Step 1: Decide To Be World Class.

(I journal about it. I actively envisioned myself among other like minded superstars. I even did ScriptingForSuccess.com training to fast track!)

Step 2: I found a picture of the leaders in my industry speaking at an event.



I did this exercise over a decade ago, but if I did this exercise today, I'd put together this guide of a virtual event I attended. It checked many of the boxes of an amazing speaker line up. I filled up pages of notes during that one day event and my talk on manifesting, collaborating with industry experts, teaching leadership at a university, corporate level home and abroad would be an inspiring addition to this event.



2. Next I added my headshot to the speaker announcement.(I used the same colors and style of the previous or upcoming event.)

I didn't worry about having my picture and graphics look perfect. I just made the decision I belonged with my peers!



Bonus Points: I found the speaker names, bios and event topics and inserted my name, short bio and punchy speaker topic for the event.

There was no way I could be in this event that passed, but I noticed many of the same speaker line up happening for a couple of events.

The first time I had the "what if" idea to do this this exercise I had never sat on expert panels for entrepreneurs. Yet a couple years earlier, I ended up interviewing dozens of industry leaders for my podcast, people that did 7 figure product launches and had been featured for years in mainstream media.

To kick things off rubbing elbows with some cool show guests and panelists I did a simple four hour workshop with friends at a workshop called Live Your Peace, which became the name of my podcast. It was inspired by the 2009 Nobel Peace Awards and I held my own mock ceremony. I had 16 attendees, and it was recorded by an Emmy award winning journalist then in his 80s.

Within a year of Deciding To Be World Class I had 160 guests that had appeared on my show. I also found myself traveling around the country; Atlanta, GA, San Diego, CA back near my home in Philadelphia, PA sitting on panels giving self-publishing book advice to someone who had won a business hot seat at my new best selling author friend, Ken McArthur's event.

Another ironic thing was when I scanned down the list of speakers where I inserted my name, bio, talk title, description and headshot, I would have never imagined I **had** to sit next to one of them at one of my first events I was asked to be a panelist. But there was only one empty seat on stage after lunch when the attendee hot seat was about to begin. I recognized Mike Koenins, the creator of Traffic Geyser who was one of the speakers in my mock/preplanned speaking gig!

I turned my eyes skyward and chuckled that my silent business partner/ that helps to orchestrate my reality had a sense of humor, putting me next to the very person on my speaker line up.

Now it's your turn.

- 1. What industry are you in?
- 2. What live or online event would you love to attend as a speaker?
- 3. Find an event or one in your same industry online unless you had promotional material snail mailed to you.
- 4. Go ahead and copy and past that event listing onto a blank Word document or slide.

- 5. Cut and past your headshot and put it here or better yet the event listing:
- 6. Put your speaker topic crafted for the event here or among the other keynote or breakout sessions that you found listed.
- 7. Consider putting it on your screen saver, or a print out on your desk, notebook or wallet.
- 8. Jot down how you feel doing this exercise.
- 9. What other event opportunity would be most exciting to you?
- 10. Repeat the exercise in all areas of your life you want to be associated with inspiring people.

To really accelerate the results of this process check Ruth's tools and resources.

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