

2023 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums

ITEM B: Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2025 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

Background Notes:

From trustees' IC/RF Committee January 28, 2023 meeting report:

“The committee discussed the participation of non-A.A. speakers at International Conventions and agreed to forward a request to the 2023 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums that up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers be invited to participate in the 2025 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.”

It is estimated that transportation, housing, etc. will be \$3,500 to \$4,500 for each speaker.

Historically, A. A. has invited non-A.A. friends to be Panel speakers at our International Conventions. These Panel meetings at the International Convention 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 papers presented are often later reprinted in our bulletin for professional entitled “About A.A.”

Customarily, these Panels comprise two non-A.A. speakers, and one A.A. speaker—someone experienced in Cooperation with the Professional Community service work in Alcoholics Anonymous, or who has been a beneficiary of cooperation between A.A. and the professional community. Moderators are most often Class A or B Trustees and A.A.W.S. and G.V. Directors.

The twenty-one non-alcoholic speakers come from suggestions made by the Fellowship, especially the Trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee and Staff members who have heard such speakers at Professional Conferences and Conventions attended in connection with the C.P.C. Staff Assignment. From these suggestions, a selection is made by the General Service Board of Trustees, after consideration by the trustees' and Conference International Convention 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 expenses are covered.

Background:

1. List of 2015 Non-A.A. Speakers

2015 Non-AA Professional Panel Meetings

FRIDAY	
9:00-10:30 am <i>Panel Title:</i>	Treatment A.A. and Treatment Facilities Speakers: 1 Debbie Bang, RN/BScN/MHSc, ON 2 Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez, NY
9:00-10:30 am <i>Panel Title:</i>	Clergy A.A. and the Clergy Speakers: 3 Rev. Greg Rickel, WA 4 Rev. John A.V. Strickland, GA 5 Bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk, Ukraine
3:00-4:30 pm <i>Panel Title:</i>	Healthcare A.A. and the Healthcare Professional Speakers: 6 Irene Gladue, AB 7 Brian Johnson, M.D., NY 8 Warren Pendergast, M.D., NC
3:30-5:00 pm <i>Panel Title:</i>	Courts A.A. and Court Programs Speakers: 9 Judge Thomas F. Scully, NJ 10 Kito J. Bess, LA 11 Judge Kerry Meyer, MO
SATURDAY	
9:00-10:30 am <i>Panel Title:</i>	Community Resource A.A. as a Resource for the Military Speakers: 12 Anthony Dekker, D.O., VA 13 Joyce M. Johnson, D.O., MA USPHS 14 Donald E. Reichert, KY
1:30-3:00 pm <i>Panel Title:</i>	Alcoholism Field A.A. and the Alcoholism Field Speakers: 15 John Francis Kelly, Ph.D., MA 16 Maria Pagano, Ph.D., OH
3:30-5:00 pm <i>Panel Title:</i>	Corrections A.A. and Correctional Facilities Speakers: 17 Nancy McCarthy, MO 18 James Watson, NC 19 Sharon Hickey, RN/BSN/MSHA, NS
3:30-5:00 pm <i>Panel Title:</i>	Workplace A.A. and the Workplace Speakers: 20 Dawn Klug, LPC/CEAP/LEAP, NC 21 David Nesbitt, MSW, Exec. Pastor, AB

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