

WAIA 3rd Annual AA Sponsorship Conference
Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 9 a.m—5 p.m
Panel Topics ,2021 updated 9/8/2021

Schedule

9:00 a.m.— 9:20 am	Overview and Readings
9:20 a.m.---- 10:25 a.m.	Panel 1
10:25 a.m.—11:30 p.m.	Panel 2
11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.	Panel 3
12:45 p.m.—1:15 p.m.	Lunch—Slide Show
1:15 p.m.—2:20 p.m.	Panel 4
2:20 p.m.—3:25 p.m.	Panel 5
3:25 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Panel 6
4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Questions/closing

Panel 1 **Veronica H—moderator**

“Classic Sponsorship”: When do I need a sponsor?

- A. By the book (AA Sponsorship Pamphlet, p-15)
 - 1. Where to find a sponsor? Different types of meetings, referrals, temporary
 - 2. Communications
 - 3. Working the 12 steps and 12 traditions
 - 4. Holding the sponsee accountable, hold the sponsor accountable
 - 5. What a sponsor is NOT (counselor, financial advisor, social worker, taxi)
- B. And/or “old” style sponsorship (sit down, shut up, listen, and on and on)
- C. How can I tell if I’m ready to sponsor someone?
- D. I’m not that “bad” yet, when I get older...

Panel 2 **Sean C--moderator**

Setting Boundaries From The Start: Carry the message not the alcoholic

- A. How to build a network that supplements guidance from a sponsor?
- B. How to deal with the alcoholic who keeps going back out
 - 1. Don’t waste my time
 - 2. Disappearing sponsees
 - 3. I resign
 - 4. Go back out and try some more “controlled” drinking
 - 5. You’re “fired”. When and how. Words matter?

- C. Failed sponsorship
- D. Carry the message, not the alcoholic
- E. 13th Stepping
- G. Red flags
- F. How can you tell when it's time to change your sponsor?

Panel 3 Missy--moderator

Sponsorship With An International Flavor: Lessons from other countries

- A. Pablo--Spain
- B. Missy--Germany
- C. Mark--United Arab Emirates and Ireland
- D. Alexandra--Columbiajavieruiz2000@yahoo.com

Panel 4 Sahmra S--moderator

New Age Communications: Sponsorship In A Virtual World

- A. More tech savvy (social media)
- B. text, email, phone, face to face
- C. Working the 12 Steps (Hi Tech)
- D. Staying connected in sobriety
- E. Sponsorship during a pandemic/age of zoom

Panel 5 Kesi L--moderator

Service Sponsorship: What? Why?

- A. Introducing sponsees to service
- B. GSR, WAIA, DCM representatives
- C. Traditions

Panel 6 Daniel D--moderator

Striving For Common Ground: Special Strokes for Certain Folks

- Newly sober for the first time
- Fresh out of treatment
- Still relapsing/slipping
- D. Sponsees with long term sobriety
- E. Mental health Issues/dual addiction/special needs

Panel Moderators

- Each panel will have a moderator and three or four panelists
- Moderator will be a co-host
- Participants can “chat” questions to the moderator/co-host
- Moderators will use the chat questions to guide discussion among panel members
- Each panel team will be spotlighted (hopefully) so they can be seen as a discussion group.