



# International Convention Alcoholics Anonymous

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March 26, 2019

**TO:** Members of the General Service Conference

**FROM:** Julio Espallat, 2020 International Convention Coordinator  
Tel: (212) 870-2020; Email: 2020ic@aa.org

**RE:** Non-A.A. Speakers for 2020 International Convention

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Historically, A.A. has invited non-A.A. friends to be panel speakers at our International Conventions. In keeping with this custom, the 2018 General Service Conference recommended that “up to twenty-one (21) non-A.A. speakers be invited to attend the 2020 International Convention at A.A.’s expense.”

These panel meetings maintain communication with the professional community, demonstrate Cooperation With the Professional Community work for A.A.s attending, and ensure accurate information about A.A. - the sharing from these panels is often included in our About A.A. newsletter. Customarily, these panels are comprised of two non-A.A. speakers and one A.A. speaker - someone who is experienced in Cooperation With the Professional Community service work in Alcoholics Anonymous or someone who has been a beneficiary of cooperation between A.A. and the professional community. Moderators are most often Class A or B Trustees or A.A.W.S. or Grapevine directors.

*Would it be possible for you to send suggestions for non-A.A. speakers to me by Wednesday, June 5, 2019? A Non-A.A. Speaker Suggestion Form follows this memo, for you to fill out and e-mail or mail. Please include all of the information requested on the form.*

We are looking for speakers who would be very comfortable sharing their own professional experience in working with Alcoholics Anonymous. We hope that you might suggest professionals who could also be considered as possible future Class A Trustees. We ask that they not have spoken at any previous International Conventions. From your suggestions, selections will be made by the General Service Board based on recommendations from the trustees’ and Conference International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committees.

Non-A.A. panelists do not receive an honorarium. However, in keeping with our Seventh Tradition, their travel to the International Convention and their hotel and meal expenses are covered.

I would be delighted to speak with you if you have any questions and look forward to receiving your suggestions about this important part of planning for the 2020 International Convention.



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## **Non-A.A. Speaker Suggestion Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Julio Espallat, 2020 International Convention Coordinator  
Tel: (212) 870-2020; E-mail: 2020ic@aa.org

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Below is information on a non-A.A. speaker whom I would recommend for the 2020 International Convention (Please Print Clearly):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Residence Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Field: \_\_\_\_\_

(e.g., Corrections, Clergy, Media, Treatment, Business, Education, etc.)

Associated With: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Organization or Business)

Explain briefly individual's connection to A.A.:

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