

9. Events and Summits

9.1 Scheduling Events and Global Speakers Summits

The GSF will not host or schedule events in a local member association's nation that competes with their local member association's meetings. GSF may partner with member associations to bring summits and events to their local market. As a courtesy to a Global Speakers Summit (GSS), member associations will not schedule their annual event within a month on either side of a GSS.

The business model for the Global Speakers summit was presented to the previous GSF Executive Council and signed off in January 16, 2017 and provided here as Addendum A.

9.2 International / Global Speakers events at Member Association's Conventions

The GSF may assist as requested in presenting an event for global speaking education, networking and connectivity during a member association convention.

9.3 Awards Presentations

The International Ambassador Award, the Beverly Babb award and any other GSF designated award(s) will be presented in conjunction with a members association annual convention or international event designated by the GSF Board of Directors pursuant to scheduling main-stage time, when possible, with the member association.

New Global Speaking Fellows should be recognized when possible at their own association's annual convention and/or at an annual gathering of the GSF member associations.

9.4 Professional Speakers Celebration Day

March 14th Be Named Professional Speakers Celebration Day annually, beginning in 2023

Attempts for an annual event in the past have often resulted in lackluster enthusiasm, partly because speaking Associations and their members couldn't remember what day they were to celebrate and what would they be celebrating.

To address these concerns, March 14th will hereby be named as Professional Speakers Celebration Day because March 14th is also known as "pi" day (i.e., 3.14).

The use of the word "pi" would tie, in a homophonic manner (i.e., a homophone is a word that sounds the same as another word but has a different meaning and/or spelling), into the motto of Cavett Robert (co-founder of the National Speakers Association) when he said (about the profession of speaking and speakers), "Don't worry about how we divide up the pie, there is enough for everybody."

Let's just make a bigger pie!" These words are as true today as then for all professional speakers, locally and globally.

Each Association could decide how they might want to celebrate the profession of speaking and its members in whatever manner they want (e.g., recognizing certain members, postings on social media, providing statistics about the impact of speakers).

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