: Reception (Business Casual)

Saturday: Master Class (Casual)

Saturday: Buffet Lunch (Casual)

Saturday Evening: National Awards Reception and Banquet (Black Tie Optional)

Dietary Restrictions: Food Allergy? _____ Vegetarian? _____

Awards Banquet Dinner: ___ Meat ___ Fish ___ Vegetarian

Please make check payable to NSAL 2018 Convention.

Send completed forms to: Jami Koresko, Registrar NSAL 2019 Annual Meeting

PO Box 92

Chautauqua, NY 14722

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION:

Cancellation must be made in writing to the Convention Registrar. Cancellations received prior to April 30, 2018 will be eligible for a full refund, less \$25 administration handling fee.

No cancellation refunds will be accepted after May 1, 2018.



National Career Awards 2018 Woodwinds Competition CONTESTANT REGISTRATION FORM Deadline: Friday, April 20

Sponsoring Chapter: _____
Competition Chair: _____
Chair Mailing Address: _____
Telephone: _____ EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

NAME OF NATIONAL FINALIST: _____
FINALIST'S CURRENT ADDRESS: _____
FINALIST'S HOME ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE (H) _____ (C) _____ EMAIL: _____

Newspaper Name: _____
Newspaper Address: _____
Telephone: _____ EMAIL: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: Food Allergy?
Choice of meal for banquet: Meat Fish Vegetarian

CONTESTANT REGISTRATION FEE \$390

Includes all events

HOTEL single room/ 4 nights: \$540.00
HOTEL double room/ 4 nights \$270.00

IMPORTANT:

Please send **TWO** separate checks payable to:
NSAL 2018 Annual Meeting

Mail to:

Jami Koresko

Registrar, NSAL Greater New York Chapter
PO Box 92
Chautauqua, NY 14722

Remember to send contestant fee of \$100 to:

Stephen Pugh

715 Cincinatti Avenue
El Paso, TX 79902

WISH THE CONTESTANTS WELL

Support your chapter winner with an ad
in the 2018 Awards Banquet Program.
AD INCLUDES BOTH TEXT AND PHOTO

Full-page ad — \$100

Half-page ad — \$50

Make check payable to:
NSAL 2018 Annual Meeting

Send your check to:

Jami Koresko

PO Box 92

Chautauqua, NY 14722

E-mail camera ready ad or text and photo to:

Margaret Johnson:

mjohnson123@roadrunner.com

DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION:

April 22, 2018



Judith Park
3135 Shagbark Lane
Long Grove, IL 60047

CALL TO NATIONAL MEETING
CHAUTAUQUA, NY
May 21-27, 2018

Registration Deadline April 20, 2018

Directions to Chautauqua

GPS Address: 1 Massey Avenue Chautauqua, NY

The Chautauqua Institution is located in the southwestern corner of New York State. From the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90), take exit 60; turn left onto NY-394/North Portage Street. Continue to follow NY-394 East.

From the Southern Tier Expressway (Interstate 86) — if eastbound, take Exit 7 (Panama/Chautauqua Institution), turn left onto CR-33, then right onto West Lake Rd./NY-394. If westbound, take exit 8, then right on Route 394 West.