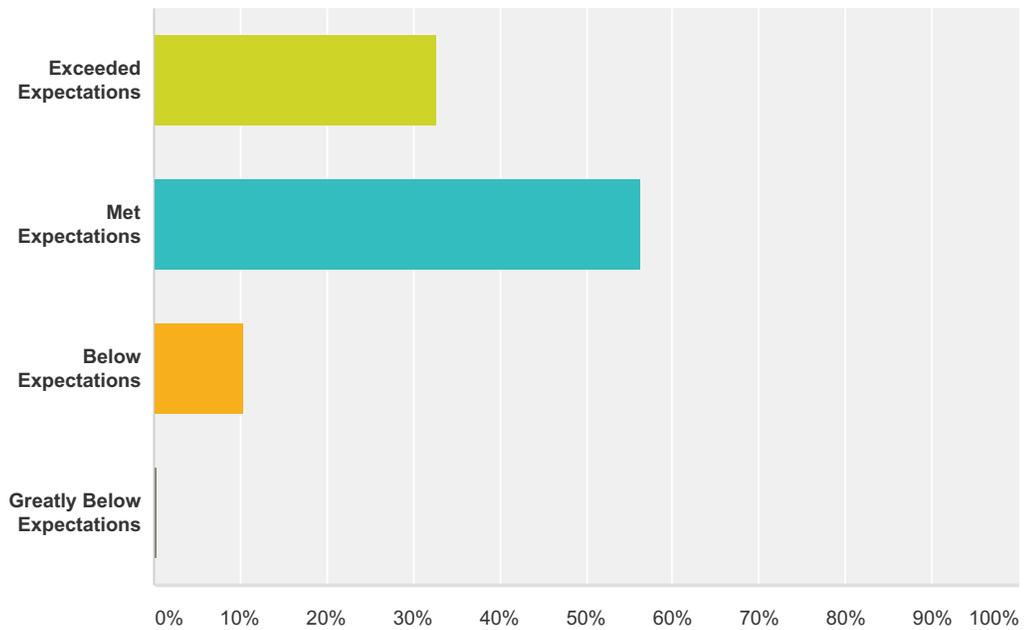


Q1 To what extent did the 2014 Conference meet your expectations?

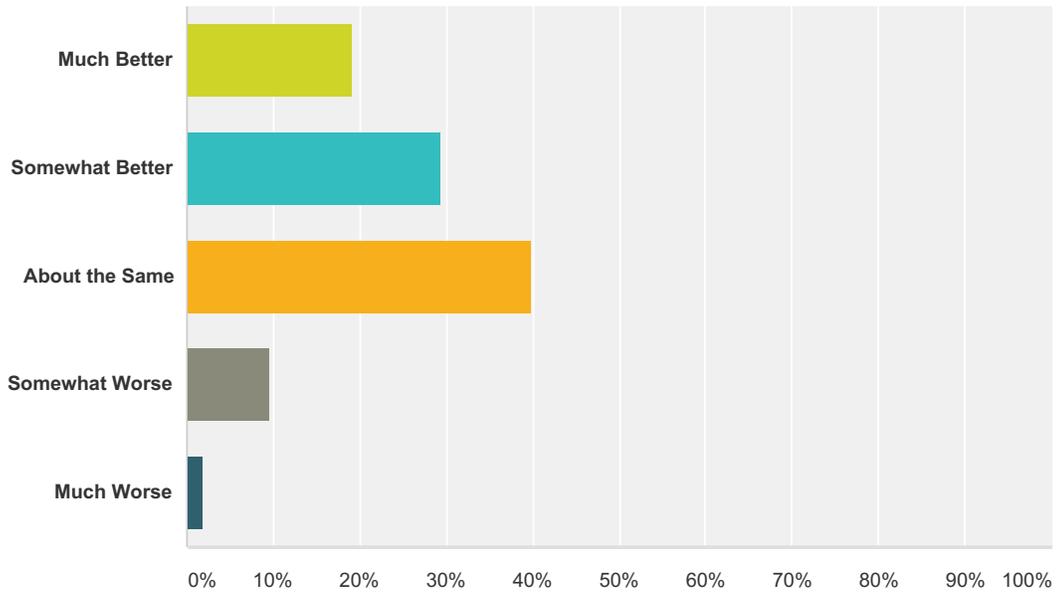
Answered: 241 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Exceeded Expectations	32.78%	79
Met Expectations	56.43%	136
Below Expectations	10.37%	25
Greatly Below Expectations	0.41%	1
Total		241

Q2 Compared to previous conferences, overall this conference was:

Answered: 218 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses
Much Better	19.27% 42
Somewhat Better	29.36% 64
About the Same	39.91% 87
Somewhat Worse	9.63% 21
Much Worse	1.83% 4
Total	218

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Q3 How many past conferences have you attended?

Answered: 240 Skipped: 2

#	Responses	Date
1	8?	1/4/2015 9:02 PM
2	10	1/3/2015 2:14 PM
3	0	12/30/2014 2:29 PM
4	0	12/30/2014 2:23 PM
5	This was first time attending LRA. I have also attended the MRA conference in Michigan and the annual American Montessori Society conference a few times.	12/28/2014 10:46 AM
6	5	12/22/2014 9:55 AM
7	20	12/22/2014 8:40 AM
8	31	12/19/2014 9:22 PM
9	Since 1990, I have missed two conferences.	12/19/2014 5:06 PM
10	6	12/18/2014 4:33 PM
11	This was my first LRA conference.	12/18/2014 11:20 AM
12	None	12/18/2014 10:37 AM
13	3	12/17/2014 8:53 PM
14	20	12/17/2014 4:18 PM
15	6?	12/17/2014 2:04 PM
16	5	12/17/2014 6:04 AM
17	0	12/16/2014 1:55 PM
18	1	12/16/2014 1:31 PM
19	10	12/16/2014 10:50 AM
20	5, but this was my first LRA	12/16/2014 7:43 AM
21	7	12/16/2014 6:47 AM
22	About 12	12/15/2014 6:45 PM
23	1	12/15/2014 5:25 PM
24	0 (1st LRA)	12/15/2014 5:16 PM
25	3	12/15/2014 5:12 PM
26	one	12/15/2014 4:26 PM
27	5	12/15/2014 3:52 PM
28	18	12/15/2014 3:12 PM
29	About 8	12/15/2014 2:26 PM
30	Too numerous to count	12/15/2014 2:23 PM
31	None	12/15/2014 12:31 PM
32	5	12/15/2014 11:32 AM

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33	1	12/15/2014 10:21 AM
34	4	12/15/2014 10:10 AM
35	15	12/15/2014 10:03 AM
36	This was my first one.	12/15/2014 9:54 AM
37	10	12/15/2014 9:22 AM
38	24	12/15/2014 7:50 AM
39	one	12/15/2014 5:46 AM
40	first time at this one	12/14/2014 9:51 PM
41	2	12/14/2014 9:39 PM
42	0	12/14/2014 8:27 PM
43	0 - This was my first LRA Conference	12/14/2014 8:23 PM
44	0	12/14/2014 8:17 PM
45	5 or more	12/14/2014 7:47 PM
46	1	12/14/2014 7:28 PM
47	2	12/14/2014 7:27 PM
48	5	12/14/2014 7:21 PM
49	This was the first time I attended LRA.	12/14/2014 7:16 PM
50	1	12/14/2014 6:33 PM
51	This was my first LRA conference!	12/14/2014 3:34 PM
52	many	12/14/2014 12:57 PM
53	Five	12/14/2014 12:49 PM
54	13	12/14/2014 12:46 PM
55	9	12/14/2014 12:43 PM
56	10	12/14/2014 10:08 AM
57	18	12/14/2014 9:02 AM
58	4	12/14/2014 8:37 AM
59	2	12/14/2014 8:16 AM
60	1	12/14/2014 12:43 AM
61	1	12/14/2014 12:33 AM
62	3	12/13/2014 11:57 PM
63	25	12/13/2014 10:39 PM
64	8	12/13/2014 9:38 PM
65	About 25	12/13/2014 8:55 PM
66	four	12/13/2014 6:52 PM
67	9	12/13/2014 6:00 PM
68	4	12/13/2014 4:24 PM
69	zero	12/13/2014 3:46 PM
70	Over 30 years worth	12/13/2014 3:13 PM

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71	6	12/13/2014 1:46 PM
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73	11	12/13/2014 1:27 PM
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75	30	12/13/2014 10:56 AM
76	2	12/13/2014 10:39 AM
77	1	12/13/2014 9:34 AM
78	1	12/13/2014 8:59 AM
79	2	12/13/2014 8:31 AM
80	16	12/13/2014 7:39 AM
81	2	12/13/2014 12:48 AM
82	3	12/13/2014 12:26 AM
83	approximately 7	12/12/2014 11:05 PM
84	approx. 14-16	12/12/2014 10:55 PM
85	7	12/12/2014 10:06 PM
86	None	12/12/2014 10:06 PM
87	14	12/12/2014 9:37 PM
88	10-12...lost count	12/12/2014 9:18 PM
89	10	12/12/2014 8:58 PM
90	20	12/12/2014 8:33 PM
91	6	12/12/2014 8:29 PM
92	1	12/12/2014 8:29 PM
93	1	12/12/2014 8:11 PM
94	1	12/12/2014 6:41 PM
95	7	12/12/2014 6:38 PM
96	3	12/12/2014 6:31 PM
97	1	12/12/2014 6:18 PM
98	4	12/12/2014 6:04 PM
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100	none	12/12/2014 5:33 PM
101	0	12/12/2014 5:23 PM
102	10	12/12/2014 5:18 PM
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104	This was my first LRA conference	12/12/2014 5:03 PM
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106	1	12/12/2014 4:50 PM
107	3	12/12/2014 4:50 PM
108	15	12/12/2014 4:46 PM

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109	3	12/12/2014 4:39 PM
110	3	12/12/2014 4:26 PM
111	For about 15 years	12/12/2014 4:19 PM
112	MANY	12/12/2014 4:16 PM
113	12+	12/12/2014 4:14 PM
114	1	12/12/2014 4:07 PM
115	This is my first LRA conference, but I've attended numerous other conferences with other organizations.	12/12/2014 3:50 PM
116	15	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
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121	9 or 10	12/12/2014 3:30 PM
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123	5	12/12/2014 3:26 PM
124	Lots	12/12/2014 3:21 PM
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128	15 or more??	12/12/2014 2:51 PM
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131	This was my first conference to attend for LRA	12/12/2014 2:40 PM
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140	One	12/12/2014 2:17 PM
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143	First LRA experience	12/12/2014 1:54 PM
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173	about 9	12/12/2014 1:03 PM
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175	6	12/12/2014 1:01 PM
176	at least 50	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
177	many, can't count	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
178	about 10	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
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220	1	12/12/2014 12:26 PM
221	1	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
222	6-10	12/12/2014 12:25 PM

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223	Lots--10ish	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
224	8	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
225	8	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
226	0	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
227	3	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
228	0	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
229	8	12/12/2014 12:22 PM
230	20+	12/12/2014 12:22 PM
231	None LRA	12/12/2014 12:21 PM
232	No LRA conferences	12/12/2014 12:21 PM
233	0	12/12/2014 12:21 PM
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240	10-12	12/12/2014 12:19 PM

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Q4 What are the main reasons that led you to attend the 2014 conference?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 8

#	Responses	Date
1	Presenting Research	1/4/2015 9:02 PM
2	I attend every year for my own professional development and to connect with colleagues across the country.	1/3/2015 2:14 PM
3	Paper was accepted to present; just made aware of the awesome LRA from a colleague!	12/30/2014 2:29 PM
4	My submission was accepted	12/30/2014 2:23 PM
5	I am a second year PhD student and I am interested in presenting research at future conferences. Even if I do not present, I find that conferences are educative, inspiring, and motivating. I learn quite a bit every time that I attend.	12/28/2014 10:46 AM
6	I go to the LRA conference annually. It is encouraged by my professors and advisors at the University of Arizona.	12/22/2014 9:55 AM
7	professional development, connections with colleagues	12/22/2014 8:40 AM
8	Opportunities to network with literacy scholars and hear their cutting edge work	12/19/2014 9:22 PM
9	I was presenting a paper, I like the networking and it's a time to get away from the rat race.	12/19/2014 5:06 PM
10	professional development; presenting; contact with geographically distant colleagues	12/18/2014 4:33 PM
11	I am studying literacy!	12/18/2014 11:20 AM
12	I wanted to learn more and get ideas as a doctoral student.	12/18/2014 10:37 AM
13	The fantastic LRA community - it's always a great conference!	12/17/2014 8:53 PM
14	the site the program the conference history	12/17/2014 4:18 PM
15	presenting, attending sessions, collegial relationships, sunshine!!	12/17/2014 2:04 PM
16	My proposal was accepted, and I participated in a roundtable with colleagues.	12/17/2014 6:04 AM
17	Presentation; high level of academic personal interest.	12/16/2014 1:55 PM
18	I presented and chaired a session. I wanted to learn about current research in emergent literacy.	12/16/2014 1:31 PM
19	Quality of presenters and the opportunity to present my research	12/16/2014 7:43 AM
20	I go to LRA every year.	12/16/2014 6:47 AM
21	I try to attend every year.	12/15/2014 6:45 PM
22	Smaller venue	12/15/2014 5:25 PM
23	doctoral work	12/15/2014 5:16 PM
24	Present, enjoy focus on research	12/15/2014 5:12 PM
25	ATopics	12/15/2014 4:26 PM
26	To learn new ideas, connect with colleagues extend current research	12/15/2014 3:52 PM
27	presentations and collaborating with colleagues	12/15/2014 3:12 PM
28	I try to attend LRA each year.	12/15/2014 2:26 PM
29	Innovative research	12/15/2014 2:23 PM
30	I am in a new position and wanted to become familiar with some new research in literacy instruction.	12/15/2014 12:31 PM
31	the LRA community; prestige of the conference	12/15/2014 11:32 AM
32	Opportunity to present my work; location; networking and connections with literacy community	12/15/2014 10:21 AM

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33	Opportunity to present my work	12/15/2014 10:10 AM
34	leadership and presentation	12/15/2014 10:03 AM
35	Presentation with an LRA member	12/15/2014 9:54 AM
36	Reconnecting with colleagues, presenting my research, and learning new ideas from well-respected voices in our field	12/15/2014 9:22 AM
37	Learning and networking	12/15/2014 7:50 AM
38	to gain new insights into literacy research	12/15/2014 5:46 AM
39	Professor's recommendation	12/14/2014 9:51 PM
40	To see friends/colleagues, update myself on the literacy field, present	12/14/2014 9:39 PM
41	Reputation, Presenting at this conference, entering the field as a doctoral student	12/14/2014 8:27 PM
42	I was accepted as a presenter in a paper session.	12/14/2014 8:23 PM
43	Science and literacy integration	12/14/2014 8:17 PM
44	To learn about the current research in my field	12/14/2014 7:47 PM
45	Two main reasons: 1. I presented my research at a round table. 2. I wanted an update on the latest literacy research, especially adolescent and college learners.	12/14/2014 7:28 PM
46	presenting	12/14/2014 7:27 PM
47	Presenter and Discussant	12/14/2014 7:21 PM
48	I had wanted to attend this conference but had had scheduling conflicts until this year. Our proposal also was accepted.	12/14/2014 7:16 PM
49	Timing. I had just completed my dissertation and had the time again to attend. I plan to attend each year going forward.	12/14/2014 6:33 PM
50	Doctoral program highly suggested and I try to present at a conference each fall for my faculty expectations at my institution.	12/14/2014 3:34 PM
51	I was a speaker	12/14/2014 12:57 PM
52	Interested in literacy and my paper was accepted.	12/14/2014 12:49 PM
53	It is my favorite conference. It feeds me professionally in many ways.	12/14/2014 12:46 PM
54	presenting, networking	12/14/2014 12:43 PM
55	updated information in the field	12/14/2014 10:08 AM
56	It's my academic home. I enjoy the sessions. They are of interest to me.	12/14/2014 9:02 AM
57	I was a presenter.	12/14/2014 8:37 AM
58	Opportunity to hear from eminent scholars in the field; share my own work	12/14/2014 8:16 AM
59	I had multiple presentations accepted	12/14/2014 12:43 AM
60	My paper was accepted.	12/14/2014 12:33 AM
61	I was presenting.	12/13/2014 11:57 PM
62	my proposals were accepted	12/13/2014 10:39 PM
63	Conference theme, opportunity to see colleagues	12/13/2014 9:38 PM
64	Part of my professional development	12/13/2014 8:55 PM
65	This is a great conference. The topics presented are current. I am able to see colleagues from other universities. Everyone in attendance are friendly and seem genuinely interested and active in the profession.	12/13/2014 6:52 PM
66	To present my research and get feedback, run a study group, and to network professionally and see my professional friends.	12/13/2014 6:00 PM

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67	I attend LRA every year as I value the community and the sharing of ideas. Having at the beach certainly didn't hurt, but I would have come anyways! But the beach was great.	12/13/2014 4:24 PM
68	I was invited to attend with two professors from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY who are presently researching a project I created for my high school English class.	12/13/2014 3:46 PM
69	networking	12/13/2014 3:13 PM
70	I always like to learn about current trends and issues in our discipline.	12/13/2014 1:46 PM
71	1) Interaction with like-minded colleagues 2) Topical focus of conference is relevant to my research interests 3) The opportunity to present my research	12/13/2014 1:33 PM
72	I always attend.	12/13/2014 10:56 AM
73	I attended as a presenter and to learn about current research findings.	12/13/2014 10:39 AM
74	My presentation and this conference invigorates me!	12/13/2014 9:34 AM
75	To attend sessions, to learn, to present	12/13/2014 8:59 AM
76	Presenting	12/13/2014 8:31 AM
77	present, learn, meet with friends	12/13/2014 7:39 AM
78	presenting	12/13/2014 12:48 AM
79	presentation	12/13/2014 12:26 AM
80	I always like to hear "big name researchers" and their current ideas about overarching themes in our field. I especially like the panels. In addition, the less familiar names (like most of us) are welcome at LRA, and are interested in so many of the topics presented.	12/12/2014 11:05 PM
81	I go every year...ever since I was a doc student. The community is the biggest reason I go..my friends...etc.	12/12/2014 10:55 PM
82	LRA is my academic home, and the conference I look forward to most each year.	12/12/2014 10:06 PM
83	Presenter	12/12/2014 10:06 PM
84	LRA is my scholarly home; I network with colleagues, present research, and meet with my publishers at this conference.	12/12/2014 9:37 PM
85	normally attend; accepted proposal, east coast	12/12/2014 9:18 PM
86	Presentations on new research and to meet colleagues	12/12/2014 8:58 PM
87	LRA is small conference, easy to talk to people doing cutting edge research. It is my research 'home'	12/12/2014 8:33 PM
88	Present my research. Connect with colleagues. Attend interesting sessions.	12/12/2014 8:29 PM
89	Presenting for the first time	12/12/2014 8:29 PM
90	to learn about current research and to stretch myself intellectually	12/12/2014 8:11 PM
91	I was giving a presentation. The location.	12/12/2014 6:41 PM
92	Acceptance of the proposals, great sessions, plenary addresses, the conference site	12/12/2014 6:38 PM
93	Symposium participant	12/12/2014 6:31 PM
94	Enjoyed my first LRA in Dallas and made the decision at that point to attend in 2014 (and next year in California!) I appreciated the supportive, collaborative atmosphere and the opportunity to meet and share with scholars in the study group	12/12/2014 6:18 PM
95	Presenting	12/12/2014 6:04 PM
96	Great audience and research; networking; meeting old friends; location	12/12/2014 5:34 PM
97	recently new member, presenting a paper for the first time with advisor and other faculty	12/12/2014 5:33 PM
98	topics	12/12/2014 5:23 PM
99	Collaboration with colleagues; networking; dissemination of research;	12/12/2014 5:18 PM

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100	To present research with doctoral students.	12/12/2014 5:03 PM
101	Acceptance of proposal for presentation; location	12/12/2014 5:03 PM
102	doctoral studies	12/12/2014 4:58 PM
103	I am a doctoral student and wanted to get some more conference experience before I will be presenting at conferences in the future.	12/12/2014 4:50 PM
104	theme	12/12/2014 4:50 PM
105	LRA is my professional learning home.	12/12/2014 4:46 PM
106	To share with and learn from other literacy researchers.	12/12/2014 4:39 PM
107	present, network, association service	12/12/2014 4:26 PM
108	Network with colleagues and present	12/12/2014 4:19 PM
109	Interact with colleagues, present	12/12/2014 4:16 PM
110	networking research interests	12/12/2014 4:14 PM
111	I was presenting a paper session.	12/12/2014 4:07 PM
112	I attended to hear the large number of high quality researchers. (Fang, Alverman, Cochran-Smith, Lytle, Coiro, Goodman, etc.)	12/12/2014 3:50 PM
113	learn what's going on in the field; network.	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
114	I attend annually.	12/12/2014 3:45 PM
115	Hear about new research and to visit with friends	12/12/2014 3:43 PM
116	To present my research, collaborate with colleagues, and see friends.	12/12/2014 3:43 PM
117	I had presentations that were accepted The location	12/12/2014 3:36 PM
118	To present a paper.	12/12/2014 3:30 PM
119	a proposal I submitted was accepted	12/12/2014 3:29 PM
120	my proposal was accepted and the venue looked amazing	12/12/2014 3:26 PM
121	To talk with colleagues.	12/12/2014 3:21 PM
122	As a PhD candidate, I am gaining experience and learning from others.	12/12/2014 3:05 PM
123	To become actively involved in the organization, network with literacy scholars, learn about the work being done in the field, and share my work.	12/12/2014 2:59 PM
124	Always attend (present, study group, etc.)	12/12/2014 2:51 PM
125	present research; networking with colleagues; learning about new research	12/12/2014 2:49 PM
126	Opportunity to present; close to home; love LRA	12/12/2014 2:46 PM
127	The fact that this conference was all revolved around the latest and most current research in literacy. We also liked the structure of having several correlated topics all tied together into one presentation, and then the discussant tying it all together.	12/12/2014 2:40 PM
128	The conference affords me opportunities to learn and have conversations about things about which I am interested.	12/12/2014 2:40 PM
129	Location, timing, speakers	12/12/2014 2:34 PM
130	I am studying literacy and this conference is very relevant	12/12/2014 2:33 PM
131	Learning experiences and connections with friends.	12/12/2014 2:33 PM
132	Acceptance of a paper proposal and location of conference.	12/12/2014 2:32 PM
133	I presented	12/12/2014 2:28 PM

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134	presenting, professional development	12/12/2014 2:27 PM
135	I was presenting a paper session.	12/12/2014 2:26 PM
136	Desire to participate in LRA and exchange knowledge with respected researchers and colleagues. Presented two roundtable sessions	12/12/2014 2:17 PM
137	I've had great experiences with LRA in the past, and I was looking forward to seeing many of the scholars who inform my work.	12/12/2014 2:06 PM
138	presenting, networking	12/12/2014 1:57 PM
139	Acceptance of a paper presentation	12/12/2014 1:54 PM
140	LRA is an outstanding conference that attracts many top scholars in the field of literacy. The warm weather was also an attraction, but secondary.	12/12/2014 1:54 PM
141	I made a presentation and wanted to network with other literacy colleagues.	12/12/2014 1:53 PM
142	presenting	12/12/2014 1:52 PM
143	Dialogue with fellow scholars	12/12/2014 1:51 PM
144	colleagues	12/12/2014 1:50 PM
145	Location	12/12/2014 1:48 PM
146	meet colleagues and faculty	12/12/2014 1:46 PM
147	This is my area of expertise and the location!!!	12/12/2014 1:44 PM
148	Multiple presentations	12/12/2014 1:38 PM
149	Networking opportunities	12/12/2014 1:31 PM
150	Present Research Paper	12/12/2014 1:30 PM
151	being on program	12/12/2014 1:26 PM
152	Desire to meet people with my interests.	12/12/2014 1:24 PM
153	networking, presenting, seeing friends	12/12/2014 1:21 PM
154	Presented 2 paper sessions	12/12/2014 1:21 PM
155	Close to home and good location	12/12/2014 1:17 PM
156	This is the highlight of my year, and I always learn an enormous amount.	12/12/2014 1:15 PM
157	I was presenting	12/12/2014 1:15 PM
158	I was presenting.	12/12/2014 1:14 PM
159	My proposal was accepted	12/12/2014 1:12 PM
160	Meet with Colleagues in Litrracy Field.	12/12/2014 1:10 PM
161	To present, network, stay current on research, get new ideas	12/12/2014 1:10 PM
162	colleagues/research	12/12/2014 1:09 PM
163	Meet with colleagues and learn about latest research directions	12/12/2014 1:07 PM
164	To support my students; to stay up to date; to spend time with colleagues	12/12/2014 1:05 PM
165	Conference theme tied well with my research agenda.	12/12/2014 1:05 PM
166	intellectual stimulation/networking	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
167	For up to date research	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
168	I attend every year. LRA is my professional homebase, and the conference is an essential part of my ongoing development as a literacy researcher.	12/12/2014 1:03 PM
169	Presenting my research	12/12/2014 1:02 PM

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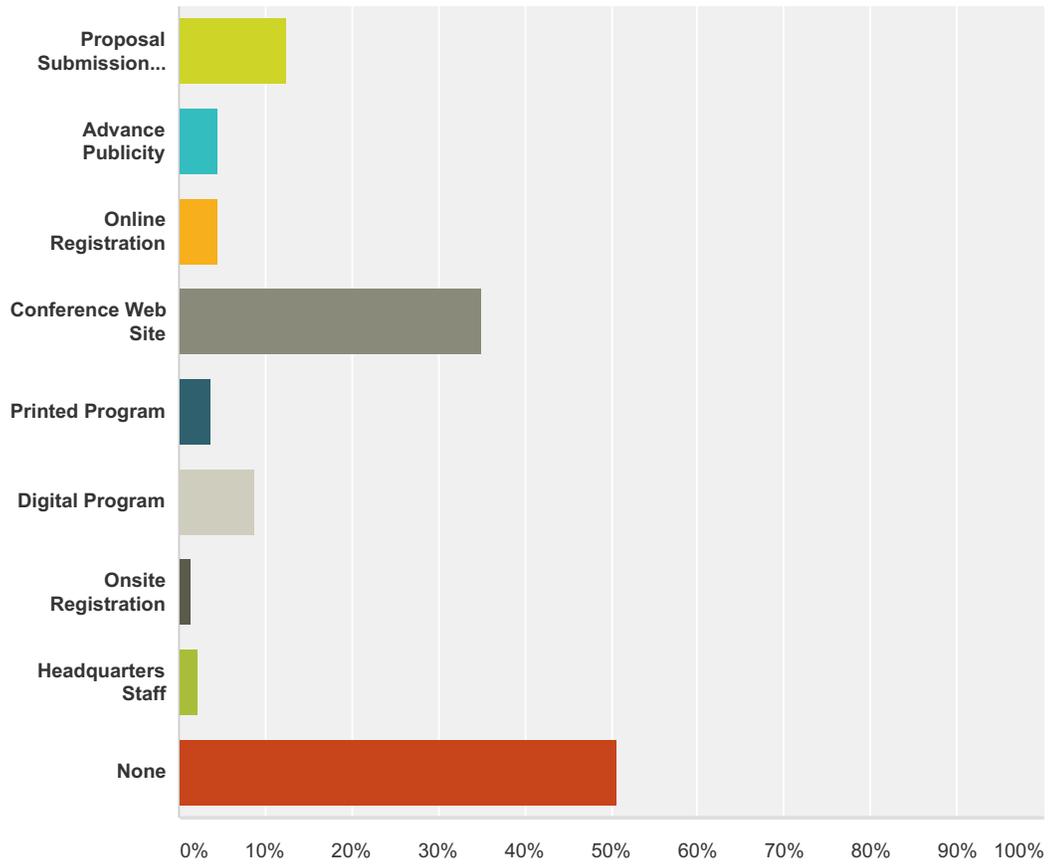
170	scholarship	12/12/2014 1:01 PM
171	Reputation of LRA as a very credible organization.	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
172	Talk with colleagues, reconnecting and networking	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
173	I see LRA as one of my conference homes.	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
174	presenting, building professional contacts	12/12/2014 12:58 PM
175	Presenting research with colleagues	12/12/2014 12:54 PM
176	I try to attend every year. It is my favorite conference	12/12/2014 12:54 PM
177	Present and learn and collaborate with colleagues	12/12/2014 12:53 PM
178	I was accepted to present.	12/12/2014 12:52 PM
179	gain knowledge	12/12/2014 12:52 PM
180	presenting my research, opportunities for networking, and learning more about others' research	12/12/2014 12:51 PM
181	to learn about cutting-edge research	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
182	to present and network; see old friends	12/12/2014 12:47 PM
183	Paper presentation	12/12/2014 12:46 PM
184	Presenting a paper	12/12/2014 12:46 PM
185	Old Friends and a confidence that I will learn something fabulous	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
186	Learning about current research; discussing with leaders on the field	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
187	The Professional Networking and Insight	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
188	The conference was so far from the airport that it made it very costly to get there - especially after the flight. As a grad student coming from the west coast the trip was very expensive and cost prohibitive for some of my peers to attend. Also, the reception area was so dark and there were not any vegetarian options.	12/12/2014 12:44 PM
189	My papers were accepted I am interested in making more contacts	12/12/2014 12:44 PM
190	my proposal was accepted for presentation	12/12/2014 12:44 PM
191	Desire to connect with other researchers and discuss my work/their work within a variety of session formats. The location was also a big draw for me, having never attended a conference on Marco Island.	12/12/2014 12:43 PM
192	proposal acceptance with colleagues	12/12/2014 12:42 PM
193	Quality of presentation and locale.	12/12/2014 12:42 PM
194	cutting edge conversations and presentations (i was surprised at some well known people who seemed to be speaking in the moment, as opposed to being highly prepared, as in past years)	12/12/2014 12:41 PM
195	Quality of the researchers and papers as well as a stunning venue.	12/12/2014 12:41 PM
196	Professional growth, connecting with colleagues	12/12/2014 12:40 PM
197	Hearing new perspectives on literacy from expert thinkers.	12/12/2014 12:38 PM
198	My advisor.	12/12/2014 12:36 PM
199	Presenting research and seeing professional and personal contacts	12/12/2014 12:36 PM
200	I was making a presentation and I learn so much at LRA	12/12/2014 12:33 PM
201	I wanted to re-connect to this group.	12/12/2014 12:32 PM
202	Presenting and attending sessions.	12/12/2014 12:32 PM
203	connect with colleagues	12/12/2014 12:32 PM
204	Theme and Location	12/12/2014 12:31 PM
205	professional development, networking, location	12/12/2014 12:31 PM

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206	Presenting	12/12/2014 12:30 PM
207	Colleagues and study groups	12/12/2014 12:30 PM
208	I was presenting a paper	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
209	continued interest in areas, sessions, meeting with colleagues, and, frankly, location!!	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
210	finally had funding through institution	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
211	A place I go annually.	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
212	made presentation and wanted to attend others' presentations in order to keep current with the field.	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
213	present work, extend learning, hear what is cutting edge in literacy, attend study group for in-depth interaction with like-minded colleagues	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
214	I presented a paper	12/12/2014 12:26 PM
215	I presented a paper and I wanted to network with other scholars.	12/12/2014 12:26 PM
216	Love to learn and share research.	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
217	Paper presentation	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
218	To push my thinking, catch up with friends/research partners	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
219	Present & consume research; network	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
220	presenting a paper	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
221	Networking, sharing research	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
222	Interested in current studies and different perspectives	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
223	The professional connections that I have made in previous years and the opportunity to continued networking.	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
224	one of my doctoral students wanted to present there	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
225	Networking, find out new ideas, inspiration	12/12/2014 12:22 PM
226	To be current on the most up to date research conducted about literacy.	12/12/2014 12:21 PM
227	Interested in dialogue with the LRA community	12/12/2014 12:21 PM
228	networking and presenting	12/12/2014 12:21 PM
229	location, theme	12/12/2014 12:20 PM
230	the opportunity to learn from other researchers--kind of like my own professional development for the year--in addition to getting meaningful feedback on my own research presentation	12/12/2014 12:20 PM
231	Connect with friends and colleagues; present and learn about research	12/12/2014 12:20 PM
232	close in location to my University, had research that I wanted to share	12/12/2014 12:19 PM
233	presenter	12/12/2014 12:19 PM
234	Chance to hear interesting papers	12/12/2014 12:19 PM

Q5 Check any areas that based on your first-hand experience, need improvement.

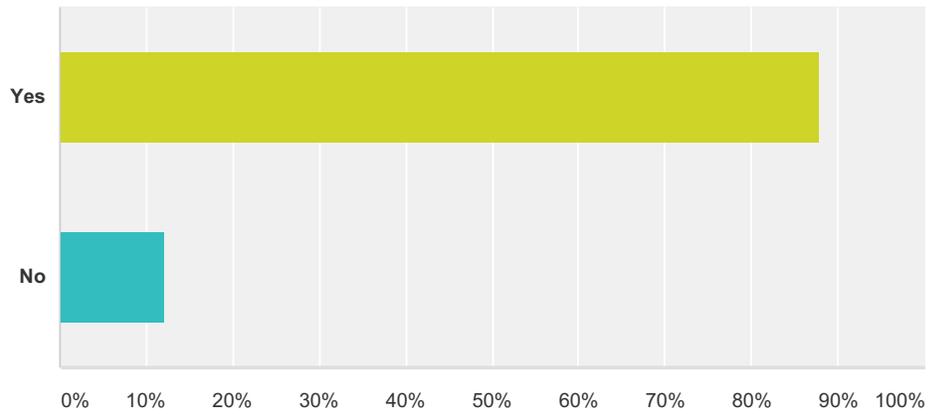
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Answer Choices	Responses
Proposal Submission System	12.44% 27
Advance Publicity	4.61% 10
Online Registration	4.61% 10
Conference Web Site	35.02% 76
Printed Program	3.69% 8
Digital Program	8.76% 19
Onsite Registration	1.38% 3
Headquarters Staff	2.30% 5
None	50.69% 110
Total Respondents: 217	

Q6 Are you a member of LRA?

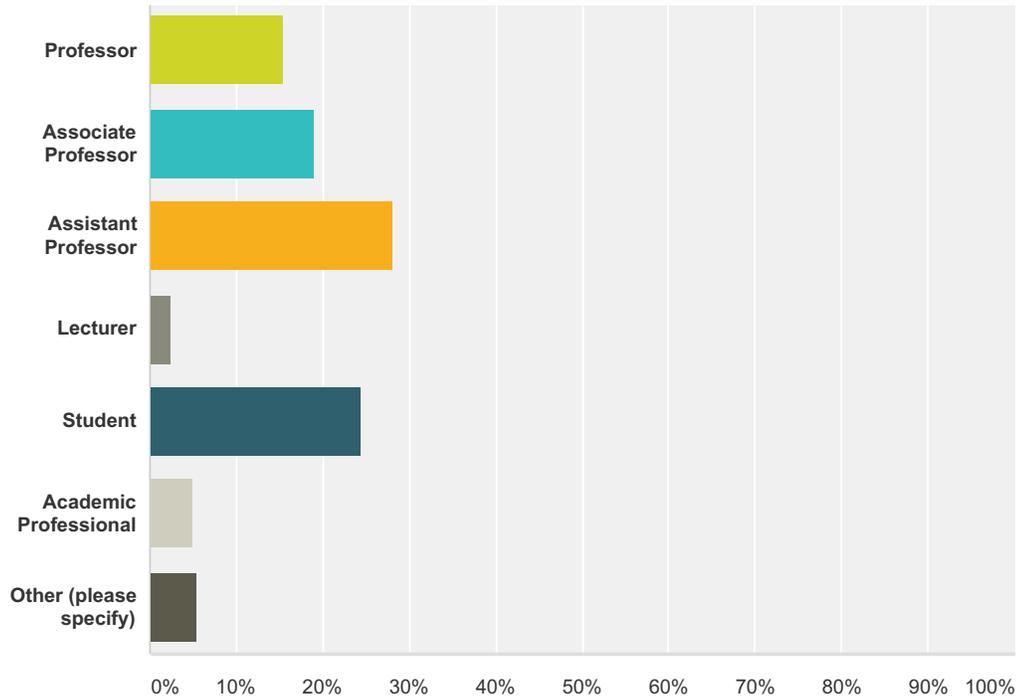
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	87.92%	211
No	12.08%	29
Total		240

Q7 Professional Position

Answered: 241 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Professor	15.35% 37
Associate Professor	19.09% 46
Assistant Professor	28.22% 68
Lecturer	2.49% 6
Student	24.48% 59
Academic Professional	4.98% 12
Other (please specify)	5.39% 13
Total	241

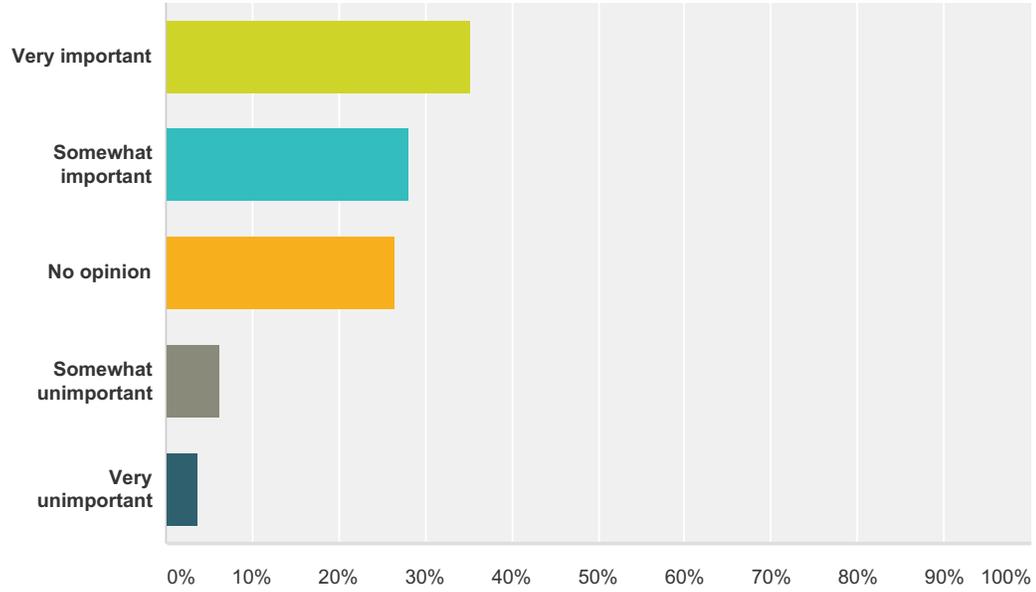
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	School based position	12/16/2014 1:55 PM
2	Academic administrator	12/16/2014 7:43 AM
3	Classroom teacher	12/14/2014 8:23 PM
4	adjunct professor and practitioner (elementary education)	12/14/2014 6:33 PM
5	Professor, retired but still active in writing and research and coference attendance	12/14/2014 12:57 PM
6	High School English Teacher	12/13/2014 3:46 PM
7	retired	12/13/2014 3:13 PM

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8	full time instructor at a private college, working on Ph.D.	12/12/2014 3:50 PM
9	Student and Graduate Assistant	12/12/2014 3:05 PM
10	Doctoral student and research assistant	12/12/2014 12:46 PM
11	Retired from Academia, but still working in Literacy	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
12	Clinical Assistant Professor	12/12/2014 12:42 PM
13	Literacy consultant	12/12/2014 12:38 PM

Q8 Rate the importance of Alternative Format Sessions to your conference experience.

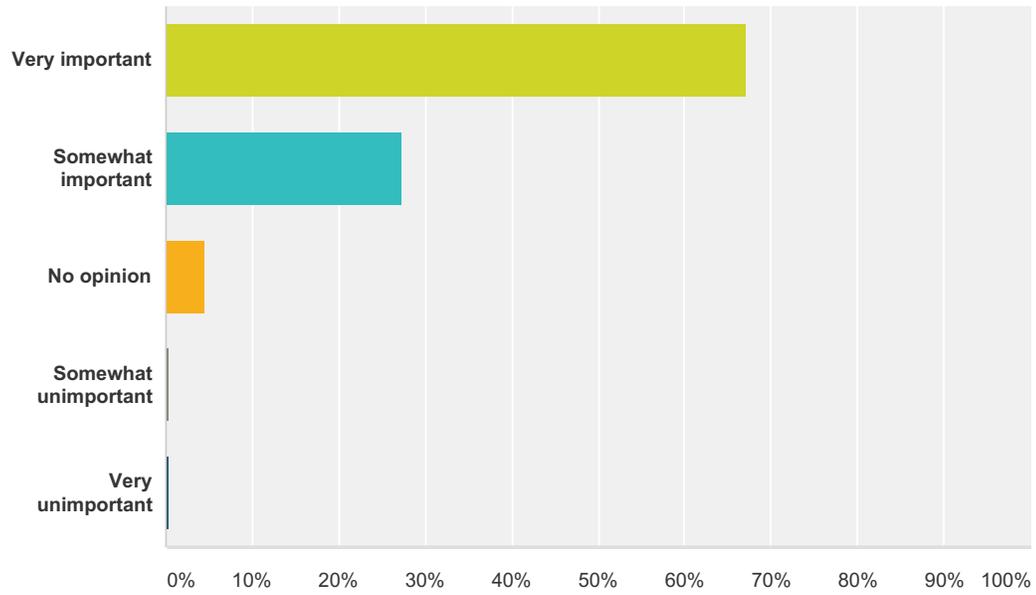
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	35.29%	84
Somewhat important	28.15%	67
No opinion	26.47%	63
Somewhat unimportant	6.30%	15
Very unimportant	3.78%	9
Total		238

Q9 Rate the importance of Paper Sessions to your conference experience.

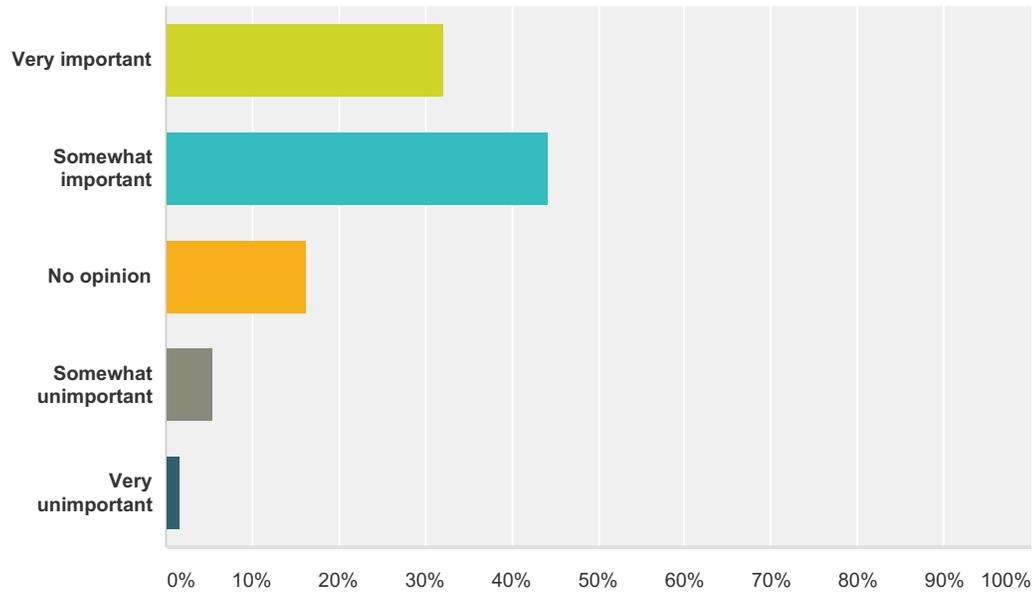
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	67.23%	160
Somewhat important	27.31%	65
No opinion	4.62%	11
Somewhat unimportant	0.42%	1
Very unimportant	0.42%	1
Total		238

Q10 Rate the importance of Roundtable Sessions to your conference experience.

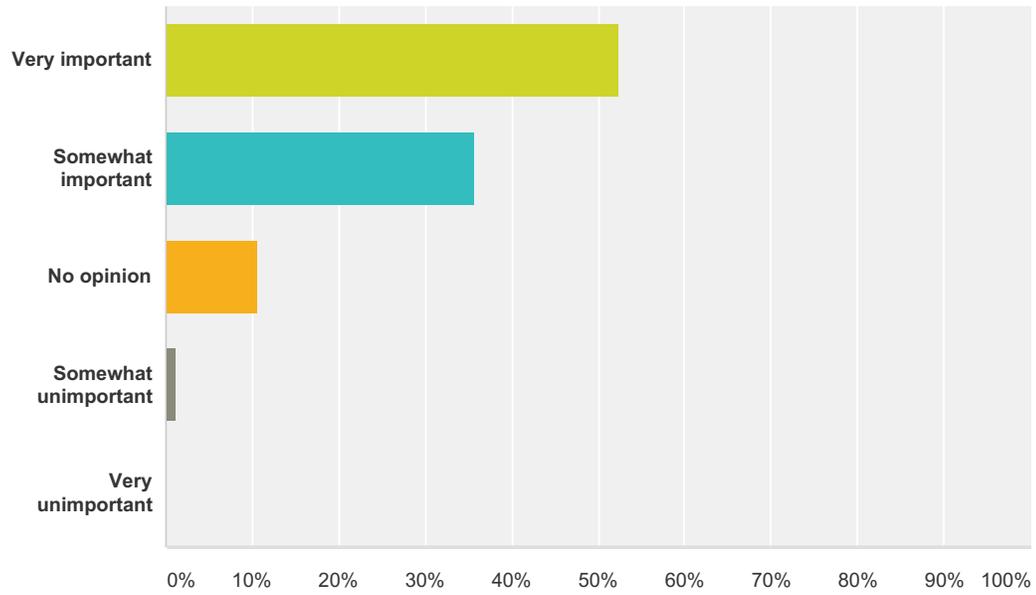
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	32.22% 77
Somewhat important	44.35% 106
No opinion	16.32% 39
Somewhat unimportant	5.44% 13
Very unimportant	1.67% 4
Total	239

Q11 Rate the importance of Symposia sessions to your conference experience.

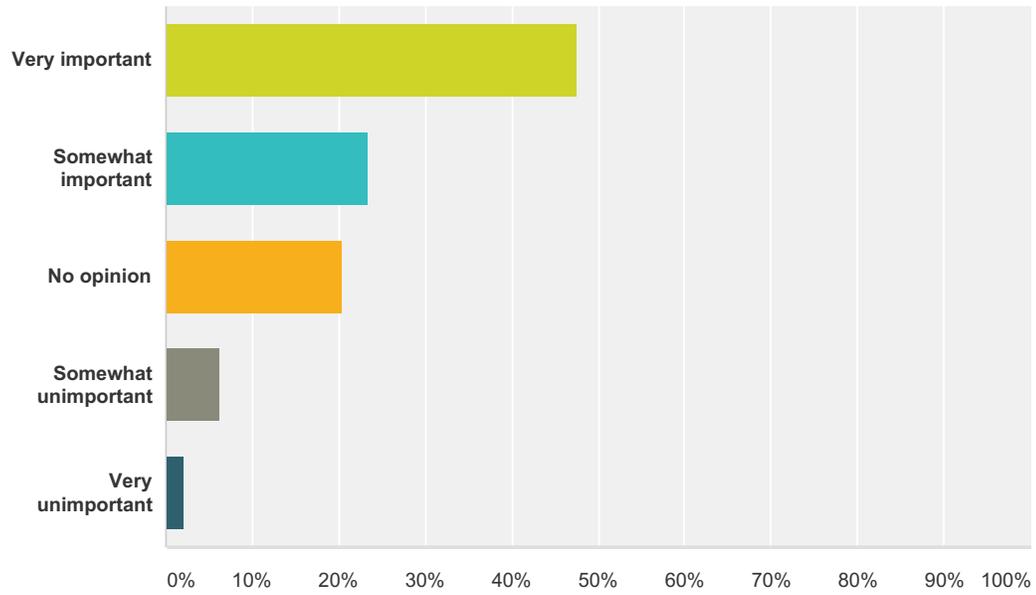
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	52.34%	123
Somewhat important	35.74%	84
No opinion	10.64%	25
Somewhat unimportant	1.28%	3
Very unimportant	0.00%	0
Total		235

Q12 Rate the importance of Study Groups to your conference experience.

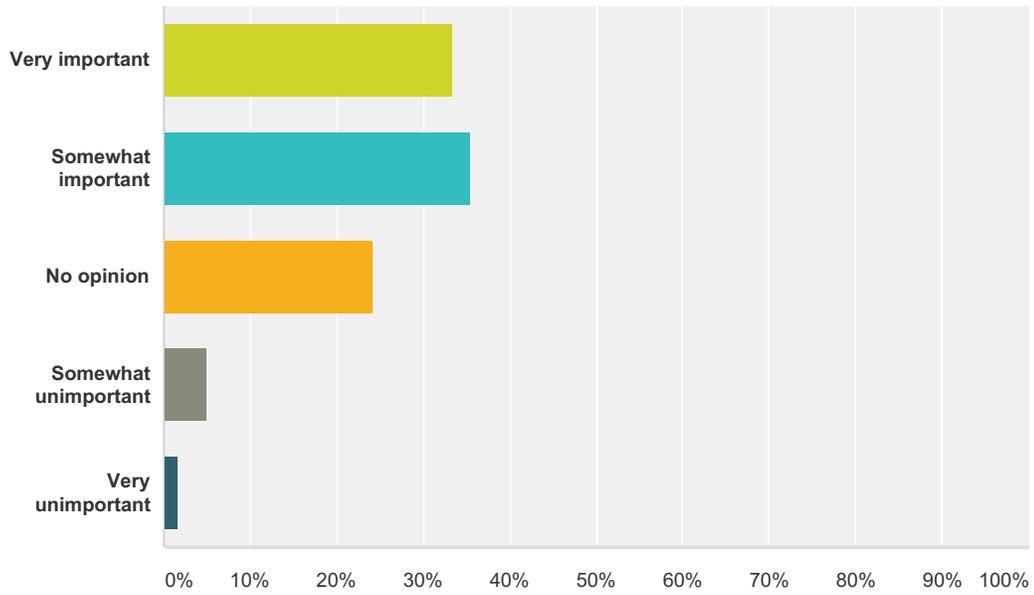
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	47.70%	114
Somewhat important	23.43%	56
No opinion	20.50%	49
Somewhat unimportant	6.28%	15
Very unimportant	2.09%	5
Total		239

Q13 Rate the importance of the Presidential Address to your conference experience.

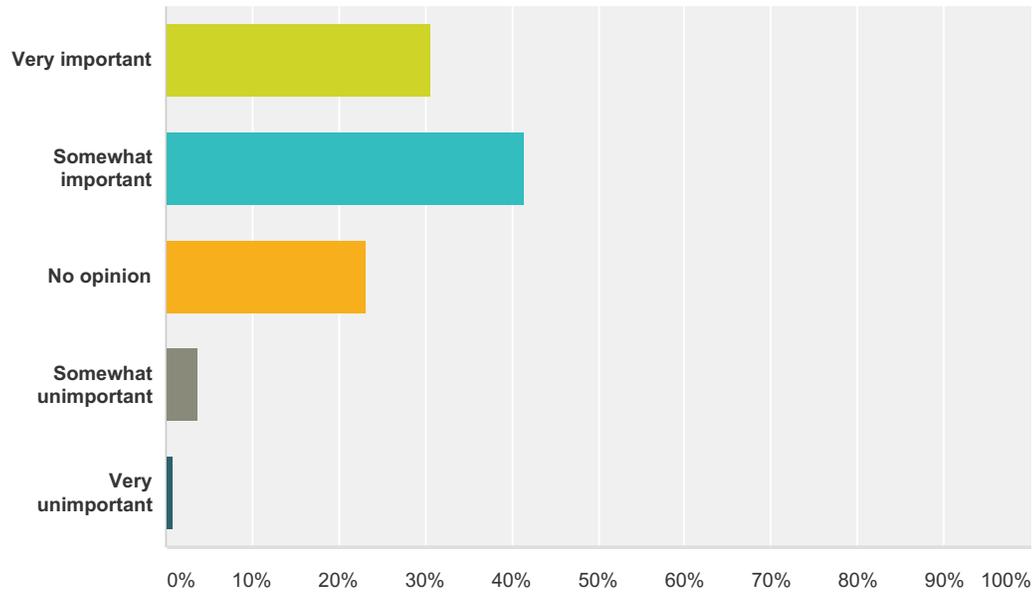
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	33.47% 79
Somewhat important	35.59% 84
No opinion	24.15% 57
Somewhat unimportant	5.08% 12
Very unimportant	1.69% 4
Total	236

Q14 Rate the importance of the Plenary Sessions to your conference experience.

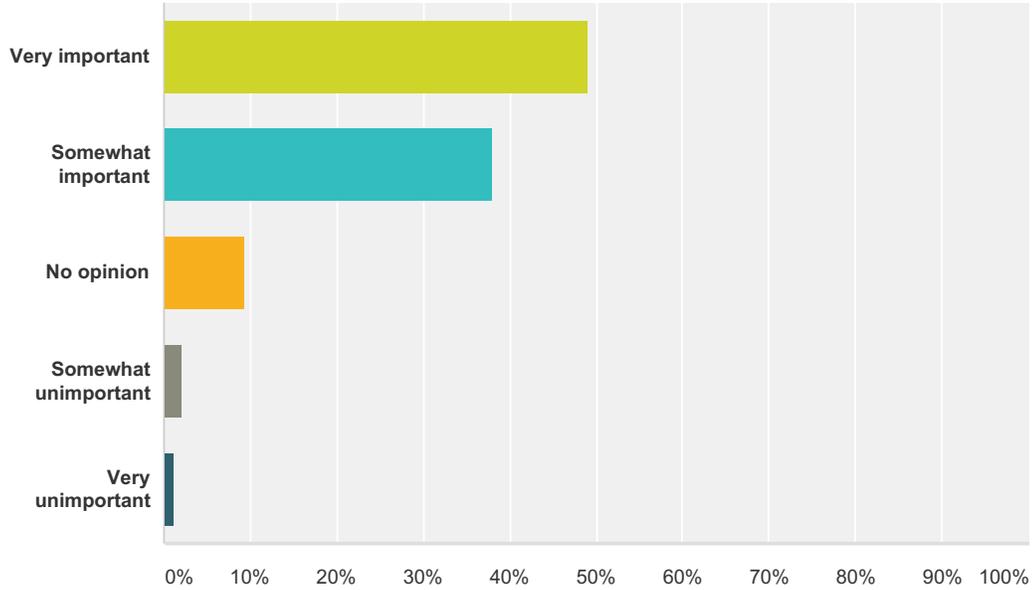
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	30.67% 73
Somewhat important	41.60% 99
No opinion	23.11% 55
Somewhat unimportant	3.78% 9
Very unimportant	0.84% 2
Total	238

Q15 Rate the importance of space to meet in small group to your conference experience.

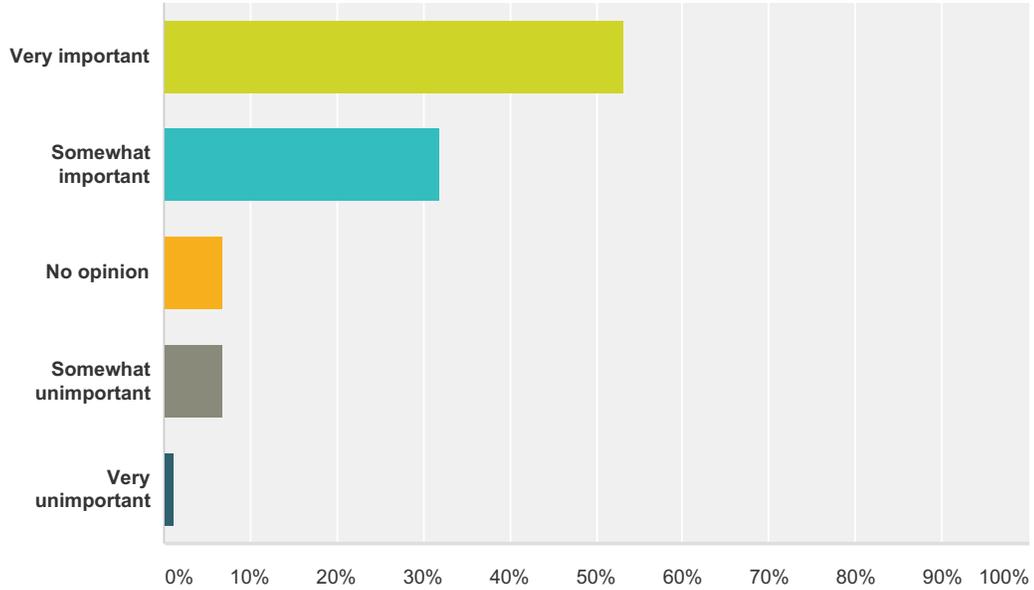
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	49.15% 115
Somewhat important	38.03% 89
No opinion	9.40% 22
Somewhat unimportant	2.14% 5
Very unimportant	1.28% 3
Total	234

Q16 Rate the importance of places to meet and interact in the evening to your conference experience.

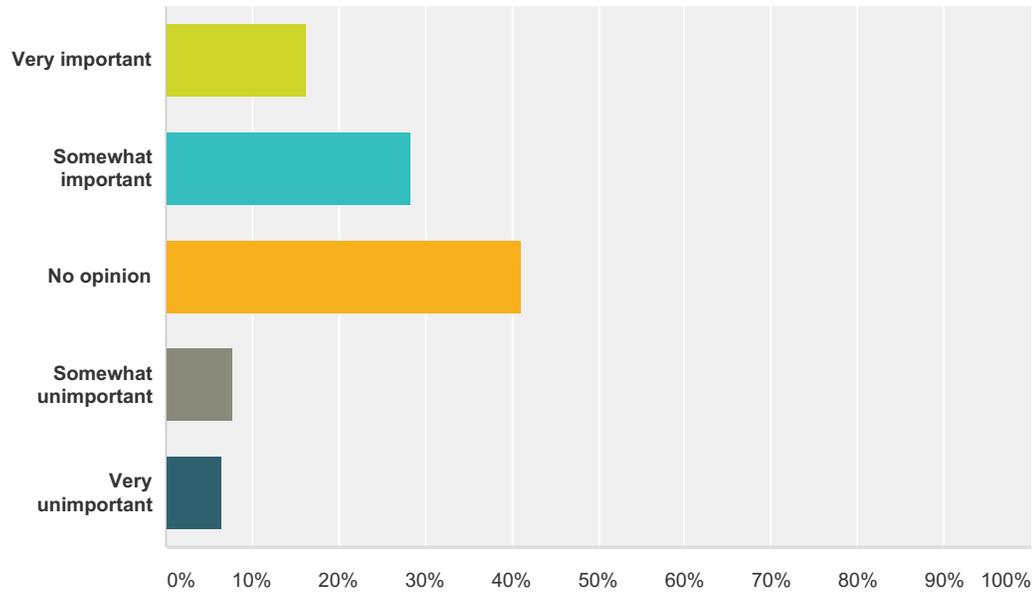
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	53.19%	125
Somewhat important	31.91%	75
No opinion	6.81%	16
Somewhat unimportant	6.81%	16
Very unimportant	1.28%	3
Total		235

Q17 Rate the importance of Vital Issues to your conference experience.

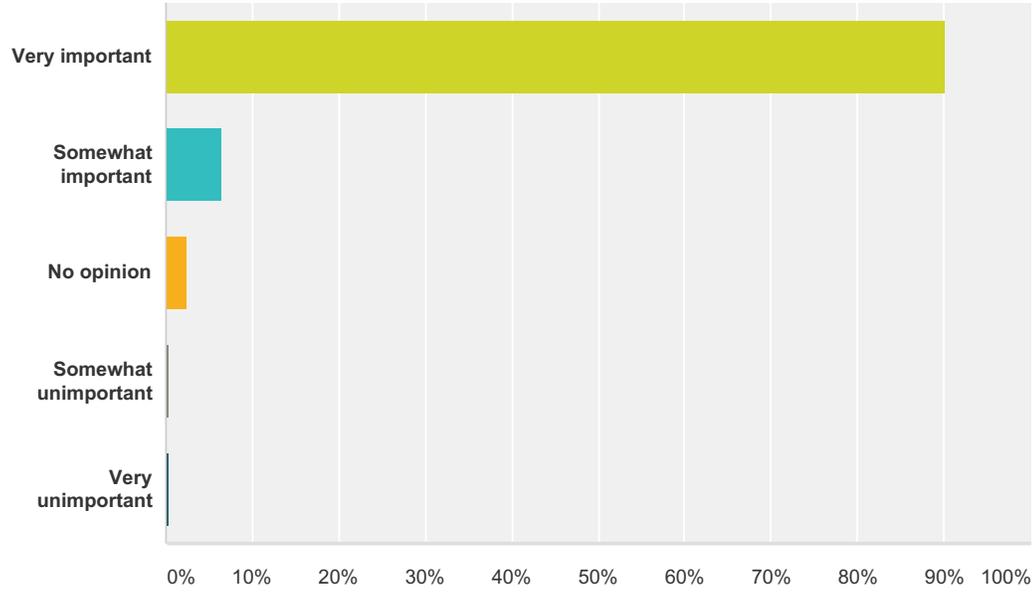
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	16.31%	38
Somewhat important	28.33%	66
No opinion	41.20%	96
Somewhat unimportant	7.73%	18
Very unimportant	6.44%	15
Total		233

Q18 Rate the importance of free guestroom internet access to your conference experience.

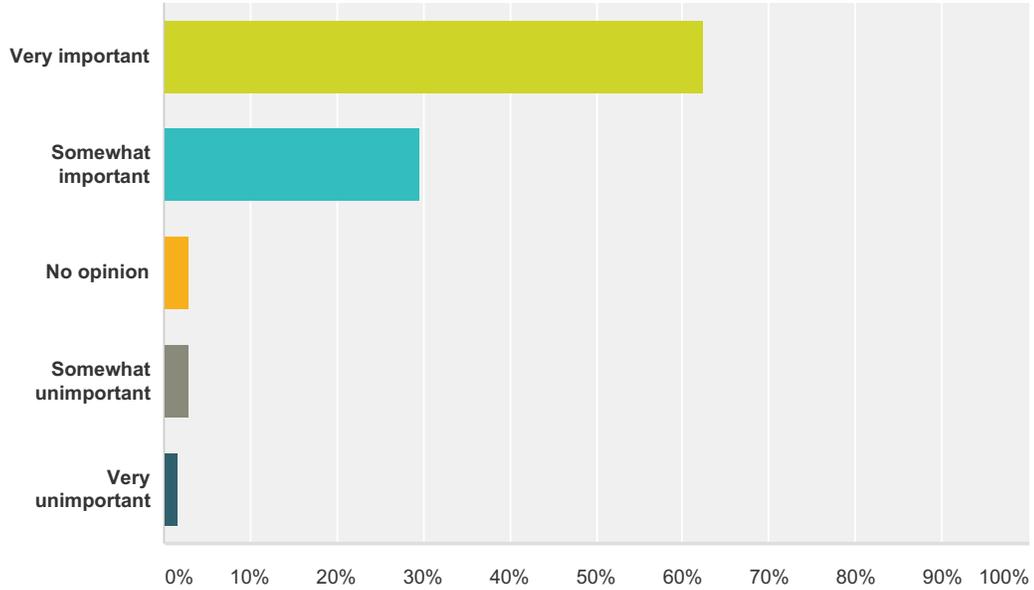
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	90.09% 209
Somewhat important	6.47% 15
No opinion	2.59% 6
Somewhat unimportant	0.43% 1
Very unimportant	0.43% 1
Total	232

Q19 Rate the importance of a city with many non-stop flights to your conference experience.

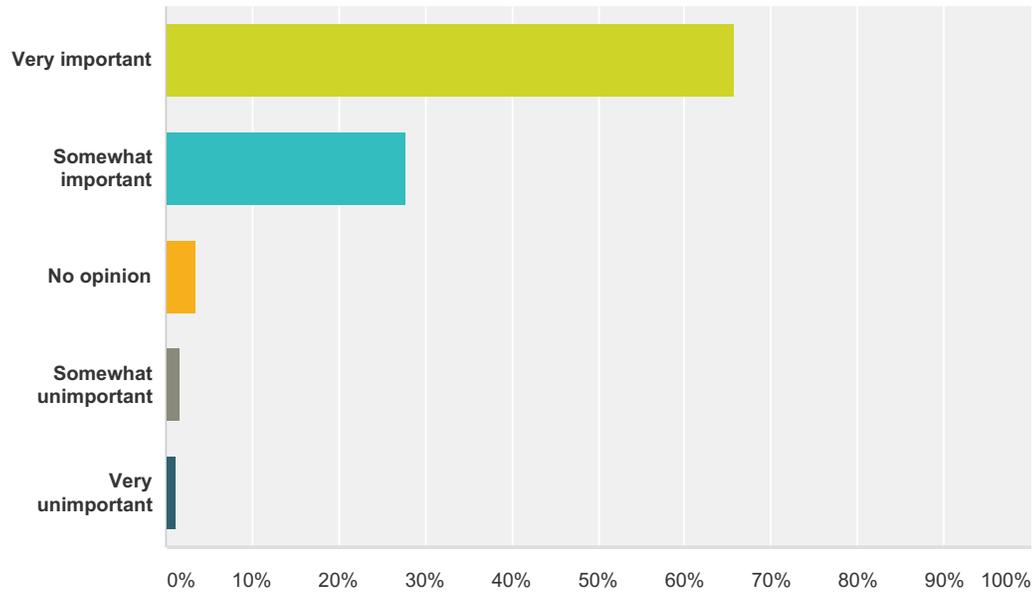
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	62.50%	145
Somewhat important	29.74%	69
No opinion	3.02%	7
Somewhat unimportant	3.02%	7
Very unimportant	1.72%	4
Total		232

Q20 Rate the importance of a city with low airfares to your conference experience.

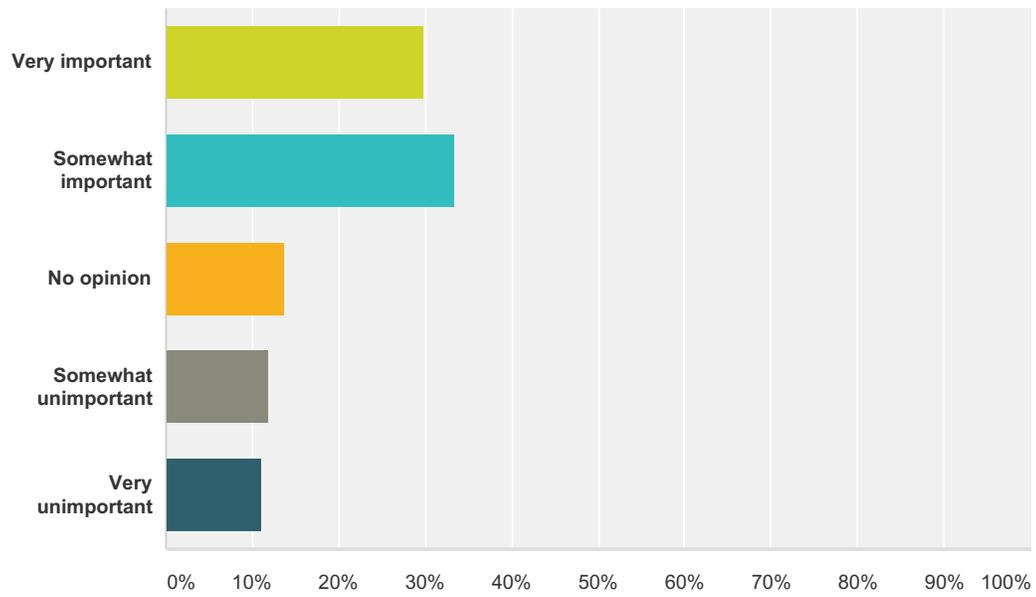
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	65.80%	152
Somewhat important	27.71%	64
No opinion	3.46%	8
Somewhat unimportant	1.73%	4
Very unimportant	1.30%	3
Total		231

Q21 Rate the importance of warm weather to your conference experience.

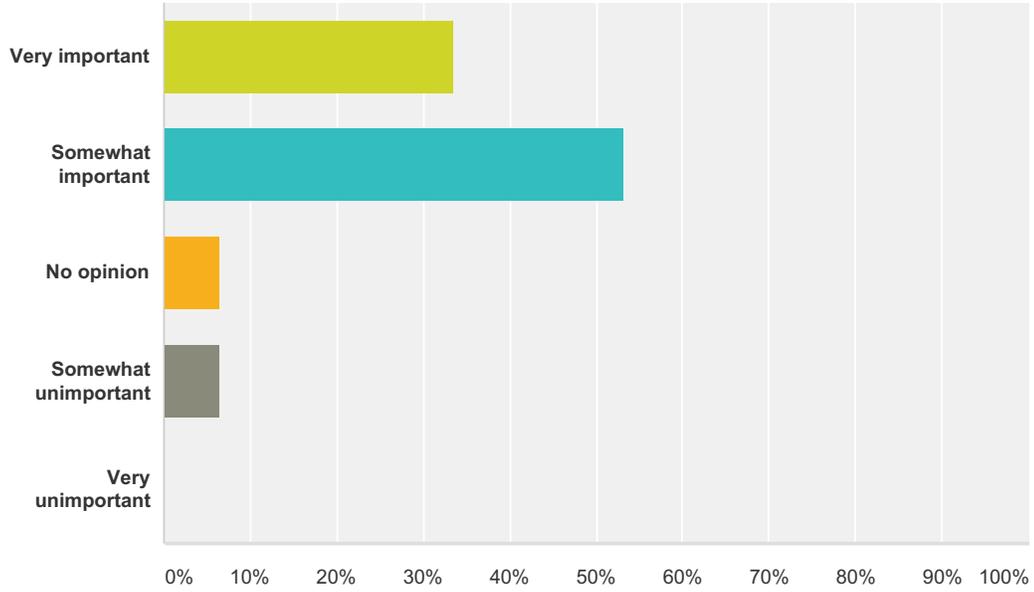
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	29.91% 70
Somewhat important	33.33% 78
No opinion	13.68% 32
Somewhat unimportant	11.97% 28
Very unimportant	11.11% 26
Total	234

Q22 How important to your overall conference experience is the conference website?

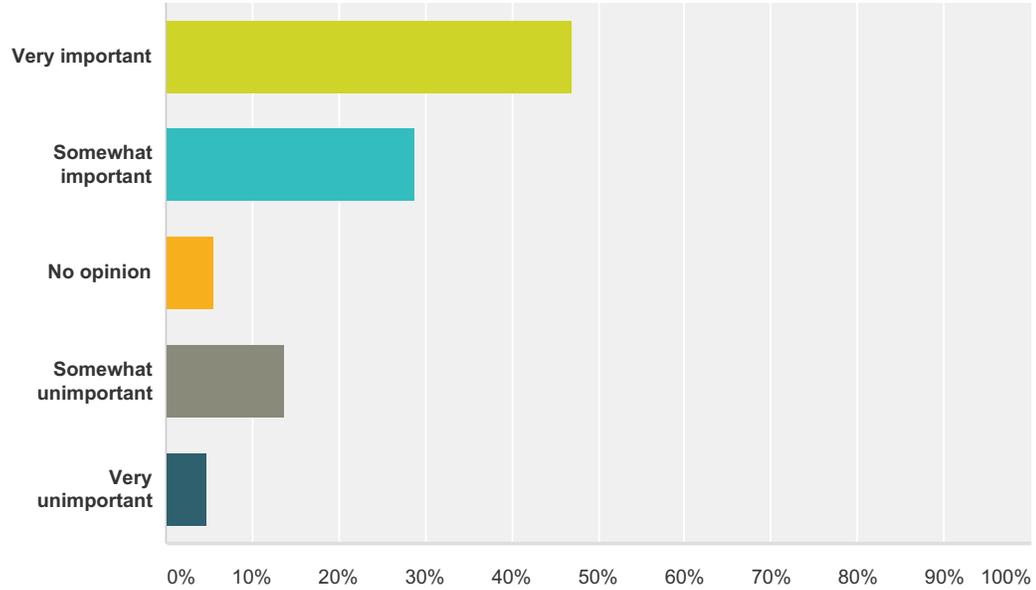
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	33.62% 77
Somewhat important	53.28% 122
No opinion	6.55% 15
Somewhat unimportant	6.55% 15
Very unimportant	0.00% 0
Total	229

Q23 How important to your overall conference experience is the printed program book?

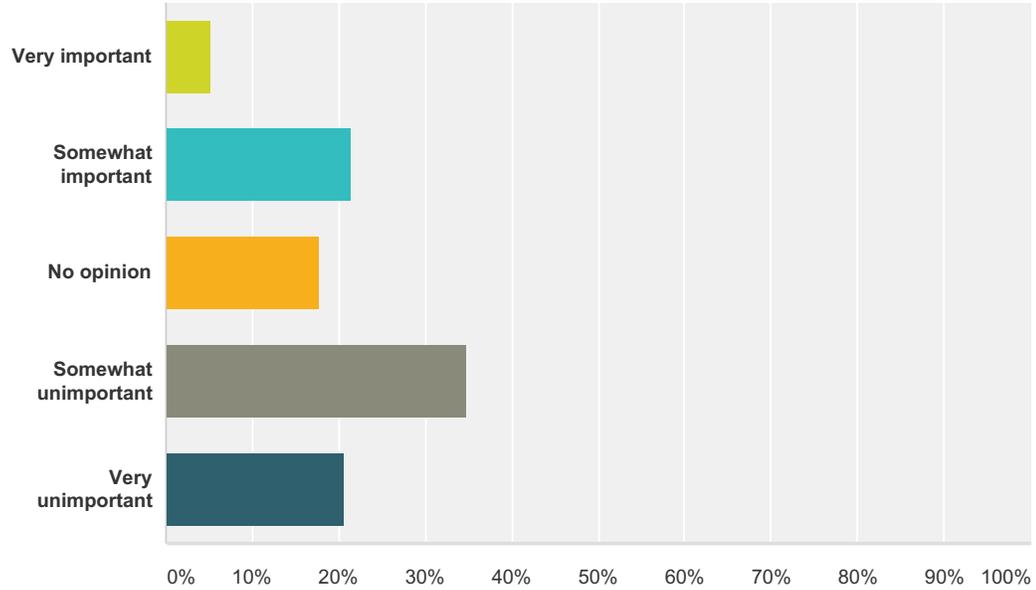
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	46.98%	109
Somewhat important	28.88%	67
No opinion	5.60%	13
Somewhat unimportant	13.79%	32
Very unimportant	4.74%	11
Total		232

Q24 How important to your overall conference experience are the publisher exhibits?

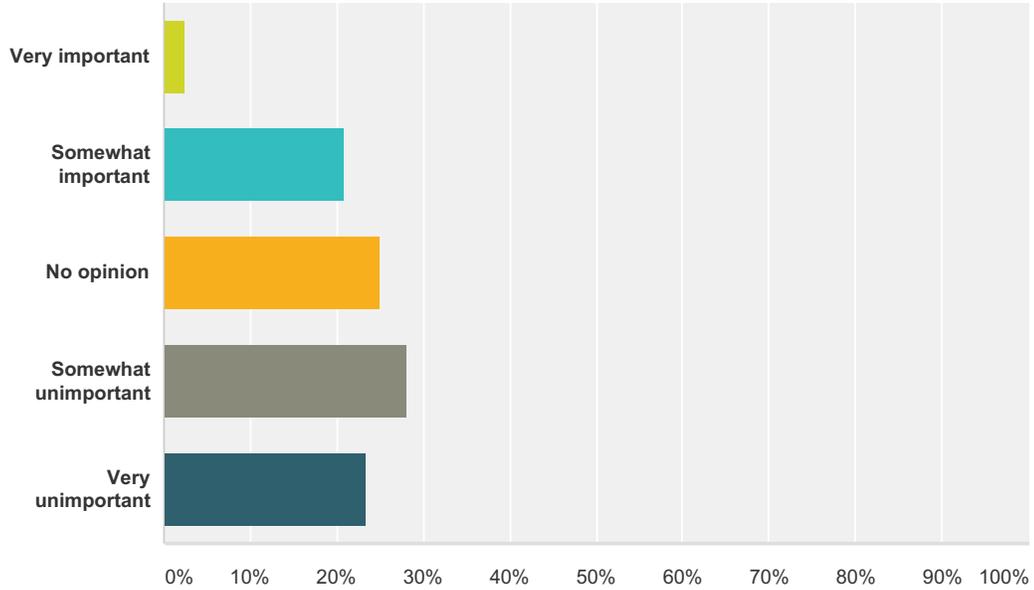
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	5.17%	12
Somewhat important	21.55%	50
No opinion	17.67%	41
Somewhat unimportant	34.91%	81
Very unimportant	20.69%	48
Total		232

Q25 How important to your overall conference experience is the Book Display/Silent Auction?

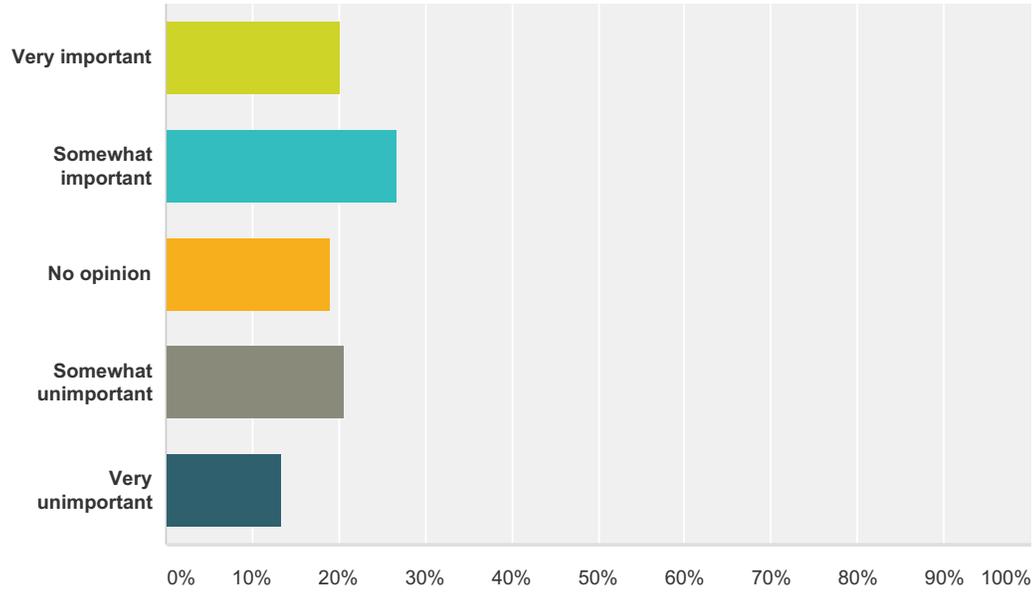
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	2.60%	6
Somewhat important	20.78%	48
No opinion	25.11%	58
Somewhat unimportant	28.14%	65
Very unimportant	23.38%	54
Total		231

Q26 How important to your overall conference experience is access to a computer and/or printer at the registration desk?

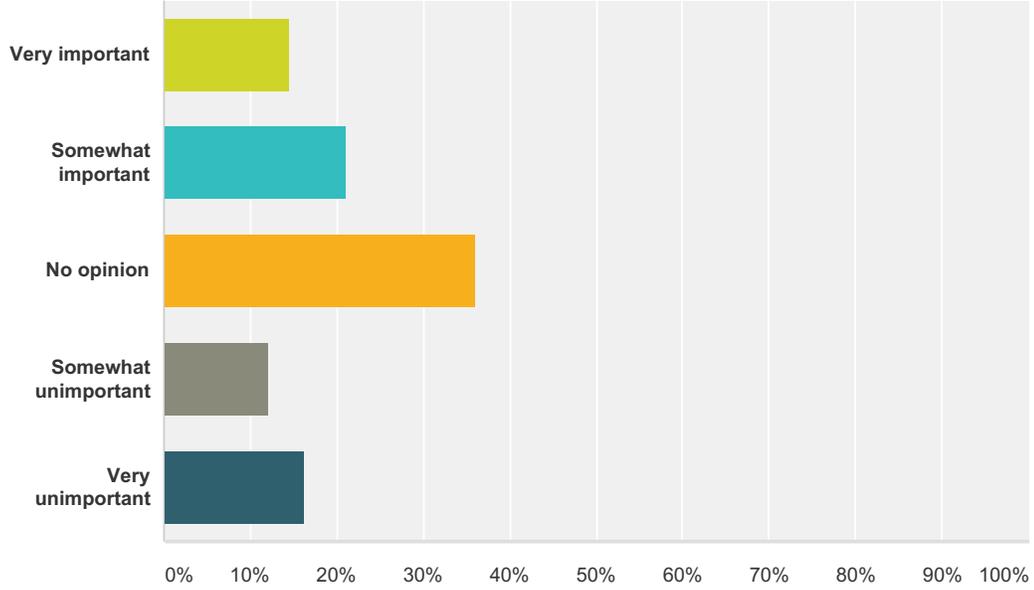
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	20.26%	47
Somewhat important	26.72%	62
No opinion	18.97%	44
Somewhat unimportant	20.69%	48
Very unimportant	13.36%	31
Total		232

Q27 How important to your overall conference experience is the SCHED Mobile App?

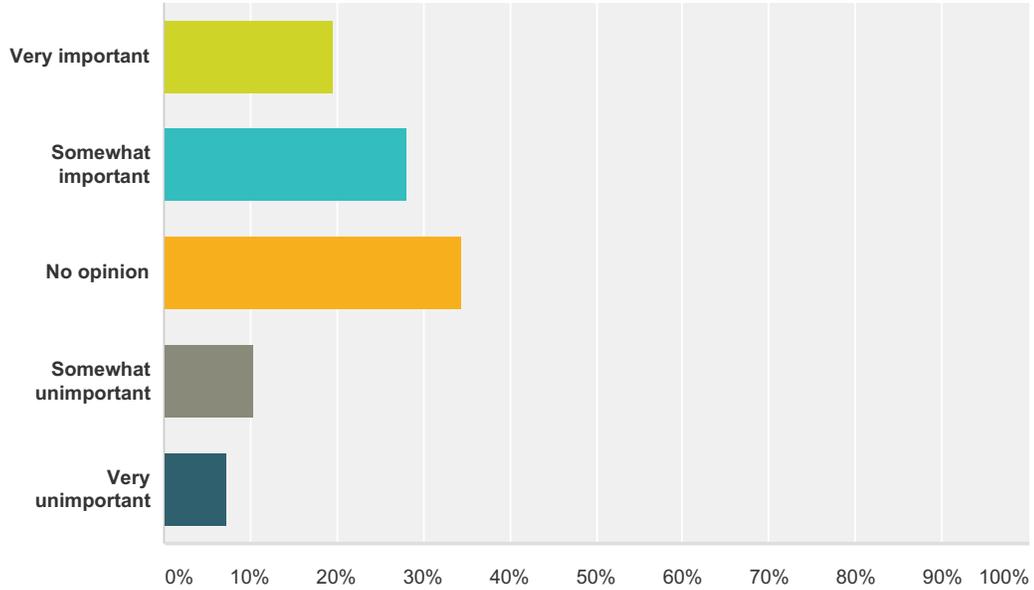
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	14.59%	34
Somewhat important	21.03%	49
No opinion	36.05%	84
Somewhat unimportant	12.02%	28
Very unimportant	16.31%	38
Total		233

Q28 How important to your overall conference experience is the Town Hall Meeting?

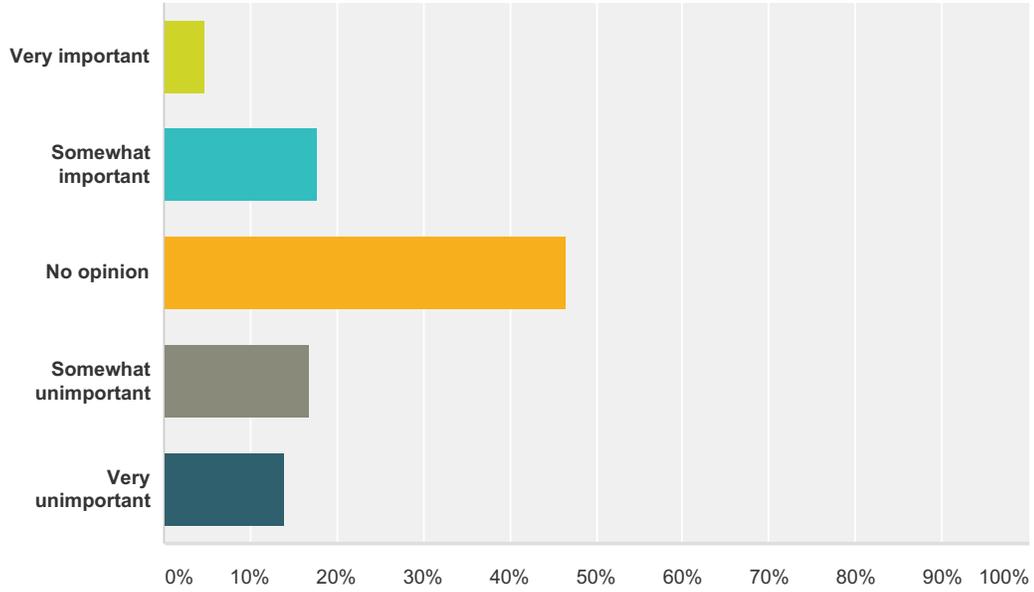
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	19.57%	45
Somewhat important	28.26%	65
No opinion	34.35%	79
Somewhat unimportant	10.43%	24
Very unimportant	7.39%	17
Total		230

Q29 How important to your overall conference experience is the Annual Business Meeting?

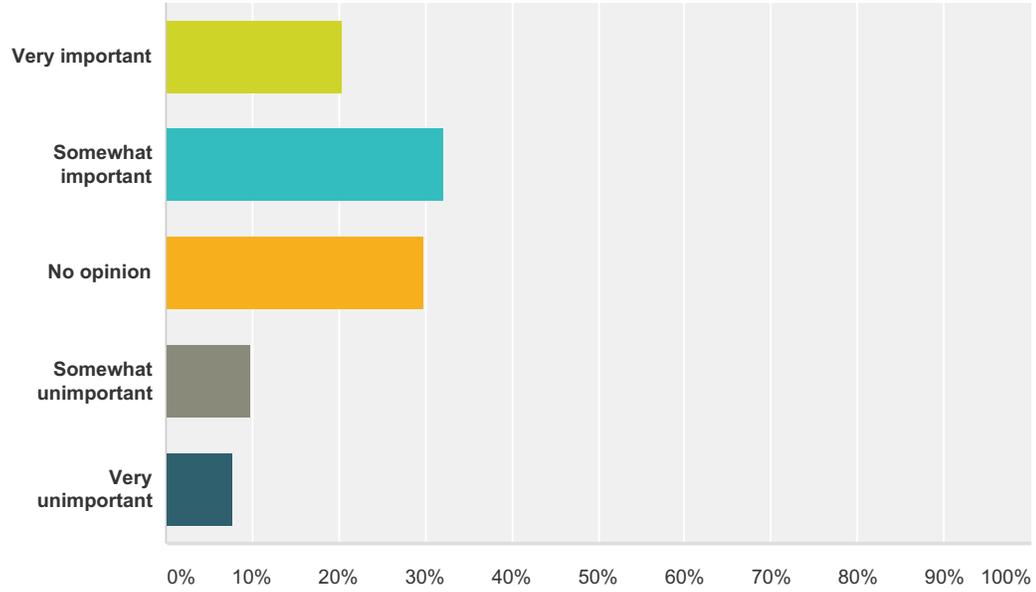
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	4.78%	11
Somewhat important	17.83%	41
No opinion	46.52%	107
Somewhat unimportant	16.96%	39
Very unimportant	13.91%	32
Total		230

Q30 How important to your overall conference experience is the President's Reception?

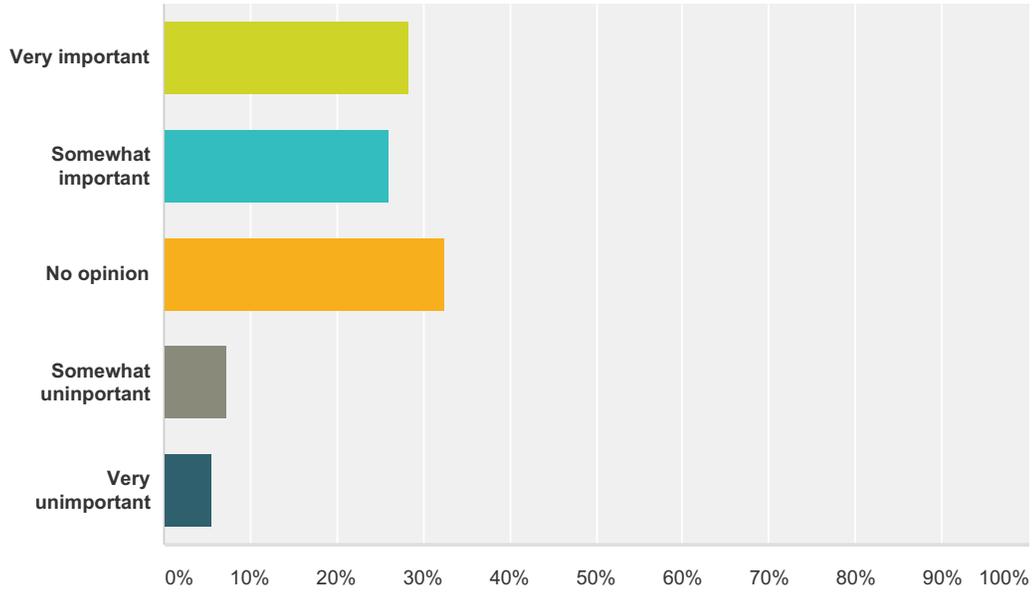
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	20.51%	48
Somewhat important	32.05%	75
No opinion	29.91%	70
Somewhat unimportant	9.83%	23
Very unimportant	7.69%	18
Total		234

Q31 How important to your overall conference experience is the Newcomer/Graduate Student function? (e.g. breakfast, reception, etc.)

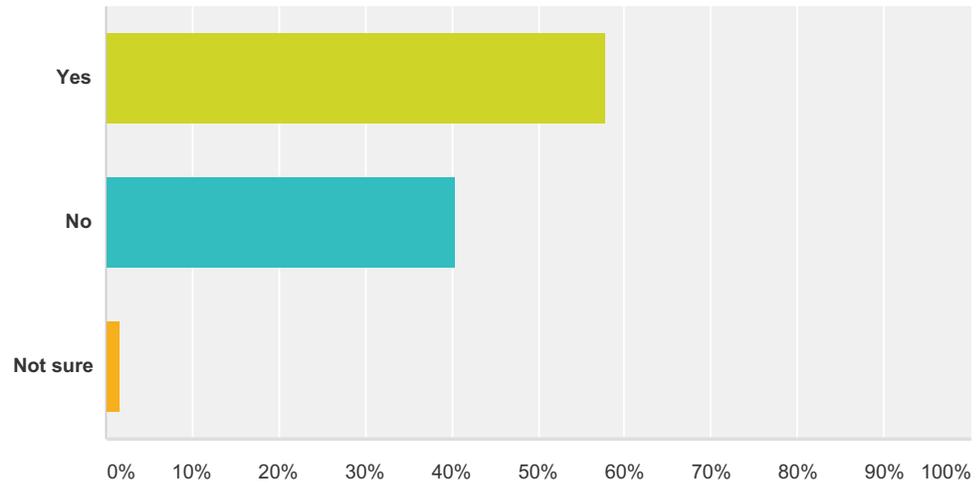
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	28.33%	66
Somewhat important	26.18%	61
No opinion	32.62%	76
Somewhat unimportant	7.30%	17
Very unimportant	5.58%	13
Total		233

Q32 Were all presenters present in the sessions that you attended?

Answered: 235 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	57.87%	136
No	40.43%	95
Not sure	1.70%	4
Total		235

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Q33 If you were a volunteer for this conference, in what capacity did you volunteer?

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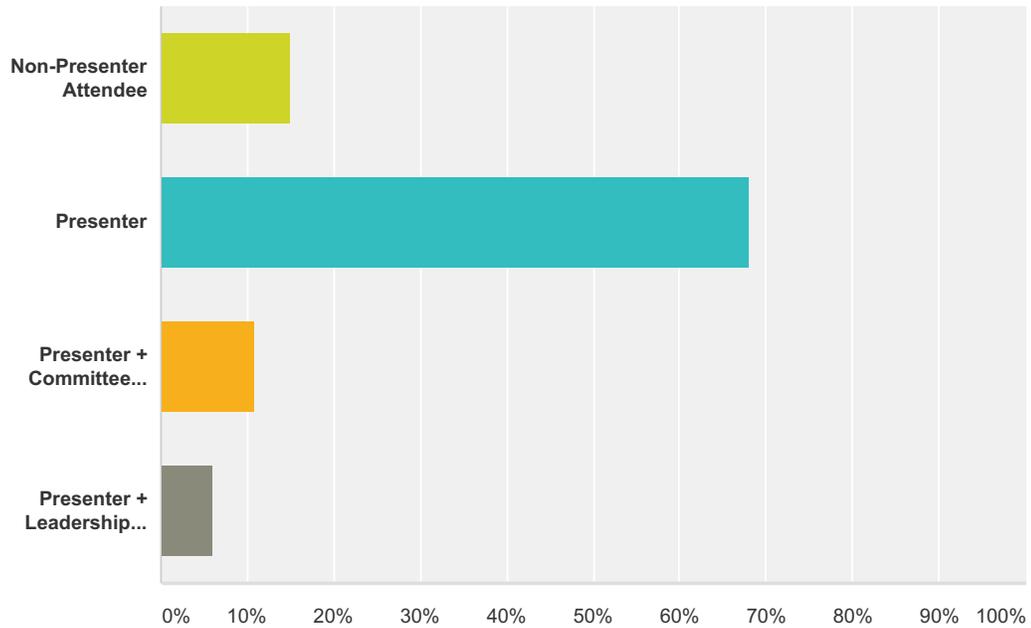
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1	I was a discussant.	1/3/2015 2:18 PM
2	I also volunteered as chair of a session	12/30/2014 2:28 PM
3	n/a	12/28/2014 10:51 AM
4	Chair	12/19/2014 9:28 PM
5	I chaired a session and was a discussant for a different session.	12/19/2014 5:14 PM
6	n/a	12/16/2014 1:38 PM
7	Chair for sessions	12/16/2014 10:54 AM
8	Chair	12/15/2014 5:15 PM
9	Discussant	12/15/2014 2:26 PM
10	chair and discussant	12/15/2014 11:36 AM
11	Chair, discuss ant, reviewer	12/15/2014 7:54 AM
12	Reviewer	12/14/2014 9:45 PM
13	reviewer, chair, disscussant	12/14/2014 7:30 PM
14	Discussant	12/14/2014 7:25 PM
15	n/a	12/14/2014 7:23 PM
16	I was not a volunteer.	12/14/2014 6:39 PM
17	reviewer	12/14/2014 12:47 PM
18	Reviewer	12/14/2014 8:42 AM
19	not this year	12/13/2014 7:07 PM
20	Chair	12/13/2014 1:35 PM
21	Discussant	12/13/2014 1:29 PM
22	Proposal reader	12/13/2014 9:37 AM
23	Newcomer's functions, review proposals	12/13/2014 7:43 AM
24	I volunteered but wasn't needed (not contacted).	12/13/2014 12:29 AM
25	n/a	12/12/2014 9:41 PM
26	reviewer,	12/12/2014 8:40 PM
27	Proposal reviewer	12/12/2014 6:44 PM
28	Paper Session Chair ICG	12/12/2014 6:07 PM
29	What are my options? I am willing to assist.	12/12/2014 5:38 PM
30	Proposal reviewer	12/12/2014 5:04 PM
31	Field Council - Newcomer's Breakfast	12/12/2014 4:28 PM

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32	discussant	12/12/2014 4:22 PM
33	Yes. As a chair and a time keeper for roundtables.	12/12/2014 4:11 PM
34	Chair	12/12/2014 3:53 PM
35	Session chair	12/12/2014 3:50 PM
36	Proposal reviewer; session chair	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
37	discussant	12/12/2014 3:28 PM
38	n/a	12/12/2014 3:11 PM
39	Not a volunteer for this conference but will look for opportunities in the future to serve in this position.	12/12/2014 3:06 PM
40	area chair field council rep-hosted a dinner for newcomers; attended newcomer breakfast	12/12/2014 3:02 PM
41	Proposal reviewer, study group co-facilitator	12/12/2014 2:57 PM
42	I was not a volunteer.	12/12/2014 2:51 PM
43	discussant	12/12/2014 2:05 PM
44	Proposal Reviewer	12/12/2014 2:01 PM
45	Chair	12/12/2014 1:50 PM
46	Proposal reviewer	12/12/2014 1:38 PM
47	Discussant	12/12/2014 1:34 PM
48	discussant	12/12/2014 1:29 PM
49	N/A	12/12/2014 1:28 PM
50	NA	12/12/2014 1:27 PM
51	Roundtables	12/12/2014 1:19 PM
52	Discussant	12/12/2014 1:14 PM
53	reviewer	12/12/2014 1:13 PM
54	Discussant for two paper sessions and a symposium session.	12/12/2014 1:07 PM
55	Discussant; chair	12/12/2014 1:06 PM
56	N/A	12/12/2014 1:06 PM
57	chaired a session	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
58	n/a	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
59	session chair	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
60	proposal reviewer	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
61	I chaired a session. I also reviewed.	12/12/2014 12:48 PM
62	Proposal reviewer, session chair	12/12/2014 12:46 PM
63	Discussant for two symposia.	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
64	Session chair	12/12/2014 12:35 PM
65	Field council	12/12/2014 12:32 PM
66	Chaired one session, reviewed conference proposals, committee member	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
67	Session Chair Proposal Reviewer	12/12/2014 12:25 PM
68	Reviewer	12/12/2014 12:24 PM

Q34 Please describe your participation in this year's conference.

Answered: 232 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Non-Presenter Attendee	15.09% 35
Presenter	68.10% 158
Presenter + Committee Member	10.78% 25
Presenter + Leadership (past or present)	6.03% 14
Total	232

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Field Council Member	12/15/2014 6:57 PM
2	Looking for compelling research to bring back to the classroom and to share with my colleagues.	12/14/2014 6:39 PM
3	Member of a roundtable session	12/13/2014 3:51 PM
4	Presented twice	12/12/2014 3:11 PM
5	study group	12/12/2014 2:57 PM
6	Discussant	12/12/2014 1:14 PM
7	Discussant, Chair etc	12/12/2014 1:13 PM
8	discussant & chair	12/12/2014 1:06 PM

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Q35 What is the most important factor that will influence your decision to attend the conference next year?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 41

#	Responses	Date
1	Location and opportunities to present research.	1/4/2015 9:05 PM
2	Acceptance of my proposal(s)	1/3/2015 2:18 PM
3	Nothing, can't wait till next year!	12/30/2014 2:32 PM
4	If my submission is accepted	12/30/2014 2:28 PM
5	Time of year and location. The first week of December is a tough time of year for those of us who are parents. (Maybe this has been shared before...but...) I missed two daughters' Christmas/holiday concerts because I was at LRA. Location is also a factor for me because of the hours I'll have to spend traveling to get to the conference.	12/28/2014 10:51 AM
6	Quality of the sessions	12/22/2014 10:00 AM
7	Acceptance of my proposal. This is the most important conference I attend each year.	12/19/2014 9:28 PM
8	I will likely attend; I look forward to this every year.	12/19/2014 5:14 PM
9	Quality of sessions and presentations. The plenary speakers are also a draw.	12/18/2014 4:41 PM
10	The study group and the networking opportunities	12/18/2014 10:41 AM
11	Whether or not my paper is accepted to the program.	12/17/2014 8:57 PM
12	Whether my proposal gets accepted	12/17/2014 2:10 PM
13	Affordability of accommodations and airfare	12/17/2014 6:20 AM
14	I will attend the conference whether I present or not.	12/16/2014 1:38 PM
15	acceptance of a proposal.	12/16/2014 10:54 AM
16	I will definitely submit to present at LRA again, but the location will have an influence due to budget constraints.	12/16/2014 7:46 AM
17	Acceptance of my proposals.	12/16/2014 6:49 AM
18	Being able to fit it into my end-of-semester schedule.	12/15/2014 6:57 PM
19	Cost, time of year	12/15/2014 5:28 PM
20	The price of the area is huge, especially when most of my funding comes out of my own pocket.	12/15/2014 5:18 PM
21	Proposal acceptance	12/15/2014 5:15 PM
22	Topic and location	12/15/2014 4:29 PM
23	Acceptance to present	12/15/2014 3:55 PM
24	Whether my proposal is accepted for presentation.	12/15/2014 3:17 PM
25	Having my presentation accepted.	12/15/2014 2:30 PM
26	Whether my presentation proposal is except	12/15/2014 2:26 PM
27	Access to conference site and affordability. I love the varying strands of research so I imagine I will appreciate the presentations but convenience in attending the conference will matter.	12/15/2014 12:34 PM
28	Getting on the program (having a proposal accepted)	12/15/2014 11:36 AM
29	acceptance to present	12/15/2014 10:27 AM

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30	Cost -- the aspect of transportation was difficult from hotel to airport.	12/15/2014 10:13 AM
31	if paper gets accepted	12/15/2014 10:07 AM
32	I was pleasantly surprised at how informative the sessions were to my work (a librarian) with preservice teachers. I felt as if I came to the conference thinking it might be too "high brow" for me, but the sessions I attended with engaging and involved action research.	12/15/2014 10:00 AM
33	High quality research being presented Ability to get to the conference semi-easily	12/15/2014 9:26 AM
34	Continued excellence of LRA program.	12/15/2014 7:54 AM
35	cost and the presenters who will be there	12/15/2014 5:49 AM
36	Paper acceptance	12/14/2014 9:45 PM
37	Funding for more challenging location	12/14/2014 8:34 PM
38	Whether I am accepted as a presenter.	12/14/2014 8:26 PM
39	N/a	12/14/2014 8:19 PM
40	conference theme and acceptance to present	12/14/2014 7:52 PM
41	The number of other conferences I need to attend at that time of year; in addition, the timing right before or during finals is a problem for me. I think this conference is terrific, though, so I probably will attend. The location was lovely, but transportation was a little tough. Still, the location contributed to my enjoyment of the meeting, and the hotel and amenities were fabulous. The hotel staff was excellent - very helpful.	12/14/2014 7:34 PM
42	location	12/14/2014 7:30 PM
43	proposal acceptance	12/14/2014 7:25 PM
44	Whether (a) proposals are accepted and (b) I can secure funding.	12/14/2014 7:23 PM
45	Presenters	12/14/2014 6:39 PM
46	I was very impressed overall and will definitely submit a proposal to present again. I would most likely be a non-presenter attendee as well.	12/14/2014 3:47 PM
47	speakers	12/14/2014 1:09 PM
48	More topics related to adult and digital literacy.	12/14/2014 12:52 PM
49	mostly having my research accepted so I can receive funding to attend	12/14/2014 12:49 PM
50	location, presentation proposal approval	12/14/2014 12:47 PM
51	cost and location	12/14/2014 10:10 AM
52	time permitting	12/14/2014 8:42 AM
53	Opportunity to present	12/14/2014 8:19 AM
54	Price and ease of access to conference city/hotels	12/14/2014 12:48 AM
55	Affordability of the conference.	12/14/2014 12:40 AM
56	Cost of transportation: flight and access from the airport. It was extremely expensive (\$85/ow!) to get from the airport to the conference because I arrived on Thursday and left on Sunday.	12/14/2014 12:03 AM
57	Acceptance of proposal.	12/13/2014 9:44 PM
58	Up to date presentations	12/13/2014 8:59 PM
59	the weather, location, and getting a proposal accepted to present	12/13/2014 7:07 PM
60	Quality of the sessions	12/13/2014 6:03 PM
61	Accessibility of the location... but I plan on attending. I find the conference consistently valuable.	12/13/2014 4:25 PM
62	Funding	12/13/2014 3:51 PM
63	Ease of access from airport and location of nearby places to eat and shop	12/13/2014 3:18 PM

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64	Location.	12/13/2014 1:49 PM
65	I am planning on attending no matter what.	12/13/2014 1:35 PM
66	Ability to GET to conference site in a reasonable manner. \$45.00 one way was unacceptable, conferencing around screaming children (I love children) was such a distraction.	12/13/2014 11:55 AM
67	NA Attend every year.	12/13/2014 11:08 AM
68	Diversity of current research presented	12/13/2014 10:42 AM
69	Proposal acceptance	12/13/2014 9:37 AM
70	Quality of sessions and cost	12/13/2014 9:03 AM
71	If my proposal is accepted	12/13/2014 8:35 AM
72	I will attend and hopefully present.	12/13/2014 12:55 AM
73	Where it is held is a major factor. This conference had a lovely hotel and atmosphere, but it was far too expensive. If professors were complaining about being captive audiences to extremely expensive meals, etc., how on earth do we expect doc students to be able to attend LRA? I had a mental vision of 30 doc students sharing a room and eating popcorn every night because they couldn't afford dinner! -- Also, \$120 (including tip) one way to the hotel from the airport was enough to make my university administrators' collective hair stand on end! Universities are so used to belt tightening these days, and I don't want someone to tell me that I should chose a less expensive conference than LRA.	12/12/2014 11:14 PM
74	My role in the program, accepted papers, and meetings I must attend	12/12/2014 10:59 PM
75	It's LRA - I'll be there!	12/12/2014 10:11 PM
76	I will attend, no particular factors influence that decision.	12/12/2014 9:41 PM
77	Acceptance of proposal, flight and hotel cost--\$ is tight; however this is one of the conferences that I really try to go to regardless of the above.	12/12/2014 9:22 PM
78	Location	12/12/2014 9:02 PM
79	whether I get on the program	12/12/2014 8:40 PM
80	Ease of access to location & availability/price of hotel accommodations.	12/12/2014 8:33 PM
81	I always try to attend.	12/12/2014 8:32 PM
82	opportunity to present	12/12/2014 8:16 PM
83	Location, theme, presentations	12/12/2014 6:46 PM
84	I will attend no matter what.	12/12/2014 6:44 PM
85	Cost	12/12/2014 6:34 PM
86	Proposal acceptance	12/12/2014 6:26 PM
87	Location and hotel availability.	12/12/2014 5:38 PM
88	as a student, I will need funding and will most likely seek to present with other professors	12/12/2014 5:36 PM
89	hotel and flight rates, distance	12/12/2014 5:28 PM
90	Time to prepare and other things going on in my life and work.	12/12/2014 5:08 PM
91	Whether or not my proposal is accepted. I appreciated Janice Almasi's summary and analysis of the conference proposal submission and review process at the Business Meeting. Her report needs to be included in the newsletter. I appreciated her transparent description of the process and outcomes.	12/12/2014 5:04 PM
92	Of course, I must always consider whether I am accepted to present or not due to funding. However, I look forward to this conference every year. I am particularly excited to see how LRA is embracing new ideas about literacy and balancing those new theories, concepts, (affect, embodiment) etc. with more traditional conceptualizations of literacy as well. I feel like there was more variety in content/topic this year and I hope to see that continue. Learning new things keeps me coming back.	12/12/2014 4:57 PM
93	Relevance of the sessions to my area of study.	12/12/2014 4:53 PM

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94	Location and feasibility of the application/ trip during the semester	12/12/2014 4:52 PM
95	I always attend	12/12/2014 4:28 PM
96	Clear guidelines regarding proposal acceptances, for lots of people, rejected proposals were an issue	12/12/2014 4:22 PM
97	location	12/12/2014 4:19 PM
98	paper acceptance	12/12/2014 4:17 PM
99	My acceptance as a presenter.	12/12/2014 4:11 PM
100	whether my proposal is accepted.	12/12/2014 3:53 PM
101	Cost	12/12/2014 3:53 PM
102	Having presentation proposal accepted	12/12/2014 3:50 PM
103	Location and cost	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
104	Whether or not my proposals are accepted	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
105	Having a paper accepted Location	12/12/2014 3:38 PM
106	If I have a presentation that is accepted	12/12/2014 3:34 PM
107	Whether my proposal is accepted	12/12/2014 3:33 PM
108	the quality of the sessions	12/12/2014 3:28 PM
109	If anyone shows up to the presentations. It's a waste of time to do all of this work and people spend their time at the bar or visiting tourist attractions. I even received an email from an LRA member inviting people to go to some Botanical Gardens DURING meeting times.	12/12/2014 3:11 PM
110	Cost of travel expenses, ability to engage with other researchers in an informal, yet professional atmosphere. I would prefer to see more collaborative sessions over traditional paper presentations. I hope discussant will work for an open dialogue.	12/12/2014 3:06 PM
111	paper acceptance	12/12/2014 3:02 PM
112	Presentation, study group (This is the first year I did not present. -- I missed the deadline. Presenting is important for funding.)	12/12/2014 2:57 PM
113	Location, cost, topics offered for presentations	12/12/2014 2:51 PM
114	If I am presenting - I cannot afford to attend if I am not presenting.	12/12/2014 2:49 PM
115	Location and cost.	12/12/2014 2:42 PM
116	Acceptance of proposal	12/12/2014 2:41 PM
117	Less doctoral student presentations	12/12/2014 2:40 PM
118	My acceptance to present	12/12/2014 2:36 PM
119	Proposal acceptance	12/12/2014 2:28 PM
120	I'm looking at whether or not I can afford it.	12/12/2014 2:24 PM
121	Expense and university support for expenses	12/12/2014 2:23 PM
122	If I am presenting with colleagues or need to meet up with colleagues to work on future projects. Given the distance of the conference from my institution, I will not submit a proposal for a single authored paper. I will only attend if I am presenting something with colleagues from other institutions.	12/12/2014 2:05 PM
123	I will likely not attend next year because of the distance and cost. In addition, it is sometimes difficult to be away during the last week of our semester.	12/12/2014 2:01 PM
124	Acceptance of my proposal.	12/12/2014 1:58 PM
125	Easy access to conference via airport & hotel rate. ALL of the sessions I attended were missing presenters. - I suspect it was because of high cost and poor access to location. WEATHER is great, but only if it's accessible and economical, especially after NCTE.	12/12/2014 1:58 PM

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126	Whether proposal is accepted for presentation	12/12/2014 1:56 PM
127	Acceptance of a proposal.	12/12/2014 1:56 PM
128	speakers	12/12/2014 1:54 PM
129	Whether or not I can get room at the conference hotel. I was unable to this year even though I tried to get a room the day after they were available.	12/12/2014 1:53 PM
130	Location, presence of interesting alternative format sessions.	12/12/2014 1:51 PM
131	Cost	12/12/2014 1:50 PM
132	Location, cost, temperature	12/12/2014 1:48 PM
133	Whether or not my proposals are accepted.	12/12/2014 1:44 PM
134	Continuing to promote a community feel and mentorship opportunities. Guided spaces for networking. Warm location helps.	12/12/2014 1:38 PM
135	If the conference speakers demonstrate a more balanced ideological and methodological stance. I thought many assume that everyone attending this conference is of the same political, ideological, and methodological persuasion. Not welcoming or inclusion of many ways of being, knowing, and learning.	12/12/2014 1:34 PM
136	being on program	12/12/2014 1:29 PM
137	Presenting	12/12/2014 1:28 PM
138	Cost and if I am presenting.	12/12/2014 1:27 PM
139	How much it will cost me to go.	12/12/2014 1:27 PM
140	Expense	12/12/2014 1:25 PM
141	being accepted on the program	12/12/2014 1:23 PM
142	I will be there no matter, but was thrilled to learn that it will be in Carlsbad	12/12/2014 1:19 PM
143	If I am able to present at next year's conference	12/12/2014 1:18 PM
144	Funds	12/12/2014 1:14 PM
145	location	12/12/2014 1:13 PM
146	Location of conference (cost of flight from far corner of the country) and whether or not my proposal is accepted.	12/12/2014 1:13 PM
147	Please stop choosing RESORTS & SPAS as locations. They are too far away from the nearest airport and they are typically full of people on vacation--families, children, retirees, etc... They slow things down and get in the way. I also cannot pack two wardrobes--one for business and one for fun after hours.	12/12/2014 1:12 PM
148	diverse sessions and broad range of speakers on topics of interest	12/12/2014 1:11 PM
149	I regularly attend and will continue to do so. However, the acceptance of my proposal does seal the decision.	12/12/2014 1:11 PM
150	Timing, acceptance of my proposals	12/12/2014 1:07 PM
151	I will attend next year no matter what.	12/12/2014 1:07 PM
152	High level of scholarship	12/12/2014 1:06 PM
153	Topics of discussion	12/12/2014 1:06 PM
154	acceptance of proposal to present	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
155	Place--this place was absolutely incredible and would definitely influence my decision to come.	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
156	Reliable and inclusive Internet access in the actual sessions, room availability, and short distance from the airport to the conference session.	12/12/2014 1:03 PM
157	Cost	12/12/2014 1:03 PM
158	Cost. This conference is EXPENSIVE. Please have it somewhere cheaper!!!!!!	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
159	Ease of travel arrangements. My time is precious.	12/12/2014 12:56 PM

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160	Funding for travel	12/12/2014 12:55 PM
161	Getting my proposal accepted as I only receive travel funds if I'm presenting research.	12/12/2014 12:55 PM
162	WIFI in meeting rooms. C'mon kids it's 2015!	12/12/2014 12:52 PM
163	Proposal acceptance based on transparent criteria and academic rigor	12/12/2014 12:51 PM
164	acceptance of my proposal for presentation	12/12/2014 12:51 PM
165	Cost. And Action. It is getting too expensive to listen to the same rehashed ideas over and over again. The organization must rethink its mission. Literacy is under attack nationwide. Poverty is more extreme. And we seem comfortable with the ivory tower meetings with popcorn, spas, and journal publications. It seems to be extremely unjust - it is hypocritical.	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
166	This was easily the most poorly planned LRA conference ever. I hope next year is much better. Too far, not enough rooms for lodging, long drive to the hotel, not enough rooms for presentations and sessions. The decision of the president-elect to arbitrarily and after the fact add criteria to the selection process for proposals--extremely irresponsible. The peer review process seemed "irregular."	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
167	I attend every year.	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
168	I will attend no matter what; however, I wish that some of the full professors attending has maintained their previous norms of being fully prepared.	12/12/2014 12:49 PM
169	I will surely attend. This is a literacy conference, and the topics it addresses are of importance to teachers and researchers.	12/12/2014 12:49 PM
170	If my proposal to present is accepted.	12/12/2014 12:49 PM
171	Whether I have a paper or session accepted because that is required for my institution to pay my expenses.	12/12/2014 12:48 PM
172	Having papers accepted	12/12/2014 12:48 PM
173	Cost	12/12/2014 12:47 PM
174	Affordability/accessibility of travel and accommodations.	12/12/2014 12:46 PM
175	Quality of the papers and presenters. I plan to attend.	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
176	caliber of professionals and quality of the research presented	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
177	That, as a first time attendee, I was welcomed and attended lunches and was treated like I belonged.	12/12/2014 12:42 PM
178	Location	12/12/2014 12:41 PM
179	Speakers at plenary sessions	12/12/2014 12:41 PM
180	cost	12/12/2014 12:40 PM
181	Acceptance of a proposal is required by my university to allow me to come. The need for meeting rooms to house presentations should not be a limiting factor on presenters.	12/12/2014 12:38 PM
182	Technology: there needs to be Internet and cell phone access in the hotel rooms and in the conference areas.	12/12/2014 12:37 PM
183	location- must be warm and inexpensive; this past year's conference was way too expensive to get to and lack of ground transportation every day was an issue	12/12/2014 12:36 PM
184	Theme Location, i.e. accessibility to the conference	12/12/2014 12:35 PM
185	University funding	12/12/2014 12:35 PM
186	Feasibility and cost of going from an East coast location at a stressful time of the year. Too much time spent traveling for too little return.	12/12/2014 12:33 PM
187	accessible location and accepted proposal	12/12/2014 12:32 PM
188	Location and cost.	12/12/2014 12:31 PM
189	Whether or not I have the opportunity to present - my university does not help with expenses unless I present in some capacity	12/12/2014 12:31 PM
190	I think just knowing that it's LRA means I'm going to try my hardest to be there. I really like this conference!	12/12/2014 12:31 PM

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191	Finances.	12/12/2014 12:30 PM
192	whether we get a paper accepted and also if we set up an online learning study group which we discussed at the conference,	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
193	Cost	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
194	Presenting	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
195	I'll be there.	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
196	If I have a paper accepted.	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
197	The direction of the organization; the quality of research accepted	12/12/2014 12:27 PM
198	If there is funding from work for me to go.	12/12/2014 12:26 PM
199	The acceptance (or not) of my proposal.	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
200	affordability	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
201	Sessions of interest	12/12/2014 12:21 PM

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Q36 Please share suggestions to improve future conferences.

Answered: 173 Skipped: 69

#	Responses	Date
1	Organized and affordable transportation to and from airports.	1/4/2015 9:05 PM
2	Clearly specify changes to the proposal screening prior to opening the proposal submission area. I was dismayed at how many presenters did not show up! Require advance conference registration for presenters in order to be listed in the program.	1/3/2015 2:18 PM
3	The conference website was a bit cumbersome to navigate for pertinent information; I so appreciated the paper copy of the conference options.	12/30/2014 2:32 PM
4	1) publicize opportunities for students to receive funding assistance 2) develop a more robust mobile app for the conference	12/30/2014 2:28 PM
5	I thought this particular location was very nice and would recommend it for future conferences.	12/28/2014 10:51 AM
6	Select a location that does not involve significant shuttle rides after airplane rides. Also, please make sure that there are major airports nearby. As I already come from a regional airport, the trips to Jacksonville, San Diego, Dallas, Ft. Worth were easy to make. The trip to Marco Island was difficult. From my particular region, the trip to New Mexico was easy, but, I don't know if that was true for others.	12/22/2014 10:00 AM
7	Easier internet access (without paying additional fees). Conference hotels should be closer to the airports and easier (cheaper) to get to.	12/22/2014 8:44 AM
8	If possible, move the conference time so that it is not so close to NCTE!	12/19/2014 9:28 PM
9	Wifi in meeting rooms; staggered meeting sessions, grab and go lunches especially for the study groups.	12/19/2014 5:14 PM
10	More accessible location. Consider hosting a special session for sharing examples of accepted and not accepted proposals, expectations for reviewers, etc.	12/18/2014 4:41 PM
11	Improved technology, Internet access, maybe providing your own hub outside of hotel Internet.	12/18/2014 10:41 AM
12	I think that it would be great to host the conference in a lower-cost, easy-to-reach location. I'm looking forward to Nashville for these reasons! Marco Island was beautiful, but expensive to stay and difficult to reach. That's a tricky proposition, especially near Christmas and on an assistant professor, not-much-conference-funding salary.	12/17/2014 8:57 PM
13	Why are we having an international, academic conference at a resort with "chickee huts" and not adequate Wi-Fi? The economics of the 2014 LRA conference were completely off-kilter and do not jibe with LRA's stated mission to mentor and support "future generations of literacy scholars" -- the ones who attend this annual conference on meager travel budgets and with heavy end-of-semester burdens. (For instance, my institution's last official day of classes was Dec. 1, and I teach on a 4-4 schedule. I had no choice but to work at the conference -- a conference I attend as a professional obligation, NOT a vacation.) Further, I observed meager attendance at sessions, and, TWICE IN TWO YEARS, I have presented papers in sessions in which the discussant or chair was a no-show. Frustrating.	12/17/2014 6:20 AM
14	The system for reviewing and providing feedback on proposals needs to be examined. Proposals are time-intensive scholarly work and deserve more than a one line response from a reviewer. Reviewers should be better trained and more guidance should be provided in how to provide feedback that is beneficial to the submitter. Also, conference sites should be easily accessible - one hour car travel should not be necessary. Conference location selection should be about access and conference space, not resort quality and warm weather.	12/16/2014 1:38 PM
15	We need to overhaul the review process. Reviewers are either not qualified or not putting forth any effort to completing quality reviews. This affects the types of papers that are presented each year - many were not even data-based, and LRA is supposed to be a research conference.	12/16/2014 10:54 AM
16	Conference web site and presenter interface was very cumbersome and difficult to navigate.	12/16/2014 7:46 AM
17	Better feedback on proposals	12/16/2014 6:49 AM

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18	There has to be a better way to handle the housing situation than the way it was done this year. After the email was sent regarding housing registration being open, the conference hotel sold out almost immediately. I was told that housing registration had actually opened long before the email was sent, and that members were expected to check the website to find out the actual time that rooms became available. The subsequent "mad scramble" to find a room is like nothing I had ever seen before in all of the LRA's that I have attended.	12/15/2014 6:57 PM
19	Switch dates	12/15/2014 5:28 PM
20	Increase opportunities for graduate students to get involved.	12/15/2014 5:18 PM
21	None	12/15/2014 5:15 PM
22	Higher acceptance rate of paper presentations.	12/15/2014 3:55 PM
23	It was very disappointing to me (and MANY others) that we were not able to be in the conference hotel, in spite of trying to book very early. It is imperative for the health of this conference that we at least try to have a large enough block of rooms reserved for those who book early.	12/15/2014 2:30 PM
24	Love it - none	12/15/2014 2:26 PM
25	Please be more careful about not double booking people on the conference. This happened to me, but you were able to correct it.	12/15/2014 11:36 AM
26	The entire LRA website is clunky and difficult to navigate. Needs an overhaul! I was disappointed that there was no acknowledgement from the organization about the issues happening in the U.S.-- the Michael Brown and Eric Garner grand jury decisions and the protests and activism around the police treatment of Black male bodies. I would have appreciated some statement, community meeting, or address about this significant event happening in our lives during the conference.	12/15/2014 10:27 AM
27	Graduate students want to be involved in LRA but cost can be a prohibiting factor -- transportation and food are the largest concerns, fyi.	12/15/2014 10:13 AM
28	diversity of membership; diversity of presenters; diversity of leadership	12/15/2014 10:07 AM
29	Marco Island was very expensive and hard to get to. An hour from the airport is not acceptable. I was pleased the the room rate at the Marriott was reasonable . . . thank you.	12/15/2014 9:26 AM
30	I wish I had known before attending a session when presenters were not showing up.	12/15/2014 5:49 AM
31	Marco Island was fabulous! Future venues like the Marco Island Marriott would be great!	12/14/2014 9:45 PM
32	The printed program was somewhat overwhelming. It would be great to have master plan pages that show titles of all sessions and their time in a grid format. I found myself constantly confused about the varying times that sessions started and ended. Also, it would be great to have built in 30-45 minute breaks to get a snack or eat lunch. Even though we were told it was fine to eat at lunchtime study groups, most people did not do so, so I found myself leaving morning sessions early to get a bite so I wouldn't miss anything. Otherwise it was an excellent conference! I learned a lot and greatly enjoyed the location.	12/14/2014 8:34 PM
33	Great conference - thank you	12/14/2014 8:19 PM
34	I was somewhat disappointed that so much of the research resented seemed to ignore the political landscape in which teachers find themselves. Only a few sessions gave explicit attention to the impact of education reform agenda on the work we all do - I find that quite problematic.	12/14/2014 7:52 PM
35	Based on my experience with my round table and others, I would recommend that round table sessions not be held right after lunch as attendance was very low.	12/14/2014 7:34 PM
36	better wifi access in presentation spaces--CRUCIAL to be able to connect to internet for presentations	12/14/2014 7:30 PM
37	The overall conference was very good, and I am glad I came. I enjoyed the study group set-up: focused on different topics, meeting multiple times during the conference. I also liked the variety of session types and attended great roundtable, alternative, symposia, and traditional paper sessions. The venue was gorgeous but posed two budget challenges: distance from the airport and additional transportation time and cost; high cost of in-hotel dining options.	12/14/2014 7:23 PM
38	Discussion time is vital; however, it was frustratingly short at the paper sessions.	12/14/2014 6:39 PM
39	Have a lunch break. It was hard to miss out on sessions just for lunch. The days were so jammed packed that it would be great to have a "lunch on your own" break.	12/14/2014 3:47 PM

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40	Marco Island's out of the way venue was costly and time consuming especially for grad students and beginning faculty.	12/14/2014 1:09 PM
41	It was a great conference. This was the most beautiful setting we've ever had and it was very relaxing in Marco Island. Thank you to the leaders for their efforts.	12/14/2014 12:49 PM
42	locate conference NEAR a major airport, choose a venue with enough outlets for many presentations and most attendees, plan with ultimate cost of travel/hotel/car/parking/meals in mind.	12/14/2014 12:47 PM
43	I'm going to start with a positive note. The sessions were very good this year. From the paper sessions to the larger talks, I thought the quality was higher. The hotel situation was very disappointing and made my conference experience difficult and disconnected. Limited Networking: I had to stay at the Hilton, which is NOT walking distance for someone wearing a suit and carrying books and a laptop. It's also not walking distance for anyone with health or mobility issues. I couldn't socialize at night because I didn't want to attend vital issues and drive. This also means that I didn't pay for drinks at the hotel bar-- which, I'm sure the hotel wants me to do. In general, I could not participate in extra curricular aspects of the conference and network. Cost: I had to pay to park at my hotel AND pay to park at the Marriott. I paid \$3 for a banana and \$5 for water. Plus, neither hotel had internet. This is too costly for faculty with very little conference travel money and it's out of control for doctoral students. The Marriott booked another conference at the same time which is why there weren't enough rooms. Plus, the other conference had lower daily parking rates. Every time I left the parking lot they asked me which conference I was with. The other conference paid \$5 to park and we had to pay \$10. Communication: I think headquarter staff communications were poor, if not rude. When I go to LRA I don't want the experience to be a remake of Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. I expect reasonable accommodation. When we were isolated on an island in San Diego shuttles took us out at night. A shuttle between the hotels from 7-9am and 5-7pm would have made up for the hotel issues. I know these places are booked years in advance. Starting now, secure free Internet, make the place accessible for everyone, and make sure there are enough rooms. Who cares if it's warm? Are we there for vacation or to attend the conference?	12/14/2014 9:35 AM
44	promotion of individual sessions	12/14/2014 8:42 AM
45	More hotel rooms at the conference rate	12/14/2014 8:19 AM
46	Loved the site of the conference once I was there, but it was difficult to travel there and a colleague and I had to stay off-site due to limited affordable hotel options, which really made me anxious and hesitant to attend this year	12/14/2014 12:48 AM
47	This year's LRA was very disappointing. Locating the conference in a venue an hour away from the nearest airport and in a lavish, expensive resort is, frankly, obnoxious. This conference seemed planned for professors with generous travel accounts looking for a vacation. The resort was expensive and the limited dining options made it twice as expensive. LRA feels like it is becoming more exclusive rather than trying to be an inclusive organization.	12/14/2014 12:40 AM
48	The location was wonderful but extremely cost prohibitive for faculty (my friends) traveling from more remote parts of the country (Montana) and graduate students who would want to come but don't get much funding from their grad programs.	12/14/2014 12:03 AM
49	The hotel shuttle experience was subpar. It was very expensive (esp. for grad students), poorly organized (some people had to wait 45 minutes after checking in with the shuttle folks to even get a shuttle from the airport, despite preregistration). My shuttle had several non-working seat belts. I heard from several people who did not attend that the difficulty in getting to the venue was a factor.	12/13/2014 9:44 PM
50	A more easily accessible conference city is critical	12/13/2014 8:59 PM
51	location should be closer to the airport. Renting a car or paying a shuttle for far increases the expenses for attending the conference	12/13/2014 7:07 PM
52	Fewer symposia and higher quality reviewing.	12/13/2014 6:03 PM
53	none...it was great	12/13/2014 3:51 PM
54	Hotels that are not near drugstores and reasonable food are not appropriate for conferences that have about 40% graduate students. \$4 coffee is ridiculous for the LRA group. The hotel had limited food choices.	12/13/2014 3:18 PM
55	I think you should really try to find a less expensive venue. The hotel was nice, but food was outrageous - I don't know how graduate students could afford it.	12/13/2014 1:49 PM
56	Printed programs should be optional. I think they are a waste of paper. If people want a printed program, they should have to explicitly request one.	12/13/2014 1:35 PM

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57	I presented at one round table and no one attended. I also presented at the poster session with the international ICG and there were only three other attendees other than the presenters. How can we raise the visibility of the round tables and the poster presentations?	12/13/2014 1:29 PM
58	accessibility...you can get intimacy in a large city with direct flights and available public transportation, if you select a city with plenty of hotels in proximity to each other, IE New Orleans would be wonderful, still a destination conference, since it appears resorts and golf clubs are someone's priority, but much more amenable to conference goers.	12/13/2014 11:55 AM
59	Access to rooms in the conference hotel was a major issue this year and should be addressed. Easy/affordable access to conference city/hotel was also an issue this year and should receive more weight in selecting a conference venue.	12/13/2014 11:08 AM
60	The place was far too expensive. As a grad student on a low wage the cost of food, coffee, breakfast was exorbitant. Really took away from enjoying the conference. Need to be near cheap hotels and a supermarket where food could be bought.	12/13/2014 9:03 AM
61	1) Not such an expensive location (shorter shuttle, alternative rooming locations at a variety of prices, etc.) 2) As a graduate student, it was very hard to meet people - everyone already seems to have friend groups and even at the socials, people are already paired up. 3) I identify as transgender, and was questioned both at the name-tag pick up (the person at registration skipped over my name twice and said it wasn't mine, presumably because I don't "look" like my name) and in a bathroom. More gender affirming spaces would make the conference feel less isolating. Thanks!	12/13/2014 12:55 AM
62	The website is not really user friendly.	12/13/2014 12:29 AM
63	I'm sure the days of the pink hotel in St. Petersburg are gone..... but surely there is somewhere less expensive, and that actually has working wifi. The latter was a real problem for me, as I can't be away from the university and not be able to communicate with my students and department this time of year.	12/12/2014 11:14 PM
64	Move committee meetings back to lunch time	12/12/2014 10:59 PM
65	Easier access to the local airport; wi-fi access in the meeting rooms...or at least ensuring that cell service is accessible in all of the meeting rooms (which it was not in the lower level rooms at this location); A less-clunky online SCHED app, including the "personal schedule" through allacademic communicating my schedule with the app, if at all possible; the ability to see everyone during the Presidential Reception - that's an important networking opportunity, and while I can appreciate the desire to take advantage of the beautiful weather and warm temps, that it was so dark out there because of the light-restrictions on the beach made it very hard to see people	12/12/2014 10:11 PM
66	Make the SCHED app include schedule updates; access to facility map would be useful through the app as well.	12/12/2014 9:41 PM
67	Night time music entertainment	12/12/2014 9:02 PM
68	Loved the venue. Few things will keep me from LRA--choosing venues in cold weather will be one. I live up north--no desire to conference up north in Dec.	12/12/2014 8:40 PM
69	My experience was great - thank you!	12/12/2014 8:33 PM
70	Marco Island seemed to have spotty internet connections. That was really frustrating.	12/12/2014 8:32 PM
71	Warm weather is great!	12/12/2014 8:16 PM
72	Please find ways to integrate people who are newcomers and or those who come on their own. Create social activities/ dinners etc that put people together.	12/12/2014 6:46 PM
73	While I understand that the LRA strives to hold the conferences in beautiful locations, since these areas are, generally, tourist areas, costs can get out of control very quickly. I should not have to pay \$30 for one meal.	12/12/2014 6:34 PM
74	While the resort was beautiful, and a wonderful place to bring family, it was expensive. Perhaps conference sites could alternate from those "resort" type sites with those more "business" oriented? For instance, Dallas (weather aside) was very conducive to a conference setting, while not being as family or "holiday" oriented.	12/12/2014 6:26 PM
75	The conference hotel was booked quite quickly and Marco Island itself had no openings. Booking my hotel in September (late, I know) I had to book 25 minutes away from the conference site. Would be nice if there were more availability near the conference location. Great work this year otherwise.	12/12/2014 5:38 PM
76	Consider breaks during the day to allow for lunch. It is difficult to meet and talk with colleagues with the schedule.	12/12/2014 5:22 PM
77	I hope that LRA's conference hotel can accommodate most interested members.	12/12/2014 5:08 PM

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78	The Town Hall meeting is the only opportunity for ALL participants to engage in discussion of issues. This year's session was troubling in the fact that it was reduced to a discussion of trivialities, especially the online running comments about drinking. Maybe we need to revisit the purpose of the Town Hall meeting and, then, invite the Conference Chair and President to reiterate this at the introduction to the Town Hall. We must have wifi access in meeting rooms, as well as hotel rooms. Transportation from airport to venue needs to be considered alongside the expenses of lodging, airfares, dining and registration. Given the time that awards and introductions take at the beginning of plenary sessions, keynote speakers need to be forewarned about a realistic time frame for their presentations (45 min + 15 questions). Two presenters went on so long that they were losing audience members with commitments. We need to manage the time in those sessions more closely so that we can provide the respectful listening that our colleagues deserve.	12/12/2014 5:04 PM
79	1) I think it would be very important to give back to the teachers in the community. If we truly want to bridge the research-practice divide that so often happens between universities and k-12 settings, I believe offering free Sat. sessions to area teachers would be lovely! 2) Please make sure the paper sessions work well together. I presented in and experienced a few sessions where I kept wondering how they were put in the same session at all bc they were so different from one another. 3) I really enjoy the study groups! However, in order to attend the groups, I had to give up a session or give up lunch. Could we possibly have a box lunch option for study groups? Or a break in sessions so that isn't a choice people have to make?	12/12/2014 4:57 PM
80	Make sure there is enough housing. This was a gorgeous location but I tried to reserve in August and some nights were sold out!	12/12/2014 4:52 PM
81	See above	12/12/2014 4:22 PM
82	PLEASE do not schedule all of the early literacy sessions at the same time --as they were at this conference...Friday afternoon at 3:00!!	12/12/2014 4:19 PM
83	The session offerings seem to be 'lacking' in regard to quantitative methods and/or sessions on comprehension, vocabulary development, early literacy. Where are "the basics" on the program? I find it difficult to find sessions that are applicable to me, someone who is a researcher but very much a part of the "real world" in schools.	12/12/2014 4:17 PM
84	The technicalities of the review process were satisfactory, but the quality of review feedback was poor. Increased training for volunteer reviewers would be helpful to standardize the process. I agree with the sentiment of many students at the town hall meeting that our focus was less critical than it should be given the racially charged current events. Any way to make the conference proceedings less insular and more relevant to the immediate would be appreciated and well received.	12/12/2014 4:11 PM
85	Have it closer to the airport. This was an extremely expensive trip due to the airport not being a hub and the need for a rental car. The overflow hotel was also very expensive. I felt like it was a bit hypocritical to be spending so much money on a conference while talking about critical theory and equity issues. I think we should be in a more racially integrated (perhaps urban). Marco Island and Naples are pretty well-known for being exclusive and segregated.	12/12/2014 3:53 PM
86	It was beautiful to be on the beach, and the weather was amazing. I thought it was going to be more difficult to get there than it was, and airfare seemed to be reasonable. But I know folks who couldn't get hotels close by, couldn't easily get around once on the island, and had expensive flights. It seems important to me that travel be easy. I love alternative format sessions. The best sessions I attended were alternative format sessions.	12/12/2014 3:50 PM
87	Please select a location that is in a warm area close to a major airport e.g. Phoenix, Miami	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
88	Travel from the airport to the island was \$95--this is excessive and a significant cost I had not planned on (yes, I should have planned better and more thoroughly, but it's still quite a hit). Conference hotels filled quickly which left many of us to stay quite far from the conference and incur additional transportation costs.	12/12/2014 3:47 PM
89	As a doctoral student, it was very difficult for me to attend this conference--travel to the location and lodging were expensive and difficult to obtain, and I do not know if my university will reimburse any or all of my costs, even though I presented research findings. I even packed in much of my own food, since there were not dining options in walking distance apart from the hotel. Overall, it was a stressful experience compared to other LRA conferences I have attended.	12/12/2014 3:34 PM
90	I think you all do a wonderful job. I like the smaller cities, personally.	12/12/2014 3:33 PM
91	Shuttles to site to stop LRA listserv craziness. Reduce presentations so that people actually go. Get better discussants-for one session, I had one that didn't show up. In the other session, it was obvious she didn't read the papers, and spent her time talking about herself rather than what we presented. UGH.	12/12/2014 3:11 PM

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92	I know that there were complaints about the hotel vacancy. I would love to go back to the Marco Island Marriott, it was an amazing location. I would like an online scheduling system that allows for a more social atmosphere, something that will allow for presenters to see how many may attend, and one that will keep people in connection after they leave the session.	12/12/2014 3:06 PM
93	1. LOCATION CLOSE TO AIRPORT (20-30 minutes max) WALKING DISTANCE TO LOTS OF RESTAURANTS Fort Worth was an unexpected wonderful site. 2. Sessions It seemed as though 1:15 sessions were less popular, because many people left for lunch AFTER the study groups. If study groups are at noon, convenient lunch options must be available within the hotel quickly! Otherwise, people skip sessions to get lunch. Additionally, if you are talking at study group, most people really do not eat during the study groups. Remind me why study groups moved from 7:00am to lunch time?	12/12/2014 3:02 PM
94	Just a small thing: Have break b/t session ending at 12 and study group beginning at 12	12/12/2014 2:57 PM
95	I really enjoyed it! Keep doing what you're doing!	12/12/2014 2:51 PM
96	Don't have it at the beach in December - no one goes to the sessions unless a big name is speaking. Very disheartening for those of us who worked hard on a presentation and had no one show up at our session. Last year in Dallas, the sessions were packed because we were all iced in the conference center together. I got so much more good feedback!	12/12/2014 2:49 PM
97	This year was disappointing because of the number of doctoral presentations. In the future, it is more important to have experienced educators sharing and informing, even as lead speakers in a session.	12/12/2014 2:40 PM
98	I loved the round tables on the beach -- it was so much fun and very relaxed!	12/12/2014 2:36 PM
99	The website. The proposal submission and review process need to be streamlined and easier to access. The online program took 4 clicks to access, it would be helpful if that were fewer.	12/12/2014 2:32 PM
100	Have the accommodations allow for all people to stay in one hotel. With rooms unavailable, I missed out on different LRA activities because I had to stay off site.	12/12/2014 2:30 PM
101	Do not treat a conference like a destination wedding. The decision to hold the conference in Marco Island was asinine. Mindless to the financial needs of graduate students...symbolically elitist, if not concretely elitist...in choosing Marco Island, the LRA leadership chose to embrace warm weather and postcard-caliber scenery over access and academic enrichment. The presentations were lightly attended, and I anticipate next year will be more of the same in Carlsbad...do us all a favor: Pick a location that is ugly and cheap, and perhaps we'll have an opportunity for a good conference as opposed to a good opportunity to pretend to have a conference while actually on vacation. I'll be looking very closely at where the conference will be after Carlsbad -- I used to be so enthused about LRA, but after this experience, not so much.	12/12/2014 2:24 PM
102	Schedule more evening social meetings. The vital issues in the bar were not organized well enough	12/12/2014 2:23 PM
103	Given cuts to travel budgets at my institution, I would appreciate cost saving measures. Going to a resort, in my opinion, is a waste of money because everything costs more than necessary. Couldn't the conference hotel be located within a few minutes of a major airport? That would save time and transportation costs. I'd rather be in a cheaper place because there's not much time to go to the beach anyway.	12/12/2014 2:05 PM
104	Please organize enough housing near the conference. For this conference I had to rent a car and drive back and forth to Naples. This added a lot of stress and anxiety. I was disappointed with the plenary with Dr. Lakoff. The first 2/3 of the presentation was fascinating, but it deteriorated into a political diatribe that was not well argued and did not align with the focus of the talk that was communicated in the program...very disappointing. I really enjoyed the creativity of presentations (chickee huts, etc.) that was put in this conference. I encourage that kind of energy in future conferences as well.	12/12/2014 2:01 PM
105	There could be more lunch choices, especially for study group attendees. Several stations with sandwiches would be helpful.	12/12/2014 1:58 PM
106	Really consider different time for folks who attend NCTE. Am thinking that I will have to choose between conferences. Would hate to have to go only to NCTE and not LRA. - A serious issues for many people who have limited travel budgets and teach full loads. Please be considerate of this reality for the future of the organization.	12/12/2014 1:58 PM
107	I felt the conference was excellent and don't have any recommendations.	12/12/2014 1:56 PM
108	keep it small	12/12/2014 1:54 PM
109	Make sure there are enough rooms available for conference attendees.	12/12/2014 1:53 PM
110	Internet in session rooms. Engagement with the location's community.	12/12/2014 1:51 PM

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111	There were almost no queer sessions or sessions on gender identity and expression. As a queer, gender-nonconforming person, I feel invisible at LRA.	12/12/2014 1:48 PM
112	Thank you for setting up the conference at this lovely venue. I loved having walking on the beach right outside the hotel. I have enjoyed conferences the most when there are walking opportunities. I did not have free internet access, as I was unable to book at the Conference hotel. It made the week more difficult.	12/12/2014 1:44 PM
113	More places for early career faculty to engage with one another and built-in opportunities for mentorship (something like STARS for early career faculty who are not minority members). Also an online link from presentation title to a full abstract of the paper would be useful.	12/12/2014 1:38 PM
114	Same as above	12/12/2014 1:34 PM
115	have more grab-and-go lunch options, especially for noon study group meetings.	12/12/2014 1:29 PM
116	The location needs to be chosen for an efficient conference, not a vacation. I'm surprised/not surprised that "warm weather" was even a question on this survey. Marco Island was thoroughly insufficient for a conference. There were few places to meet to talk (the lobby was continually crowded), few places to eat (expensive hotel restaurants or a small pocket of 6 eateries 1/4 a mile away), and only two places to buy coffee - \$4 coffee at the hotel or gas station coffee at the 7/11. The roundtable sessions on the beach were ill-planned. People we dressed for a conference (dress clothes, ties) walking in 80 degree heat. There was no public transport and little to do besides sit on the beach. Few people want to be surrounded by their academic colleagues on a beach. I'm afraid next year will be similar. The conference center is an hour drive from the airport. I heard many people at this year's conference complaining about that. This conference seemed to have little consideration for graduate students on tight budgets. The cheapest taxi ride from the airport was \$60. The food was way over-priced. There were no shops where we could pick up food to eat except a 7/11 and a Winn Dixie over a mile away. The newcomers session needs specific consideration. The planners and presenters had little real recognition as to the issues facing grad students. At the session, one of the speakers asked for the doctoral students to stand up and the majority of people there stood up. Then the speaker said we should try the delicious "watermelon salad" at one of the beach carts. It turned out that watermelon salad and a bottle of water were \$30. At the newcomers reception there was also an announcement for a "doctoral student happy hour" at the hotel bar from 8pm-10pm that night. It was not a happy hour. It was simply a poorly chosen location for grad students to awkwardly look for each other and pay for ridiculously priced drinks. Happy hour implies cheaper drinks and many grad students were planning on that. But then we all met and were faced with \$8 beer and \$13 wine. Very poorly done.	12/12/2014 1:28 PM
117	The sessions held in Salon A-D were terrible because of the lack of a sound barrier between rooms. I was in C and D for 3 presentations and I was consistently distracted in each session by the talk in the adjoining rooms. If this could be avoided in the future that would be very helpful.	12/12/2014 1:27 PM
118	The roundtables should be grouped together by topic. People shouldn't give those solo. You could put three roundtables together and just have fewer RT sessions.	12/12/2014 1:27 PM
119	Some guidance for discussants- every discussant that I heard had a completely different way of going about serving as discussant. Some were better than others. Perhaps a rubric or guide for discussants would be helpful.	12/12/2014 1:25 PM
120	I really enjoyed the resort, but it was quite a hassle (and expensive) to organize transportation to/from the airport.	12/12/2014 1:18 PM
121	Better reviews of proposals; if symposia or papers are not accepted for lack of room, turn them into poster or roundtable sessions. There were several empty round tables. Members need to present! Members need substantive good reviews.	12/12/2014 1:15 PM
122	Keynote speakers should be from other fields. George Lakoff was great!	12/12/2014 1:14 PM
123	Please make the process for volunteering for or considering/running for committee positions more transparent. I am happy to serve but do not know the process, if there is one!	12/12/2014 1:13 PM
124	Select conference hotels that do not require \$200.00 in additional transportation fees to get to and from the airport. The conference needs to be located in big cities.	12/12/2014 1:12 PM
125	While receptions after the presidential talk are lovely, this one seemed excessive and overly indulgent. I imagine the cost of the food was high and perhaps food minimums were at play. However, the reality for many graduate students and increasingly faculty members is that travel funds have been sliced. It would have been much more helpful to have a lunch offered or multiple breakfasts instead of oysters and crab legs, which are neither a meal nor foods modifiable for those folks who cannot eat them. Food choices are tricky and this reception in particular seemed excessive.	12/12/2014 1:11 PM
126	While I highly value the plenary sessions, the last few years have been disappointments. They have moved from a "must go" list to "should I spend my time this way?"	12/12/2014 1:11 PM

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127	Improve conference app	12/12/2014 1:07 PM
128	Thanks for a great conference! The only suggestion I have is that it would be nice to have more transition time during the lunch hour, particularly for those of us who attend study groups from 12-1pm. There really wasn't time to grab food and get from place to place...	12/12/2014 1:07 PM
129	internet in meeting rooms; see preferences checked above that have to do with affordability and convenience. Marco Island was GORGEOUS and fun but hard to get to and very expensive.	12/12/2014 1:06 PM
130	More exhibitors are needed.	12/12/2014 1:06 PM
131	more recognized experts/researchers in the field of literacy presenting	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
132	The conference papers were mostly mediocre. More rigor in the methodology and less antidotal information would be useful.	12/12/2014 1:04 PM
133	Reliable and inclusive Internet access in the actual sessions, room availability, and short distance from the airport to the conference session. This conference is becoming less accessible/affordable to graduate students, clinical educators, and faculty with limited travel budgets. It is excessive and uncomfortable to have a conference in a lavish resort when we are often talking about social inequities and vulnerable populations -- the same populations that make possible much of the research presented at this conference.	12/12/2014 1:03 PM
134	Although resort sites are nice, the ridiculous cost of transportation to the hotel for this conference was quite problematic. In addition, the block of hotel rooms for the main conference site (the Marriott) sold out so quickly. This meant additional costs both for rooms and for transportation.	12/12/2014 1:03 PM
135	MAKE THIS CONFERENCE LESS EXPENSIVE. Please. I think it's extremely hypocritical to have such a strong social justice emphasis (WHICH I LOVE) and then have this conference at such an exclusive and pricey place. It just doesn't make sense. It was beautiful and I enjoyed myself... but if what we really care about is issues of equity and social justice, we should practice what we preach.	12/12/2014 1:00 PM
136	I don't want to go to a vacation destination for LRA. I can take my own vacations. I attend LRA to learn. Also, I think it's ridiculous not to have internet in the session rooms.	12/12/2014 12:56 PM
137	We presented on Saturday morning and it was clear that attendance overall was very low. Because there was only one session to stay for, most folks had already left. I think Saturday should either be a full day or incorporated into the Wed-Fri schedule. Unless you're presenting, it's hard to justify staying for one session and the final Review of Research (especially when the airport is an hour away).	12/12/2014 12:55 PM
138	I thought the Vital Issues was a great idea in theory, but when I went to the event it was simply people sitting at tables at a bar. That can be fun, but I think the Vital issues might need a bit more structured or some sort of facilitator to make it more interactive and to get people to talk to others they might not know.	12/12/2014 12:55 PM
139	This year's location was lovely, but it was a pain in the billfold to get there! In fact, everything was expensive. There were no diners or fast food joints for a cheap meal. So it was very very expensive. . . I noted at the biz meeting that room prices will be up over 30% in the next two years. Really?! 30% in two years!!! Dang!	12/12/2014 12:52 PM
140	Please make acceptance criteria transparent. This year, many colleagues were shut out due to rumored changes in acceptance policies (complete data analysis, even for roundtables?) This left a bad taste for many, especially given LRA's turn away from rigorous research. Regarding location, I realize that with just 7 conferences I am still a newcomer, but warm locations aren't a draw as they rarely pan out. This is the first year I haven't needed a coat, but the hotel was too small to accommodate us, and difficult to reach. I'd prefer a better/larger conference hotel (with more session and guest rooms) to sandals, especially since this is my best opportunity for professional development and networking.	12/12/2014 12:51 PM
141	Accept more papers and less symposia. The symposia I attended included at least one weak paper which made it through only because the proposal submission process does not require from symposia submissions to include for each paper to be presented a lengthy description of the study to be presented. Another suggestion is to ask associate and full professors to be proposal reviewers. Grad students should not be invited to review. Assistant professors should review only if they have published in the area they will be reviewing.	12/12/2014 12:51 PM
142	More teachers. More teachers. More teachers. What good are any of us doing if our knowledge is only being regurgitated to one another.	12/12/2014 12:50 PM
143	less distance from airport to hotel/conference; easier to get to city (flights); doesn't have to be a fancy hotel, although I understand options are limited; no need for rental car would be wonderful if possible	12/12/2014 12:50 PM

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144	NOT at a resort. Could you please consider locating the conference in an urban or diverse setting that situates us within larger conversations about diversity, as opposed to an elite area. Consider making the receptions/dining options a pay choice into which people self select. I found irony in hearing the president's talk and then walking out to the president's see people eating oysters on the half shell. While the idea of sessions on beach huts sounded quaint, the sound and seating was actually problematic--not to mention ADA inaccessible (not that I need this access, but it's an observation on my part).	12/12/2014 12:49 PM
145	Some of the meetings started too early in the morning. Consider having meetings at 8am and starting sessions around 9am.	12/12/2014 12:49 PM
146	I do not need a printed program.	12/12/2014 12:48 PM
147	It would be great to hold conferences in places where we can extend the positive economic benefit of a conference to a place that really could use it (e.g. cleveland, detroit, st. louis, birmingham, memphis, buffalo...)	12/12/2014 12:48 PM
148	Having the conference close to an airport. Having the conference near a major airport where we can get direct flights. Having a more closed off space for the graduate student reception. When I went to attend the area was not marked at all and I was unsure if it was even going on.	12/12/2014 12:47 PM
149	Would love us to go back to Marco Island again.	12/12/2014 12:45 PM
150	Internet access for all areas of the conference building (not just for those staying in that hotel or only wifi access in the lobby).	12/12/2014 12:42 PM
151	This conference was difficult to get to in terms of air travel and the conference site.	12/12/2014 12:41 PM
152	Make sure people show up to their sessions. Make it clear their names will not show up in the conference program unless they register for the conference by a certain date-- and they follow up on that actually. This year was really bad in terms of the amount of sessions I went to where there was only 1 out of 3 paper presenters who were actually there. To me that is ridiculous.	12/12/2014 12:40 PM
153	Not having wireless access in the meeting rooms was very inconvenient. Conference registration costs should include such amenities.	12/12/2014 12:38 PM
154	It is essential that there be opportunities for presenting at the conference. I am confused about the number of times a person can present at the conference. I would like study group and committee meetings to be split evenly between the morning and the afternoon time frame. This would allow people to attend multiple study groups. They could be flip-flopped year to year so no one was stuck early or at lunch. Pleased that vital issues was back. The social aspects of the conference lead to research opportunities and collaboration. Must move venues so we are not spending 90 to get from hotel to airport. At a conference the outside opportunities and weather are not as important as the opportunities to learn and have wifi indoors. I would be just as happy at an airport hotel where there are lots of food options as I am at a beach.	12/12/2014 12:38 PM
155	The facilities for presentations were out of date. The presentation rooms only had VGA cables to plug in our laptops to the projectors. However, my computer does not have a VGA port it has a HDMI port - all new laptops do not have VGA ports. Thus, only older laptops were able to connect. The technology in the conference rooms needs to be updated.	12/12/2014 12:37 PM
156	I think we need to choose locations that are much easier to get to. Marco Island was lovely, but getting there and back home was a bit of an ordeal.	12/12/2014 12:37 PM
157	Please keep costs in mind and not select out of the way locations that require expensive airfares and stops	12/12/2014 12:36 PM
158	Overall, I enjoyed this year's conference. I enjoyed all the plenary speakers. They were excellent.	12/12/2014 12:35 PM
159	This has become largely a qualitative research conference. The awarding of Yetta Goodman this conference's highest research award makes the vision and relevance of this organization pretty questionable.	12/12/2014 12:33 PM
160	the "country club" or "spa" aspect of the locations is not as important as accessibility, walking to diverse restaurant options (food was questionable at this conference, got really tired of overpriced, really bad mass-produced food at hotel and at neighboring restaurants)	12/12/2014 12:32 PM

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161	I recognize this conference is largely organized by faculty, and tenured faculty at that, but given that this conference is 50% graduate students, the location of Marco Island was particularly galling: a full hour from an airport (with no public transportation), outrageous prices once you were locked in to the island (I paid \$3 for an apple and \$3.75 for something masquerading as coffee), and no wireless internet at the conference site (which frankly should have immediately excluded this as a site for an academic conference). This is location and its prices are unsustainable for many graduate students, and a source of constant complaining from our cohort, who represent half of the LRA conference constituency (and yet who feel compelled to attend to network and talk future employment). The resort location and high prices also beg us to consider how this resonates with an organization that claims a social justice orientation. I honestly cannot in good conscience come back to LRA if it's held in a similar location in future years, if only because my limited pocketbook is better served elsewhere. .	12/12/2014 12:31 PM
162	The location and weather contributed to the overall quality and enjoyment of the conference	12/12/2014 12:31 PM
163	I like the move toward shorter presentations and more small group discussion.	12/12/2014 12:31 PM
164	The presentations and interactions I experienced at the conference were wonderful, but I found Marco Island a less-than-satisfactory conference location. Not only did the conference hotel book up quickly, but the entire island was booked months in advance of the conference and I ended up having to stay in Naples, which necessitated renting a car and driving 45 minutes each way to attend the conference and paying for parking at the Marriott. I was able to find a direct flight but times were inconvenient, and of course the hotel was not close to the airport. Overall I felt that most everything that makes for a good conference travel and lodging experience was sacrificed in favor of a generic beach location. I hope that these factors will be taken into account in selecting locations for future conferences.	12/12/2014 12:30 PM
165	This is a very good conference--my first time and I was really impressed--very collegial, friendly and really interesting work.	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
166	Having location that is easy to get to from airports- major cities where there are more public transportation options. I also wish that NCTE and LRA were not so close together as it makes for a very hectic season and so many of us would like to attend both.	12/12/2014 12:29 PM
167	Love it when they're on the beach!! Best conference ever this year due to location.	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
168	It was difficult to get from the airport to the conference.	12/12/2014 12:28 PM
169	The only thing I would suggest is having all the presenter papers available. I think not all of them put their papers in the repository. Other than that, very well run! Thank you.	12/12/2014 12:26 PM
170	I think it's important to NOT schedule someone as a discussant at the same time that they are supposed to be presenting. It happened at least twice this time--once in a session I was attending (where the primary researcher was being a discussant in another session and the paper was delivered by someone who didn't know the data as well) and once to my colleague and co-presenter, who was scheduled to be a discussant during our roundtable session.	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
171	Free wifi access in all areas of the conference	12/12/2014 12:24 PM
172	Plenty of rooms in conference hotel.	12/12/2014 12:23 PM
173	Increase the number of sessions to provide multiple research-based discussions/presentations	12/12/2014 12:21 PM