

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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To: Central/Intergroup Offices, U.S./Canada

From: Patrick Claymore, 2025 International Convention Coordinator

Subject: Speaker Suggestions for 2025 International Convention

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Dear Central/Intergroup Office Managers:

Preparations continue for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, July 3-6, 2025. To help in this effort, we request *you* to make suggestions for possible speakers (A.A. members) for the hundreds of A.A. meetings that will be held during the Convention. We would be grateful to receive a maximum of five suggestions from you. Links to the speaker suggestion forms for you to complete are below. Please <u>submit by December 6, 2024</u>. Also, If you have any questions, please email <u>2025ic@aa.org</u>

"The Joy of Helping Others"	"Young & Successful: Who Needs Meetings?"	"Our Primary Purpose"
"Principles Before Personalities"	" Accessing the A.A. Message while Neurodivergent"	"Gratitude in Your Attitude"
"Easy Does It - But Do It"	"Are Social Media Discussion Groups A.A.'s New Group Conscience?"	"Unity: The Most Cherished Quality"
"Sober and Older"	"Our Critics Can be Our Benefactors"	"Inclusivity - Are A.A.'s Doors Open "To All Alcoholics?"

Meeting topics on all of A.A.'s Three Legacies include such titles as:

Selection of speakers is through a group conscience of the Convention Planning Committee.

We anticipate receiving many suggestions for speakers and will likely receive more names than we can use. We may need to "go to the hat" to choose speakers at random. We will strive for a diverse pool of selections according to several factors including geographic location. Anyone selected as a speaker will receive an invitation letter sometime in early 2025.

Ever mindful of A.A.'s Primary Purpose, we ask that you suggest A.A. speakers who can speak in front of large groups and can focus on recovery in A.A. from alcoholism as they weave the selected topic into their talk. These are not for presentations. All meetings at the International Convention are "open" meetings and we will have many visitors and observers, so it is very important that the A.A. speakers pass along the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is a wonderful opportunity for A.A. meeting speakers to make a special service contribution to the Convention. Please keep in mind that speakers come from those registered or who plan to register for the Convention; we do not pay expenses. We strive to use people who have not spoken at previous Conventions.

Many thanks for helping us prepare for A.A.'s 90th Anniversary celebration!

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