

**SLOW TALKERS OF AMERICA**

Here is a famous old Bob and Ray routine. If you have never heard this hilarious duo, you can find their recorded work through The Radio Foundation, Inc. Their website is [www.bobandray.com](http://www.bobandray.com).

*Host: I haven't had a chance to talk with our next guest yet, so I wonder if you would be kind enough to tell us your name and where you've come from.*

Harlow: (Speaking plainly, with deliberate pauses between each word) Harlow P. Whitcomb from Glens Falls . . .

Host: New York, right? Glens Falls, New York?

Harlow: New York. I'm president and recording...

Host: Secretary—recording secretary, right?

Harlow: secretary of the S.T.O.A.

Host: What does that stand for?

Harlow: The Slow Talkers of

Host: America, huh?

Harlow: America. We believe in forming our thoughts,

Host: words

Harlow: ideas

Host: ideas

Harlow: opinions carefully,

Host: Before uttering them so you'll never be misunderstood, right?

Harlow: and thoroughly before uttering them, so that...

Host: You'll never be misunderstood!

Harlow: we will never be misunderstood. We are here

Host: in New York City...

Harlow: in New York City attending our annual

Host: convention – your annual convention.

Harlow: membership convention. All of our members are here. All talking

Host: slowly

Harlow: slowly. Every one of them—all two hundred

Host: members

Harlow: and fifty

Host: members

Harlow: seven members are here talking slowly, as opposed to the members of the F . . .

Host: T.O.A.

Harlow: T.

Host: O.A.

Harlow: O.

Host: A.

Harlow: A., the Fast

Host: Talkers of America

Harlow: Talkers

Host: of America

Harlow: of

Host: America

Harlow: America. We have a credo, which each

Host: new member must learn

Harlow: new member must learn. I, a member of the . . .