

2011 PFPA Spring Conference Survey Results

17 Responses

Business Meeting

Overall: 5 5 6 4 4 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Necessity: 10 5 4 4 2 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Comments:

- * Sometimes the business meeting feels unproductive with time. We go back & forth on a topic and end up where we started. It is necessary though to hash out items that relate to our programs.
- * A bit scattered and unorganized.
- * Good, new fresh topics.
- * Not over-packed this time. Business was well-distributed among different committees and it looks like it will continue that way.

Legislative Updates – Betty Reefer and Kerry Golden

Overall: 10 5 7 4 ___ 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Necessity: 13 5 3 4 1 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Comments:

- * The group should receive summary/updates prior to meeting so they can be prepared to discuss. This way if there is an important topic the administrator can discuss with their county board first.
- * Extremely useful to know and find out what we should support.
- * Always enjoy listening to Kerry's updates. Very knowledgeable.
- * Always informative – love Kerry – she always seems interested in our concerns.
- * Thanks to both. Would be more beneficial to distribute with Agenda, or perhaps earlier, for feedback from County Ag Boards so that administrators can speak on behalf of Board and project to PFPA to take a position. (This issue was later in meeting by Kerry.) I mention this at every PFPA meeting I attend! One of best topics, each time, thanks.
- * Appreciate members moving forward & Matt accepting chair of Legislative Committee.
- * As always, this is a very important part of the meeting.
- * Always an important part of PFPA. I did not realize that Kerry was expecting a stand on one bill, but it was a good idea that PFPA stated its general opinion/policy.

Special Recognitions & Milestones

Overall: 6 5 7 4 2 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Necessity: 7 5 7 4 2 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Comments:

- * It is always good to recognize achievements. Tom Daniels noted this in his talk, as well.
- * Great job to Doug who has drastically improved Bureau's reputation and involvement working with counties.

Special Recognitions & Milestones - con't

- * I think Doug deserved this award.
- * Nice touch.
- * Overdue recognition!
- * Slightly disorganized, as we tried to accommodate schedules of a few important individuals who were speaking. Without knowing their arrival times, it had to be flexible. Recognitions and milestones are concrete and measurable examples of what we do – quotable too.

Remarks by Secretary of Ag, George Greig

Overall: 4 5 9 4 2 3 ____ 2 ____ 1

Necessity: 6 5 6 4 3 3 ____ 2 ____ 1

Comments:

- * I appreciated him stopping by right after he was sworn in. It shows that he has interest in our program.
- * He didn't have much to say – but it's encouraging that he made an effort to attend.
- * Nice gesture by Ellen to give Sec. Greig a shirt.
- * Great to have him there!
- * Great that the new Secretary took the time to attend and show his commitment.
- * The role of Secretary of Ag is important enough for us to invite him to most or all PFPA meetings. It is also relatively non-controversial for him to attend, so let's hope he wants to attend again.

Remarks by Jim Baird, AFT

Overall: 5 5 5 4 2 3 ____ 2 ____ 1

Necessity: 6 5 8 4 2 3 ____ 2 ____ 1

Comments:

- * Thanks Jim.

Back to the Future – Tom Daniels and Ray Pickering

Overall: 9 5 5 4 ____ 3 ____ 2 ____ 1

Necessity: 6 5 5 4 1 3 ____ 2 ____ 1

Comments:

- * Good to see two of the “old timers” again. They both continue to inspire many in the preservation world.
- * Need to follow through with most of Tom's suggestions. Good to see both.
- * Interesting.
- * Interesting to hear ideas; about other programs.
- * I really enjoyed both presentations. Tom had some great suggestions for improving the PA program.

Back to the Future – con't

- * Great to see them again.
- * Great - #1.
- * Maybe not “necessary”, but some history is interesting and valuable for any organization, especially hearing the reasons for its formation.

Door Prizes: suggestions for types of door prizes?

- * Wine, gift certificates, food baskets.
- * Things edible and drinkable are always welcome!

Meeting Accommodations at the Hilton Harrisburg:

Meeting Room: 4 5 7 4 3 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Food: 10 5 5 4 ___ 3 ___ 2 ___ 1

Speaker: 5 5 3 4 ___ 3 1 2 ___ 1

Meeting Accommodations at the Hilton Harrisburg (con't)

Comments:

- * COLD!!! Room adjacent was a little loud – mic was left on. Overall it was a nice facility. Although I do prefer a more rural setting with windows and views – and no rain.
- * Air a little too cold.
- * Too cold, noise from neighboring room loud after lunch.
- * Afternoon, a lot of noise from adjoining room. Very Cold! Food & accommodations were great.
- * Bit noisy after lunch – too cold! Food was excellent!
- * Excellent food!
- * Nice choice. Meeting room a bit cold!
- * Noise, cold, expensive.
- * Excellent arrangements, facilities & food.
- * The microphone had unexplained feedback. It also did not adjust well, but at least it helped in such a big room. Also the meeting room was hard to find, initially.

Overnight Accommodations: 2 5 ___ 4 ___ 3 ___ 2 ___ 1 ___ N/A

Comments:

- * Great
- * Hotel parking too expensive!

General thoughts, comments, suggestions:

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- * Always good to hear from PDA. They provide answers that we seem to all be looking for. And when they do not have the answer they will find it. Overall a smooth transaction all day.
- * Great forum for voicing issues and learning updates.

General thoughts, comments, suggestions – con't

- * Notes/Outcomes of Information/Topics from PFPA Conferences and also State Board Meeting Roundtables need to be summarized and distributed to non-attending counties. If an individual cannot attend an event and important info is distributed, they never know. Could this data be put on website?
- * No mention of Doug's presentation, but very well and always needed to keep us up to date.
- * Great job as always! Thought it was a good turnout, too!
- * Very nice conference.
- * Thanks to Executive Officers and Cindy Sanderson.
- * Thanks to the Association Officers.
- * Debatable where it is good to have alongside PALTA. On the “+” side, we get conference participation from their members, such as Andy Loza and get two events in one trip. On the “-“ side, it consumes too many days in a row out-of-office and becomes somewhat expensive.

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