

## THE AA AWARDS

### **Characters:**

Host

Lead Sponsor Male

Member #1 – Award Ceremony (Person in background that walks people off stage...)

Member #2 - (Person in background that walks people off stage...)

Audience Members – other than people @ Cluster Forum. (to laugh, etc.)

**Scene Setting:** Stage is set to appear like a theater. Some suggestions: *Curtains hang and ideally a podium is placed in the center – perhaps with a fancy drape as decoration. Behind the podium, a sign that reads, “The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual A.A. Awards!” Ideally, a roll out red carpet would lead up to the stage. Also need: envelopes, awards, nominee signs, a cd player.*

### **Opening:**

*Music plays followed by applause. The host walks onto the stage wearing a dress or tux.*

#### HOST:

“Welcome! Welcome! It is an honor to be asked to host the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual A.A. Awards ... again!!!!”

*(pause for laughter)*

“We are LIVE from Los Angeles, California inside the magnificent Kodak Theatre. Yes, the same stage used for the Oscars – except this show actually has a purpose!”

*(laughter)*

“This is my 7<sup>th</sup> time hosting these awards, so I’d like to take the time out to say “thank you” for making me feel like such a treasure in our fellowship. You know I’ve been debating about what I would perform for my opening monolog since I was asked to host. This is a very important process for me. Hosting is an honor, to be respected, meant to be entertaining - - and most importantly, meant to one up my performance last year. My favorite type of competition ladies and gentlemen – with MYSELF!!! Yeah, yeah, some of you thumpers watching are shaking your heads saying, ‘There goes the alcoholic ego.’ I say to this...well, that’s why you party poopers weren’t invited! So here it is folks, my opening monolog...right after a word from our sponsors--- our media sponsor’s that is. Hopefully no one actual brought their sponsor to the show.”

*(laughter)*

### **Commercial:**

*Member walks across the stage with a sign that reads,*

“Promise Pretzels. Made by AA members, for AA members.”

**Back to show:**

HOST:

“Alright folks, we’re back!”

*Member walks behind the host (Host is unaware. With a sign that reads “FIVE HOURS LATER – AT THE END OF THE SHOW.”*

HOST:

“Now we’ve all been having a blast...honoring OURSELVES!!! But now has come the time for the MORE important awards.”

*(jokingly the crowd boos & laughs)*

“No seriously, this next award means a lot to all of us. We wouldn’t be here, or at least as wonderful as we are, without our sponsors. Every year we honor a man and woman for their efforts in the field of sponsorship. These members go above & beyond - or at least follow the 12<sup>th</sup> Step word for word -...”

*(Laughter break)*

“And the least we can do for all their service is to recognize them here tonight. If anything to get them to continue the work!”

*(Laughter)*

“And the winner for Best Male Sponsor is...”

*Opens envelope...*

HOST:

“Tim C. from the Serenity Servers Group out of Ft. Worth, TX.”

*Audience applause. Tim C. gets up with this speech and takes the award from the host.*

TIM:

“WOW! WOW! Okay first I want to say...”

*(Takes a serious pause)*

“ABOUT TIME!”

*(Audience laughter)*

“I’ve been working with these little bastards forever! I mean I love them, but all of you are little bastards, you know that!”

*(More audience laughter)*

“So first I want to thank...”

*Tim starts mouthing this thank you speech while a member walks by with a sign that reads, "2 mins later" Tim continues to mouth his speech while another member walks by with a sign that reads "20 mins later."*

"So to sum up because I know I need to shut up..."

*Member walks by with another sign, as Tim still silently speaks, that reads, "Another 15 mins."*

"Oh God, I sound like a newcomer now. So, thank you, thank you & keep nominating me back! Just kidding, but not really."

*Audience laughs & claps. Member walks by with a commercial.*

**Commercial:**

*Sign advertising a Salon reads, "Bill & BOB. For all your pampering needs. Nation wide locations."*

**Back to show:**

*Member walks by with sign that reads, "A few hours later..."*

HOST:

"Now for my personal favorite, the final, and the most prestigious award of the evening...BEST A.A. GROUP in U.S.A. -- including Alaska & Hawaii & I think Puerto Rico? Guam? Well, you know what I mean, that state that isn't a state but we have to include it anyway..."

*(laughter)*

"We have five groups nominated tonight, each being a strong contender for this award. I would also like to mention, the recipient of this award will also receive a check for \$100,000 from the Anheimer-Bush foundation. As you all know Budweiser has always been a great supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous – and our fellowship's existence so prohibition won't..."

*(laughter)*

"And the winner is....."

AT THIS POINT THE HOST TAKES OFF HIS JACKET (OR EARRINGS) & THE OTHER MEMBERS REMOVE THE AWARD DECORATIONS TO THE SIDE OF THE STAGE. When finished, the other members join the "Host" center stage.

HOST:

“This skit was a representation of the alcoholic ego. With the AA Awards we wanted to represent how without our 12 Traditions, especially our spiritual principle of ANONYMITY, AA would cease to be the safe haven it has become. To all those who have come before us and to those who will come after, the 12 Traditions truly are the “why it works.” Today we sacrifice our egos, so tomorrow we don’t sacrifice our fellowship.”