

CWC SPEAK-OFF APPLICATION

The Confidence While Communicating (CWC) Speak-off is a competition to showcase presentation skills acquired after completing the CWC educational program. CWC is designed to teach the skills necessary to prepare and deliver oral presentations.

Eligibility Requirements

- Active member in good standing in the International Association of Insurance Professionals.
- Contestants must be graduates of the IAIP Confidence While Communicating course or the Insurance Institute of Canada's public speaking course. Prior Toastmasters training does not disqualify a candidate who has also completed CWC.
- Members with dual memberships are eligible only as a representative of their region of record.
- Only Regional Speak-off winners advance to the International competition.
- Once a member receives the Regional CWC Award they may not apply for that same regional award for three calendar years. Previous international winners are not eligible to compete for the same award.

Time and Penalties

- Each contestant gives a three-minute prepared presentation and a one-minute impromptu remark.
- Each contestant is prompted as follows:
 - For the 3-minute speech, a signal is given at 2 minutes, 45 seconds.
 - For the 1-minute impromptu speech, a signal is given at 55 seconds.
- One penalty point is assessed per second for
 - prepared presentations of more than 3 minutes, 15 seconds or less than 2 minutes, 45 seconds
 - impromptu remarks of more than 1 minute, 5 seconds or less than 55 seconds
- Contestants may use notes, but may not have a written text. Ten points are deducted if a contestant reads the speech.
- Contestants may not have any time keeping device (including watches, phones, etc.) at the podium while competing.

Topics

- Prepare a three-minute presentation on one of the following topics as it directly relates to the insurance industry or your involvement with IAIP:
 - risk management or any current insurance industry issue
 - involvement with IAIP
 - one of the following: education, leadership, networking, or legislation
- The impromptu remark responds to a word, phrase, or question that is posed to the speaker, and is announced after the Speak-off begins.

Submission Instructions

- Send the completed, typed application to the Regional Vice President by the **end of business on December 10. (Deadlines are strictly enforced.)**
- Only electronic submissions will be accepted.
- Only typed submissions will be considered. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

- Information provided on the application may be used for the contestant's introduction during the CWC Speak-Off Competition.
- The Regional Vice President is responsible for confirming the eligibility of the nominee.

Judging Process

- No current or former member of IAIP shall be used to judge at any level.
- No employer of a contestant shall be used to judge at any level.
- Each Regional Vice President submits the completed application for the regional award winner to the IAIP Vice President and Executive Director the Monday immediately following the Regional Conference.
- **IMPORTANT: Under no circumstance should the completed score sheets or Speak Off applications ever be shown or given to the contestants or to any other member of IAIP, regardless of region. The judges' forms must be destroyed immediately after the winner is determined.**

Award

- The regional winner receives a plaque.
- The regional winner receives complimentary registration to the upcoming International Convention, to compete in the International CWC Speak-Off Competition.
- The international winner receives an engraved trophy.

Alternate Contestant

- The regional runner-up should be prepared to attend the international convention if the regional winner cannot attend.

Questions?

If you have any questions, contact us!

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SECTION 1

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name _____ **Member ID** _____

(Name as it is to appear on the award, if selected)

Designations _____

(No Note: list designations in order of importance to you. For award winners, only the first three designations will be engraved on the award due to space limitations)

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ **Home Phone** _____

Company _____ **Work Phone** _____

Job Title _____

Local Association _____ **Region** _____

Member at Large

Year Joined IAIP _____ **Year Entered Insurance Industry** _____

SECTION 2

IAIP INVOLVEMENT

Limit your responses to the **last five (5) years**. *(If needed, expand the tables or attach additional sheets with the details)*

IAIP Offices & Committees

List each elected office, task force, or committee position held with dates of service.

Level Local/Council/Regional/International	Position Officer/Chair/Member	Committee	Dates of Service

SECTION 5

PERSONAL INTERESTS

List any other activities, achievements, or personal interests that will enhance your introduction.

I certify that the above statements are true and are made in full compliance with the IAIP Code of Ethics.

Signature of Candidate

Date