

S-Anon Speakers' Pool Guidelines

PURPOSE

The S-Anon Speakers' Pool gives the organizers of local and regional S-Anon events access to a broad selection of speakers who are willing to speak at retreats, marathons and other S-Anon recovery events. The WSO serves as the clearinghouse of information about S-Anon speakers for event organizers who request it. The WSO does not endorse or recommend anyone from the speakers' pool; we simply collect the information and provide it to event organizers who request speaker information.

To sign-up as a speaker, please complete this [form](#).

GUIDELINES

1. We suggest that members serving in the speakers' pool be well-grounded in the S-Anon program with at least two years of experience in the S-Anon fellowship. Members must also be working the S-Anon Steps, Traditions, and/or Concepts with a sponsor. We use the honor system — the WSO does not verify this information.
2. Because our common welfare comes first (Tradition One), speakers' pool members commit to share only about themselves, not the sexaholic, and to focus on the S-Anon approach to recovery, avoiding the mention or discussion of specific titles and authors of publications other than S-Anon Conference Approved Literature. They commit to leave their other identities outside their share including other Twelve Step issues and programs, philosophies, religions, therapies, and occupations. They commit to speak about and from the S-Anon point of view, and agree to adhere to our principles, Traditions, and Concepts of Service during their speech. Speakers also agree to refrain from using profane, offensive, or sexually explicit language during their talk.
3. Events may be in-person, virtual, or hybrid. In some cases, event organizing committees may, at their own decision, reimburse speakers for travel, meals, and lodging expenses. Members who sign up for the speakers' pool must provide at least one reference—someone who has heard them speak at an S-Anon event, and who would be willing to talk to event organizers who are evaluating speaker candidates.
4. S-Anon members who are organizing events and are looking for speakers from outside their local area can contact the WSO and get an updated speakers' pool list. Organizers are then responsible for contacting speakers directly.
5. S-Anon members in the speakers' pool will be asked to complete a new registration form every three years to indicate their continued interest in serving in the speakers' pool. Re-registration will enable the WSO to provide the most current information about members' speaking engagements and references to the organizers of events looking for speakers.
6. S-Anon members can add themselves to or remove themselves from the speakers' pool at any time; the WSO will send out periodic communications to request that additional members register for the speakers' pool.