INTACT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST 2027
RULES AND REGULATIONS

An Intact Public Speaking Contest is held each year at the Annual Meeting. A speaker from each local Association is eligible to participate. The winner receives a trophy to keep permanently along with a cash award of $500.00. Second place receives a cash award of $250.00. Third place receives a cash award of $150.00. Every contestant receives a certificate, stating the year of the contest, name, etc. The contest is sponsored by Intact Insurance.

REGULATIONS FOR INTACT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Speakers

1. One representative from each local Association may participate.
2. The speaker's topic may be chosen from any topic provided by the Public Speaking Chairperson or a topic of their choice.
3. Entry Forms must be received by the Public Speaking Chairperson by the deadline date of April 15th 2027.
4. Acknowledgment of the entry form shall be forwarded to the Director by the Public Speaking Chairperson.
5. Chairperson to advise the local association if submissions were accepted or rejected.
6. The speech shall be of five (5) minutes duration.
7. Speakers are not to identify themselves, their location or local association in the content of their speech.
8. Before the contest commences, the speakers will draw for order of speeches. Speakers are to be introduced as Speaker #1, Speaker #2, etc.
9. Speakers will remain outside the room until it is their turn to speak. After their speech has been completed, they are welcome to remain in the room.
10. The winner is announced during the Saturday evening banquet.
11. The winner of the Public Speaking Contest will be barred from competing until two (2) years have elapsed.

The Timekeeper

1. The timekeeper will be arranged by the Public Speaking Chaiperson.
2. The timekeeper will be seated where she can be seen clearly by the contestants.
3. The timekeeper will have a copy of the Regulations and know the time allotted for speeches.

4. The timekeeper will have a stopwatch.
5. One minute before the end of time allotted each speaker, the timekeeper will stand up and remain standing until one minute has expired and then the timekeeper will sit down.
6. For the benefit of the judges, at the conclusion of each address, the timekeeper will announce the actual time taken.

The Judges

1. The Host City will provide three (3) bilingual judges, when required.
2. The Chairperson will introduce the judges to the audience. Bio's for each judge can be provided by the host city to be read during the introduction.
3. During the speeches, the judges will be seated in different parts of the room and shall not confer with each other, or with any other person, from the time the Contest starts until the Judge's Score Sheets have been collected by the committee chairperson.
4. Judges will use the Judge's Score Sheet and Judge's Official Ballot provided by the CAIW.
5. When the judging of each speaker has been completed, each judge will raise their hand to notify the Chairperson that they are ready to proceed.
6. After scoring sheets have been collected, the judges may leave the room to choose a spokesperson to comment on the speeches.
7. No speaker shall be penalized for speaking one minute over or under the time allotted. Excessive overtime or under time, will be penalized by deducting a maximum of five (5) points for each excessive minute. Deductions shall be made from the DELIVERY section.
8. Apparent reading from a prepared text, other than brief statements obtained from authoritative sources and statistics, will be penalized by deducting points from the DELIVERY section at the discretion of the judges.
9. Each judge shall fill out the Judge's Score Sheet, total the score of each speaker and then, according to these totals, give their decision by writing the names of first, second and third place winners on the Judge's Official Ballot.
10. Judges will render independent decisions designating the first, second and third place winners.
11. The majority opinion of two (2) judges, as to the winner, will determiner the result, regardless of the point totals made by the three (3) judges. In the event of a tie, then the total points of the tied speakers shall determine the winner. If the points total is also tied, then the speaker with the highest points for the MANNER, VOICE, HANDS and GRAMMAR sections shall be the winner.
12. A suitable gift will be provided by CAIW for presentation to each judge.
13. A copy of the Judge's Official Ballot and Judge's Score Sheet can be found following the listing of Public Speaking Contest Winners to date.