

The Genealogical Speakers Guild was founded in 1991 to facilitate better communication between speakers and societies.

GSG actively works to not only represent the interests of speakers, but also to educate speakers and the public, raise professional standards, and to aid speakers in fulfilling their obligations to program planners and audiences.

This objective is met in a variety of ways, particularly through the Guild's presence online and at genealogical conferences.

GSG Speakers offer:

- Virtual and in-person presentations
- Workshops
- Broad topic expertise
- Support for all societies



Resource for Societies

Learn more about GSG members' areas of expertise through our in-depth profiles.

The Genealogical Speakers Guild's quarterly newsletter ***Speak!*** is free for societies and can help you identify potential speakers.

Reasons for subscribing:

- Our "Society Corner" column discusses topics of concern to speakers and society program chairs
- New calls for presentations

Read the latest edition of our publication, *Speak!* by going to the Guild's website at GenealogicalSpeakersGuild.org and click on the current issue.



Looking for a Speaker?

Let GSG Help!

Visit our website at
genealogicalspeakersguild.org



Presentations are negotiated between the speaker and the society. There are, however, some general guidelines of responsibilities for both speakers and societies



The society:

- Contacts the speaker well in advance of the event and advertises only after a written agreement is reached.
- Provides written confirmation of the engagement including topics, arrangements, and compensation.
- Sends a draft of promotional materials and schedule to the speaker(s).
- Organizes the event, including local publicity and logistics.
- Furnishes required audio-visual equipment and tech set-up.
- Appoints a host to assist the speaker with local arrangements.
- Ensures timely compensation according to the agreed terms of honorarium, travel, and other expenses.

The speaker:

- Provides written confirmation of the engagement including the topics to be presented.
- Informs society in advance about requirements, including audio-visual needs and any special dietary or lodging requests.
- Sends handout material, if any, in advance to allow the society to distribute it along with any applicable permissions to print or post behind a payroll.
- Gives well-organized, educational presentations on the agreed upon topic.
- Provides information and materials in a timely fashion.

Society and Speaker

Each should maintain communication with the other about arrangements for the event.



Looking for a Speaker?



Planning your next conference, all-day seminar, or yearly lecture schedule? The Genealogical Speakers Guild's **Online Members Directory** was created for you.

Our members have compiled information about themselves as speakers, making it easy for you to find them.

You can search the online Directory of Members by speaker, location, topic, or specialty.

Program planners may also visit our "Speakers' Calendar" page to determine when speakers are scheduled in their area.

Learn more about the Guild and our members by subscribing to our quarterly newsletter *Speak!* at GenealogicalSpeakersGuild.org.