**The Nevin Award - 2020 Nomination Form**

**Purpose**

Our most cherished award is presented annually to recognise a member whose outstanding contribution to PSA and to the speaking industry over the years have earned the utmost respect, honour and admiration in the Association and the profession. They are a PSA hero.

Their selfless acts of sharing, guiding, supporting and inspiring other members and growing the industry embody the spirit of John Nevin, the founder of PSA. Their ethics are unquestionable, and they have often been seen to put the needs of the Association ahead of their own benefit. Their commitment to excellence as a professional speaker provides a role model for us all.

**The Spirit of John Nevin**

In 1986, John Nevin convened the first official gathering of speakers in Australia at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney, after much urging by several local speakers including Doug Malouf, Ron Tacchi and Allan Pease.  Many had been members of NSA US, and had recognised the unquestionable value of membership of a professional speakers association with a spirit of growth through giving.

John was a person of strong principles and a total giver.  He gave without expecting and received without forgetting. He was known as a leading driver of charitable causes, and as someone who not only got things done, but who got them done with style, energy, and effectiveness.  He was an initiator, he did not wait to be asked, he was always finding ways to give, he was involved, he was spirited, and he was endlessly helpful.

John was the only non-American Vice President of World Book, and had met and engaged with many of the world's top speakers.  Through his friend Hal Krause in Colorado, the founder of American Salesmasters, the world's first video speaking and training business, John had discovered SWAP and established that in Australia.   He brought many of Hal's featured speakers to Australia.   He established the Direct Selling Association in Australia, to bring ethical standards and a spirit of co-operation into that business. As a presenter in that area, John was inspiring and often received standing ovations for his presentations.

Inspired by his example, PSA honors John Nevin’s spirit of generosity, character, commitment, integrity and professionalism as a presenter through the Nevin Award.

**Evaluation Criteria**

1. Accomplishments, achievements, professional success as a speaker
2. Service to PSA (national, state and individual members)
3. Demonstrated contribution to the speaking profession
4. Spirit of John Nevin – integrity, generosity, inspirational - examples of continual behaviour prioritising the Association and its needs.
5. Nominees will display:
   1. a demonstrated significant level of service to their Chapter and to PSA as a whole
   2. reputable status as an upstanding member of the community
   3. consistent compliance with the PSA code of ethics

***Please complete the nomination form on the following page and forward to PSA Secretariat (***[***admin@professionalspeakers.org.au***](mailto:admin@professionalspeakers.org.au)***) by January 13, 2020.***

**Who is your Nominated Recipient?**

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| **First Name:** |  | **Surname:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  | **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  | | |
| **Website:** |  | | |

**In completing this nomination form you agree to complete confidentiality regarding your submission.  In particular your nominee must not be told of your nomination.**

Please describe how they fulfill the following criteria, and qualify in your opinion as a recipient of our highest annual award:

1. **Accomplishments, achievements, professional success as a speaker**
2. **Service to PSA (national, state and individuals)**
3. **Contribution to the speaking profession**
4. **Spirit of John Nevin - integrity, generosity, inspirational**
5. **Please describe how your Nominee displays:**
   1. **a demonstrated significant level of service to their state and to PSA as a whole**
   2. **reputable status as an upstanding member of the community**
   3. **consistent compliance with the PSA code of ethics**

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| **Your Name:** |  | **Date:** |  |