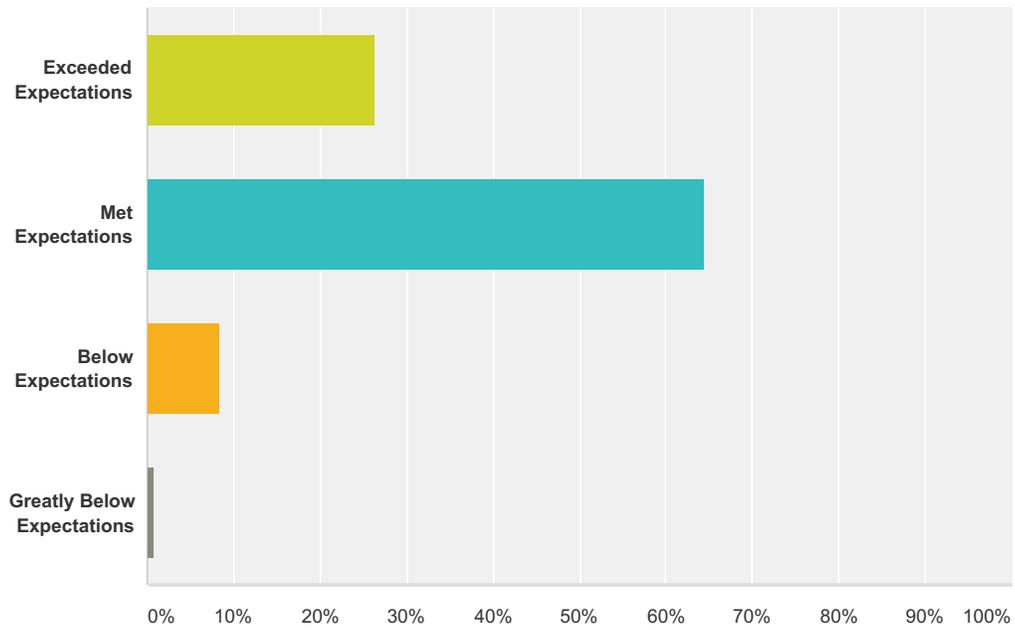


Q1 To what extent did the 2015 Conference meet your expectations?

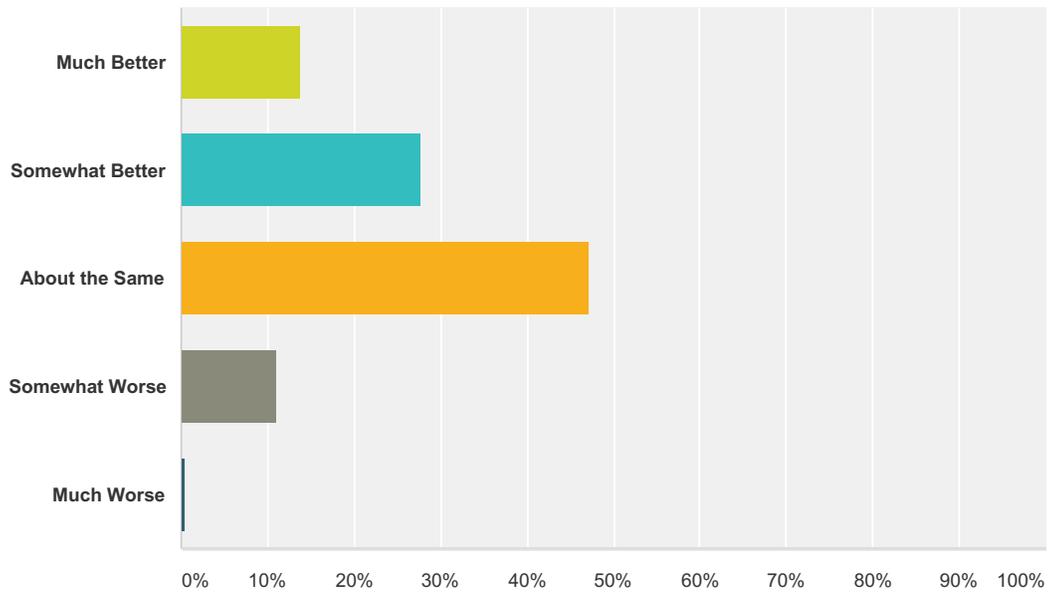
Answered: 324 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Exceeded Expectations	26.23% 85
Met Expectations	64.51% 209
Below Expectations	8.33% 27
Greatly Below Expectations	0.93% 3
Total	324

Q2 Compared to previous conferences, overall this conference was:

Answered: 291 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
Much Better	13.75% 40
Somewhat Better	27.84% 81
About the Same	47.08% 137
Somewhat Worse	11.00% 32
Much Worse	0.34% 1
Total	291

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Q3 How many past conferences have you attended?

Answered: 320 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	1	1/16/2016 7:38 PM
2	4	1/15/2016 5:39 PM
3	6	1/15/2016 10:32 AM
4	2	1/14/2016 9:55 PM
5	3	1/14/2016 10:03 AM
6	2	1/13/2016 9:17 PM
7	3	1/13/2016 5:01 PM
8	2013	1/13/2016 1:35 PM
9	0	1/13/2016 11:32 AM
10	1	1/13/2016 9:33 AM
11	4	1/13/2016 4:17 AM
12	0	1/13/2016 3:28 AM
13	0	1/13/2016 12:56 AM
14	7	1/12/2016 11:31 PM
15	3	1/12/2016 10:21 PM
16	This was my first LRA conference.	1/12/2016 10:00 PM
17	6	1/12/2016 8:12 PM
18	This was my 1st LRA conference.	1/12/2016 6:41 PM
19	This was my first.	1/12/2016 4:53 PM
20	10	1/12/2016 4:22 PM
21	2	1/12/2016 1:30 PM
22	0	1/12/2016 12:33 PM
23	0	1/12/2016 12:58 AM
24	5	1/11/2016 11:40 PM
25	About 10	1/11/2016 10:26 PM
26	One	1/11/2016 9:56 PM
27	About 4 spread over 30 years!	1/11/2016 7:14 PM
28	0	1/11/2016 6:50 PM
29	7	1/11/2016 6:46 PM
30	5	1/11/2016 6:08 PM
31	None	1/11/2016 5:05 PM
32	2	1/11/2016 4:36 PM
33	5	1/11/2016 4:19 PM
34	4	1/11/2016 4:11 PM

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35	0	1/11/2016 3:05 PM
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41	3	1/11/2016 1:24 PM
42	0	1/11/2016 1:22 PM
43	25+	1/11/2016 1:06 PM
44	25-30	1/11/2016 1:03 PM
45	4	1/11/2016 12:35 PM
46	2- 2013 and 2014	1/11/2016 12:25 PM
47	1	1/11/2016 12:19 PM
48	33!	1/11/2016 12:16 PM
49	8	1/11/2016 12:15 PM
50	More than 10	1/11/2016 12:10 PM
51	at least 12	1/11/2016 12:05 PM
52	4	1/11/2016 11:54 AM
53	25	1/11/2016 11:50 AM
54	7	1/11/2016 11:49 AM
55	2	1/11/2016 11:44 AM
56	32	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
57	more than 10	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
58	0	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
59	3	1/11/2016 11:41 AM
60	4	1/11/2016 11:40 AM
61	2	1/10/2016 4:13 PM
62	5-10	1/10/2016 3:18 PM
63	none	1/9/2016 12:28 PM
64	This was first	1/7/2016 4:10 PM
65	10?	1/7/2016 2:36 PM
66	0	1/7/2016 12:31 PM
67	4	1/7/2016 12:03 PM
68	0	1/7/2016 10:02 AM
69	5	1/7/2016 6:13 AM
70	this was my first LRA	1/6/2016 6:29 PM
71	7	1/6/2016 5:55 PM
72	5	1/6/2016 2:20 PM
73	2	1/6/2016 1:17 PM
74	I haven't kept exact count but I want to say it's about 6	1/6/2016 12:55 PM
75	20	1/6/2016 12:42 PM

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76	2	1/6/2016 12:40 PM
77	40	1/6/2016 12:07 PM
78	1	1/6/2016 12:04 PM
79	4	1/6/2016 10:44 AM
80	none- this was my first!	1/6/2016 10:34 AM
81	25	1/6/2016 10:17 AM
82	approx. 12	1/6/2016 10:14 AM
83	3	1/6/2016 9:56 AM
84	4	1/6/2016 9:37 AM
85	2	1/6/2016 9:35 AM
86	this was my first one	1/6/2016 7:57 AM
87	8	1/6/2016 7:29 AM
88	2	1/6/2016 5:56 AM
89	6	1/5/2016 11:56 PM
90	1	1/5/2016 11:09 PM
91	None	1/5/2016 10:48 PM
92	7	1/5/2016 10:38 PM
93	Many. 15?	1/5/2016 9:45 PM
94	3	1/5/2016 9:34 PM
95	24	1/5/2016 9:15 PM
96	0	1/5/2016 8:49 PM
97	5	1/5/2016 8:25 PM
98	1	1/5/2016 8:14 PM
99	5 or 6	1/5/2016 7:58 PM
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102	5	1/5/2016 6:57 PM
103	I have never been to LRA before, but I have attended about over 60 other conferences.	1/5/2016 6:50 PM
104	1	1/5/2016 6:48 PM
105	5	1/5/2016 6:45 PM
106	A regular since 1989	1/5/2016 6:44 PM
107	2	1/5/2016 6:37 PM
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116	6ish	12/29/2015 4:37 PM

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161	This was my first.	12/18/2015 10:03 AM
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165	0	12/18/2015 8:45 AM
166	2	12/18/2015 7:37 AM
167	2	12/18/2015 1:39 AM
168	lost count!! Have gone every year for about 14+ years	12/18/2015 12:43 AM
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186	Only this one	12/17/2015 5:06 PM
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193	10?	12/17/2015 3:18 PM
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196	Never been to LRA. Have been to several other conferences.	12/17/2015 2:56 PM
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207	0	12/17/2015 2:18 PM
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222	40	12/17/2015 1:10 PM
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227	0	12/17/2015 12:35 PM
228	15-20	12/17/2015 12:30 PM
229	5	12/17/2015 12:28 PM
230	This was my first conference	12/17/2015 12:26 PM
231	9	12/17/2015 12:25 PM
232	10+	12/17/2015 12:23 PM
233	10	12/17/2015 12:20 PM
234	Many! (usually, 2-3 per year)	12/17/2015 12:16 PM
235	4	12/17/2015 12:14 PM
236	10-12	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
237	about 8-10	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
238	3	12/17/2015 12:07 PM
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247	9	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
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251	many	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
252	1	12/17/2015 11:36 AM
253	9	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
254	2	12/17/2015 11:33 AM
255	0	12/17/2015 11:33 AM
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258	12	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
259	21	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
260	30	12/17/2015 11:28 AM
261	3	12/17/2015 11:23 AM
262	7	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
263	7	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
264	Almost yearly since 2004	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
265	12+	12/17/2015 11:10 AM
266	6	12/17/2015 11:10 AM
267	This is my first	12/17/2015 11:09 AM
268	8	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
269	4	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
270	8	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
271	5	12/17/2015 11:04 AM
272	lots	12/17/2015 11:02 AM
273	10	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
274	2	12/17/2015 11:00 AM
275	10	12/17/2015 10:58 AM
276	4	12/17/2015 10:56 AM
277	MANY!	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
278	3	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
279	8	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
280	10	12/17/2015 10:53 AM

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285	2	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
286	7	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
287	8-10	12/17/2015 10:48 AM
288	2	12/17/2015 10:47 AM
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292	@ 20	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
293	15	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
294	6	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
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297	5	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
298	30+	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
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300	7	12/17/2015 10:41 AM
301	12	12/17/2015 10:41 AM
302	lots	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
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305	13	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
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307	0	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
308	10	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
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310	7	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
311	2	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
312	16	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
313	2	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
314	4	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
315	20	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
316	around 10	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
317	1	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
318	13	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
319	10+	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
320	8	12/17/2015 10:35 AM

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Q4 What are the main reasons that led you to attend the 2015 conference?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 13

#	Responses	Date
1	Presenting, location	1/16/2016 7:38 PM
2	networking, professional development	1/15/2016 5:39 PM
3	It is my professional home. Connecting with colleagues. Leadership/service responsibilities.	1/15/2016 10:32 AM
4	the conference intersects with my area of interest	1/14/2016 9:55 PM
5	Collaborate with colleagues. Presenting and attending sessions.	1/14/2016 10:03 AM
6	sessions and meeting with colleagues	1/13/2016 9:17 PM
7	Present my work and networking with the literacy research community	1/13/2016 5:01 PM
8	My proposals were accepted and I wanted the opportunity to present my initial findings to colleagues	1/13/2016 1:35 PM
9	I am interested in current literacy research.	1/13/2016 11:32 AM
10	presenting my work and hearing about others' new work	1/13/2016 9:33 AM
11	It is highly relevant to my field and i had a paper accepted.	1/13/2016 4:17 AM
12	to present and to attend other scholars' presentations	1/13/2016 3:28 AM
13	Presenting Interest in literacy/ international research	1/13/2016 12:56 AM
14	Professional affiliation in terms of scholarship (mine and others') and maintaining close relationships with colleagues at other institutions.	1/12/2016 11:31 PM
15	To hear about new research and network with colleagues.	1/12/2016 10:21 PM
16	I attend Judson University and our school took our entire doctoral cohort as part of our coursework (paid through our tuition). It was a valuable experience that was more meaningful because I was able to share it with my entire cohort.	1/12/2016 10:00 PM
17	Presenting & connecting with colleagues	1/12/2016 8:12 PM
18	To gain knowledge, make connections, and to present.	1/12/2016 6:41 PM
19	I made a presentation with my advisor.	1/12/2016 4:53 PM
20	presenting work	1/12/2016 4:22 PM
21	I enjoyed the 2014 conference.	1/12/2016 1:30 PM
22	Colleague recommendation	1/12/2016 12:33 PM
23	I am a beginning doc student and I was encouraged to go	1/12/2016 12:58 AM
24	professional presentation topics, interesting discussions	1/11/2016 11:40 PM
25	Graduate student of mine is presenting Opportunity to meet colleagues	1/11/2016 10:26 PM
26	I enjoy the LRA community, the LRA community's research is most relevant to my own, and my paper proposal was accepted.	1/11/2016 9:56 PM
27	Presenting work, meeting with colleagues	1/11/2016 7:14 PM
28	Presenting a research paper	1/11/2016 6:50 PM
29	To keep abreast of research trends, methods, and to present my scholarship.	1/11/2016 6:46 PM
30	Presenting	1/11/2016 6:08 PM
31	Networking with graduate students, access to latest research	1/11/2016 5:05 PM
32	Area chair & other faculty/grad students from my department were attending.	1/11/2016 4:36 PM
33	I presented. Also, it gives me a chance to connect with other scholars	1/11/2016 4:19 PM

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34	My first-author presentation was accepted	1/11/2016 4:11 PM
35	Just discovered LRA	1/11/2016 3:05 PM
36	giving a presentation	1/11/2016 2:47 PM
37	Conference theme, and the stellar keynote speakers.	1/11/2016 2:23 PM
38	To connect with colleagues	1/11/2016 1:41 PM
39	Presenting	1/11/2016 1:36 PM
40	Present & attend sessions	1/11/2016 1:24 PM
41	Presenting	1/11/2016 1:22 PM
42	Responsibilities for Major presenter introductions	1/11/2016 1:06 PM
43	My interest in becoming a member of this organization.	1/11/2016 1:03 PM
44	The collegiality, connections, and inspiration that abounds-- I presented for the second time and it was an INCREDIBLE learning experience	1/11/2016 12:25 PM
45	Present research	1/11/2016 12:19 PM
46	Cutting edge research presentations; networking; chances to hear top scholars present their research; LRA committee/Board responsibilities	1/11/2016 12:16 PM
47	professional experience, collaborations, new knowledge in the field	1/11/2016 12:15 PM
48	LRA is my intellectual community -- opportunity to present and see/hear research, chance to connect with other scholars, reconnect with old friends	1/11/2016 12:10 PM
49	Deeper professional learning, networking, learning about emerging research, and hopefully interacting with those who want to make a real difference with policy and at the local school level.	1/11/2016 12:05 PM
50	I was presenting at the conference	1/11/2016 11:54 AM
51	LRA has been the premier conference for literacy research for much of my career. I presented research at the 2015 conference.	1/11/2016 11:50 AM
52	Presenting, attending, networking	1/11/2016 11:49 AM
53	I'm a past president and I chair a committee	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
54	the colleagues who attend and the caliber of the presentations and discussion	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
55	I have heard good things	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
56	networking opportunities, collaboration, presenting research	1/11/2016 11:41 AM
57	Presenting	1/11/2016 11:40 AM
58	Paper accepted for presentation New to field of literacy research	1/11/2016 11:37 AM
59	I was a presenter.	1/10/2016 4:13 PM
60	meeting colleagues, sharing work, learning about others' work	1/10/2016 3:18 PM
61	I was in the US	1/9/2016 12:28 PM
62	Useful to my job.	1/7/2016 4:10 PM
63	Present research and learn about others' research.	1/7/2016 2:36 PM
64	presenting, professional growth	1/7/2016 12:31 PM
65	Meeting colleagues and exchanging ideas	1/7/2016 12:03 PM
66	Opportunity to learn and network!	1/7/2016 10:02 AM
67	Opportunity to interact with others	1/7/2016 6:13 AM
68	I wanted to attend a smaller conference (in the past I have always attended SRCD, AERA)	1/6/2016 6:29 PM
69	focus on research, small size, ability to network with established colleagues and graduate students	1/6/2016 5:55 PM

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70	Professional development, opportunity to network and collaborate with colleagues on research projects, easy and inexpensive to travel to	1/6/2016 2:20 PM
71	Presentation proposal acceptance; meeting up with former grad school friends; meeting other literacy scholars	1/6/2016 1:17 PM
72	I had some research that I wanted to present, and I was invited to give a talk at at Study Group.	1/6/2016 12:55 PM
73	networking; symposium presentation	1/6/2016 12:42 PM
74	An interest in becoming involved in the organization, and an interest in having my work seen by the scholars at LRA (and in learning from LRA scholars' work)	1/6/2016 12:40 PM
75	Past-president and NRC/LRA provides many opportunities to see old (and I mean OLD) friends.	1/6/2016 12:07 PM
76	I was invited as a visiting speaker	1/6/2016 12:04 PM
77	Innovative research	1/6/2016 10:44 AM
78	I presented with my professors & I wanted to hear all the folks I have been reading & studying	1/6/2016 10:34 AM
79	This is my academic home.	1/6/2016 10:17 AM
80	Converse with colleagues and attend sessions.	1/6/2016 10:14 AM
81	Need to put something in the conference pipeline, affinity with LRA, San Diego location	1/6/2016 9:56 AM
82	Presenting research and collaborating with colleagues	1/6/2016 9:37 AM
83	opportunities to connect, listen, and present	1/6/2016 9:35 AM
84	I am expected to attend conferences and literacy is my field.	1/6/2016 7:57 AM
85	Hear the latest research; network with colleagues on piece;	1/6/2016 7:29 AM
86	Presenting	1/6/2016 5:56 AM
87	Location, speakers - especially keynote, I enjoy the research focus of this conference.	1/5/2016 11:56 PM
88	I am a first year doctoral student studying literacy. It seemed like a great place to learn about current research and make connections with researchers interested in my interests.	1/5/2016 11:09 PM
89	A colleague had presented at previous conferences and we collaborated and submitted a proposal that was accepted.	1/5/2016 10:48 PM
90	I as a presenter.	1/5/2016 9:45 PM
91	Amazing conference overall with great presentations, networking, inspiration	1/5/2016 9:34 PM
92	Seeing colleagues and hearing new research	1/5/2016 9:15 PM
93	Paper presentation	1/5/2016 8:57 PM
94	presenting with colleagues	1/5/2016 8:49 PM
95	Presenting literacy research, hearing/meeting other scholars	1/5/2016 8:25 PM
96	feedback on paper proposal	1/5/2016 8:14 PM
97	conferencing with colleagues	1/5/2016 7:58 PM
98	Presenters and location	1/5/2016 7:45 PM
99	Research presentation opportunity	1/5/2016 7:26 PM
100	The idea that there was special events for doctoral students lead me to this conference.	1/5/2016 6:50 PM
101	To check progress in literacy research	1/5/2016 6:48 PM
102	Presenting	1/5/2016 6:45 PM
103	It is always on my schedule - a way to link with colleagues and attend interesting presentations	1/5/2016 6:44 PM
104	Presenting	1/5/2016 6:37 PM
105	Papers accepted; study group; research collaborators got a chance to meet	1/5/2016 6:31 PM
106	I enjoy hearing from others in the field, bouncing around ideas, and getting inspired.	1/5/2016 6:26 PM
107	Proximity and interest in LRA	1/5/2016 6:24 PM
108	To learn about current research in the field.	1/4/2016 1:06 PM

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109	Location: Wanted to travel to California Acceptance: my proposal was accepted, so I would be presenting	1/4/2016 10:48 AM
110	My proposals were accepted	1/2/2016 5:02 PM
111	I always attend for my own professional development, as well as for the opportunity to share my research and collaborate with others.	12/31/2015 1:00 PM
112	I am a regular attendee but the theme of this year's conference was particularly appealing.	12/30/2015 6:51 PM
113	I was presenting	12/29/2015 4:37 PM
114	To present my research, support my doctoral students' research, and to share ideas with other scholars.	12/29/2015 12:53 PM
115	Paper acceptance	12/28/2015 2:49 AM
116	Location - close to my university Present to members of the LRA community Networking	12/28/2015 12:36 AM
117	My paper was accepted for a presentation and I was highly encouraged to attend by my doctoral advisor.	12/26/2015 9:32 PM
118	LRA is the most productive conference/association for me. Small enough to connect to people. Also, people are sincere about their research, are willing to discuss it with unknown people and do not spend a lot of time puffing themselves up!	12/26/2015 1:31 PM
119	I attend annually to meet up with colleagues and hear new research reported.	12/23/2015 10:51 PM
120	Presenting and learning from others	12/23/2015 2:43 PM
121	Presenting	12/23/2015 11:58 AM
122	The community of scholars; I was presenting.	12/23/2015 11:04 AM
123	i was presenting	12/23/2015 12:15 AM
124	collegiality, presenting papers, chairing study group	12/22/2015 4:08 PM
125	The theme and the speakers	12/22/2015 10:05 AM
126	Presenting, connecting and visiting with colleagues	12/21/2015 9:33 PM
127	professional development; presenting; service to the organization	12/21/2015 2:18 PM
128	I was presenting.	12/21/2015 1:24 PM
129	Was presenting; wanted to see all the newest research	12/21/2015 1:50 AM
130	Research, community, and opportunity to present	12/21/2015 12:33 AM
131	My proposal was accepted for a paper presentation. In addition, I serve on LRA committees.	12/20/2015 9:51 PM
132	I was on the program. To see old friends and colleagues. To Learn	12/20/2015 9:27 PM
133	See latest in literacy research; present my study	12/20/2015 8:20 PM
134	The LRA is a highly regarded conference for literacy researchers and educators. I submitted a proposal and was excited to participate in this way with highly regarded colleagues.	12/20/2015 8:03 PM
135	Responsibilities for introduction of speakers	12/20/2015 1:49 PM
136	was presenting	12/20/2015 12:38 PM
137	I want to hear research conducted by others, present my own research, and help my students to network	12/20/2015 12:09 PM
138	on the program, meet with others, keep up to date on new research	12/20/2015 10:03 AM
139	Scholarship, networking	12/20/2015 2:44 AM
140	To continue to meet with my colleagues, network, and present research.	12/20/2015 1:47 AM
141	Always enjoy the variety of sessions and dialogue, collegiality of LRA, and great location.	12/19/2015 11:53 PM
142	Presenting	12/19/2015 8:33 PM
143	Presenting research	12/19/2015 8:18 PM
144	The SIG group for doctoral students.	12/19/2015 6:34 PM
145	It is the best conference to say up to date with literacy research and for catching up with colleagues.	12/19/2015 4:55 PM
146	The topic -Literacy, equity, and imagination	12/19/2015 1:14 AM

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147	Interest in presentations	12/18/2015 3:05 PM
148	Opportunity to present, opportunity to attend interesting sessions, opportunity to meet with colleagues	12/18/2015 2:46 PM
149	Keep current on a number of issues	12/18/2015 2:39 PM
150	Interaction with colleagues who have similar research interests	12/18/2015 2:27 PM
151	I always attend LRA	12/18/2015 12:32 PM
152	It was based on research, and a team from work was attending.	12/18/2015 12:31 PM
153	Remain abreast of current research in the field; network with colleagues; make progress on research initiatives with colleagues from other universities	12/18/2015 11:24 AM
154	a chance to network and have conversations about mutual research interests, to keep connected to others from where I went to graduate school, to give a presentation, to participate in study groups	12/18/2015 11:17 AM
155	presentations (mine and others) connections with colleagues from other institutions, representing my University and keeping current on trends.	12/18/2015 10:57 AM
156	It was recommended to me by colleagues.	12/18/2015 10:52 AM
157	literacy research	12/18/2015 10:25 AM
158	I learned about LRA from several colleagues. I earned my doctorate just last year. I submitted a paper and had it accepted!	12/18/2015 10:03 AM
159	Present papers, monitor ongoing research.	12/18/2015 9:57 AM
160	presenting professional networking interacting with other scholars doing similar research	12/18/2015 9:13 AM
161	I presented my work, I attended relevant sessions that informed my future work	12/18/2015 9:05 AM
162	Presenting, plenary speakers, colleagues presenting	12/18/2015 8:45 AM
163	Maily because I hope to attend regularly, evry or every second year.	12/18/2015 7:37 AM
164	Location Presenting Hear latest research	12/18/2015 1:39 AM
165	I had to present and this is my favorite conference to attend	12/18/2015 12:43 AM
166	Proposals accepted; ICG	12/18/2015 12:33 AM
167	Present my research	12/18/2015 12:14 AM
168	I always attend and keynote speakers looked great.	12/18/2015 12:13 AM
169	1) Present 2) Connect with colleagues 3) Learn new research & information in the field	12/17/2015 11:19 PM
170	I was excited to share my work in a roundtable to engage in discussion with colleagues. I also organized a session for the International ICG.	12/17/2015 9:27 PM
171	I was giving a presentation.	12/17/2015 8:18 PM
172	Highly respected Accepted presentation	12/17/2015 7:52 PM
173	I always attend this conference as it is good professional development	12/17/2015 7:33 PM
174	Showcase work with graduate students and colleagues; networking; exposure to new ideas	12/17/2015 7:26 PM
175	I presented. I go every year.	12/17/2015 7:02 PM
176	Networking	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
177	Connect with senior scholars, share research	12/17/2015 6:23 PM
178	The conference theme really drew me. The location. The president-elect. And an invitation.	12/17/2015 6:18 PM
179	I cannot imagine the academic year without the conference. This is how I re-charge intellectually	12/17/2015 6:08 PM
180	Presenting a paper. Love this conference.	12/17/2015 6:01 PM
181	wanting to know what the current state and focus of literacy research is, network with fellow researchers, present my own work	12/17/2015 5:54 PM
182	network with other researchers and disseminate my research	12/17/2015 5:37 PM
183	Wanted the most current research	12/17/2015 5:06 PM

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184	to learn about current research, connect with literacy colleagues, and contribute to the vitality and relevance of LRA	12/17/2015 4:45 PM
185	presenting, learning, networking, fun	12/17/2015 4:12 PM
186	To share my research, to listen to the research of others and to develop professional networks.	12/17/2015 3:37 PM
187	To present my research	12/17/2015 3:34 PM
188	To collaborate with colleagues, present my research, discuss opportunities for future work	12/17/2015 3:27 PM
189	Presenting, networking opportunities, chance to see old friends	12/17/2015 3:26 PM
190	Professional Development and Networking	12/17/2015 3:18 PM
191	My proposal was accepted and I love LRA!	12/17/2015 3:14 PM
192	The conference is geared toward my research interests and I was selected to present.	12/17/2015 3:12 PM
193	Its reputation and I was accepted to present.	12/17/2015 2:56 PM
194	Proposals accepted; ICG	12/17/2015 2:48 PM
195	Prestige	12/17/2015 2:44 PM
196	Presenting research, learning with colleagues	12/17/2015 2:42 PM
197	I consider LRA my academic home and wouldn't dream of missing it.	12/17/2015 2:34 PM
198	To get new information of research	12/17/2015 2:33 PM
199	First, this is my favorite conference out of all I attend. I need to present for scholarly reasons and the issues presented in this organization align with my work.	12/17/2015 2:27 PM
200	Presenting	12/17/2015 2:26 PM
201	Location	12/17/2015 2:22 PM
202	To present research, learn and attend sessions, and to network with colleagues.	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
203	presentation	12/17/2015 2:18 PM
204	I am a new doctoral student and was also presenting at the conference.	12/17/2015 2:18 PM
205	It was close to where I live	12/17/2015 2:09 PM
206	I was presenting; scholars I admire were presenting; proximity to my home; literacy research	12/17/2015 2:05 PM
207	Presenting	12/17/2015 1:52 PM
208	Present, keep up with research trends, and see colleagues.	12/17/2015 1:50 PM
209	Content and speakers	12/17/2015 1:36 PM
210	Reconnecting with colleagues, keeping up on current research findings, and presenting my own data.	12/17/2015 1:35 PM
211	Opportunities to have more intimate conversations with fellow literacy scholars.	12/17/2015 1:27 PM
212	presenting, discussant, networking	12/17/2015 1:24 PM
213	To present and get feedback from peers, to learn what others are doing - to widen/deepen my knowledge of the field(s), to get tips/support for writing/publishing, to refresh my POV and imagination.	12/17/2015 1:20 PM
214	Drama and literacy group	12/17/2015 1:17 PM
215	I was presenting	12/17/2015 1:15 PM
216	presentations in a symposium, and of a second paper	12/17/2015 1:13 PM
217	To share my research, learn new ideas, and participate in some discussions.	12/17/2015 1:13 PM
218	Wanting to keep up to date on what is happening in the field of literacy education.	12/17/2015 1:10 PM
219	To stay abreast of the field.	12/17/2015 12:47 PM
220	my presentation	12/17/2015 12:46 PM
221	Doctoral studies	12/17/2015 12:44 PM
222	Presenting, seeing colleagues from across the country.	12/17/2015 12:43 PM

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223	I'm a new PhD student	12/17/2015 12:35 PM
224	literacy research	12/17/2015 12:30 PM
225	I presented. I also try to attend every year. I consider LRA a primary PLC for my professional growth and networking.	12/17/2015 12:28 PM
226	I submitted a proposal based on a recommendation of my professor, and it was accepted.	12/17/2015 12:26 PM
227	Professional home, present research, learn about current research, network with friends and colleagues, hear literacy leaders speak	12/17/2015 12:25 PM
228	Presenting, and reconnecting with colleagues	12/17/2015 12:23 PM
229	It's one of my main conferences. I was especially interested this year in the inclusion of bilingual sessions.	12/17/2015 12:20 PM
230	presented a paper.	12/17/2015 12:16 PM
231	My study group was accepted and I enjoy learning about other people's research.	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
232	The usual reasons -- the promise of interesting sessions and the opportunity to chat with colleagues whom I like and respect.	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
233	I really respect the work of LRA and feel part of the community.	12/17/2015 12:07 PM
234	Being in conversation with other scholars in our field.	12/17/2015 12:03 PM
235	Attend presentations - keep up with colleagues	12/17/2015 12:01 PM
236	Presenting a paper	12/17/2015 11:59 AM
237	As a literacy doctoral student and researcher, it is essential to attend conferences like these to connect with other scholars, learn about presenting scholarly material, collaborate with others, and get your own research out there. I was a part of four proposals sent in to LRA and all four were accepted, so I had a lot of incentive to attend and an increased amount of funding as well from my institution as a presenter.	12/17/2015 11:56 AM
238	Presented 2 papers, like to network and learn about latest research findings	12/17/2015 11:53 AM
239	I go to this conference every year, am thinking it's not really fair to compare one conference to another. What would one do on a planning committee in response to this metric?	12/17/2015 11:49 AM
240	The locations, the fact that my proposals were accepted and I know many friends in the organization.	12/17/2015 11:46 AM
241	The need to present at international conferences for tenure and catching up with colleague-friends.	12/17/2015 11:46 AM
242	To see colleagues	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
243	opportunity to network and hear about current research	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
244	To engage in scholarly discussion with others in my field; to see new & cutting edge literacy work	12/17/2015 11:41 AM
245	Share & keep up with current research, see friends/colleagues,	12/17/2015 11:40 AM
246	support my graduate students	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
247	Present and network	12/17/2015 11:36 AM
248	Program and location	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
249	To hear about others' research. To share my research. To meet with colleagues.	12/17/2015 11:33 AM
250	Papers accepted for presentation. Recommended by senior colleagues.	12/17/2015 11:33 AM
251	Professional network	12/17/2015 11:32 AM
252	Committee service, networking, professional dev.	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
253	Presentation	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
254	It is my professional home; opportunities to talk informally with colleagues; present/attend sessions	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
255	presentations	12/17/2015 11:28 AM
256	presenting, location in warm California, perception that there might be an emphasis on multilingual teaching issues	12/17/2015 11:23 AM
257	To present my work, network with colleagues	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
258	Work with my colleagues in the Teacher Education Research Study Group (TERSG) and to attend sessions of interest.	12/17/2015 11:12 AM

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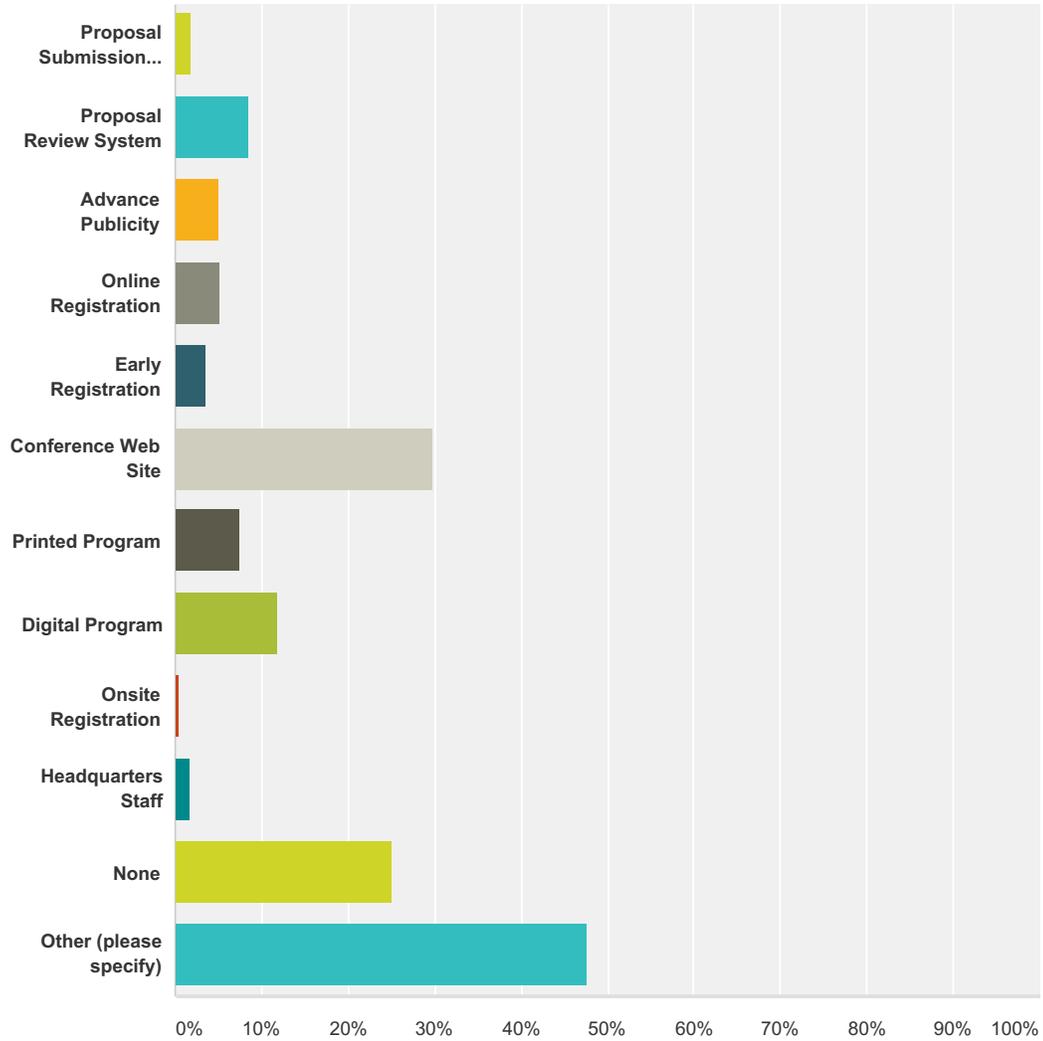
259	Presenting, inspiration from others, seeing colleagues	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
260	Presentations, networking, professional development	12/17/2015 11:10 AM
261	Professional development and meeting with colleagues	12/17/2015 11:10 AM
262	To share my research and connect with other scholars in literacy around research to strengthen my knowledge base.	12/17/2015 11:09 AM
263	Close to home, had a roundtable presentation, I like LRA for it's smaller size (e.g. than AERA), and connectedness.	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
264	The theme of the conference and the primary speakers (Gloria Ladson-Billings, Michelle Fine, Susan Nueman, Norma Gonzales).	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
265	Academic excellence of the conference	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
266	I feel that it is important to stay current in the field.	12/17/2015 11:04 AM
267	opportunities to touch base with colleagues from all over the US and elsewhere	12/17/2015 11:02 AM
268	Research interests, networking with colleagues, being part of a professional family/organization, socializing with fellow researchers.	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
269	My research	12/17/2015 11:00 AM
270	Presenter, networking	12/17/2015 10:58 AM
271	presentation	12/17/2015 10:56 AM
272	Presentation; to see friend accept an award	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
273	the need to present	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
274	LRA is my academic home	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
275	I consider LRA to be my professional home base, and I attend the conference every year.	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
276	proposal accepted; interested in learning from experts; learning about literacy projects on a national level; meeting experts; networking	12/17/2015 10:52 AM
277	My professional life would be incomplete without going.	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
278	in California, location a simple plane flight away	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
279	new doc student trying to learn the landscape- I plan to submit a proposal for next year	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
280	learning from colleagues; presenting	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
281	Connect with other researchers in literacy.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
282	I was a discussant for a symposium.	12/17/2015 10:48 AM
283	I was presenting, I have a leadership role in an ICG, and I wanted to network with colleagues from other universities.	12/17/2015 10:47 AM
284	I was presenting	12/17/2015 10:47 AM
285	It's where I join cutting edge professional conversations	12/17/2015 10:46 AM
286	My research interest and discipline.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
287	LRA is my professional home	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
288	Presentations	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
289	LRA is one of the few conferences focusing on research in literacy.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
290	I like this conference	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
291	Community, learning, sharing	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
292	I was fortunate to be chosen to present.	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
293	Interact with colleagues doing interesting work Share and obtain feedback on own research	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
294	speakers and accepted presentation	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
295	I was an accepted presenter. I enjoy the people at the conference. It is essential to my academic growth.	12/17/2015 10:41 AM
296	present work	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
297	Professional collaboration and learning opportunities	12/17/2015 10:40 AM

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298	Opportunities to see colleagues and presentations in person.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
299	opportunity to present and engage in meaningful research conversations. The two main speakers (Norma and Michelle) and sharing with colleagues.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
300	quality of the research	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
301	As a doctoral student, I am trying to establish myself in the field of literacy. I was co-presenting two papers with my advisor.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
302	Research community	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
303	Presenting, old Friends,	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
304	Connections with colleagues, a chance to present my research	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
305	Professional learning and presentation	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
306	conversations with forward thinking colleagues	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
307	Wanting to stay current on literacy research	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
308	opportunity to learn, present	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
309	I attend every year.	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
310	Presenting research, networking	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
311	I had a student presenting work from my data set.	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
312	sessions / to learn the latest research networking	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
313	speakers; location	12/17/2015 10:35 AM

Q5 Based on your first-hand experience, check any areas that you believe need improvement.

Answered: 304 Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	Responses
Proposal Submission System	1.97% 6
Proposal Review System	8.55% 26
Advance Publicity	4.93% 15
Online Registration	5.26% 16
Early Registration	3.62% 11
Conference Web Site	29.93% 91
Printed Program	7.57% 23
Digital Program	11.84% 36

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Onsite Registration	0.33%	1
Headquarters Staff	1.64%	5
None	25.00%	76
Other (please specify)	47.70%	145
Total Respondents: 304		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Seemed to be a lot of issues with lodging at the venue.	1/16/2016 7:38 PM
2	the conference needs an app. See the app that AERA uses. That kind of app. the conference website needs to have an online program that is more searchable.	1/14/2016 9:55 PM
3	roundtable format or scheduling. I'm not sure which it was, but there were numerous presenters who had no one show up at their roundtables, which can be really disappointing.	1/13/2016 1:35 PM
4	Choice of venue for conference	1/13/2016 4:17 AM
5	Conference hotel was too expensive and did not provide any alternatives.	1/13/2016 3:28 AM
6	Very late explanations of ground transportation	1/12/2016 11:31 PM
7	I tried to help/volunteer - either as a chair, discussant or reviewer. Trying to volunteer online was difficult and confusing. Also, what I was volunteering to do was continually misinterpreted. Also, at the newcomer breakfast we were strongly encouraged to volunteer and become involved. One of fellow doctoral candidates and I went to talk with the President and President-Elect about getting involved during the breakfast - we were ignored for more than five minutes, because they were involved in a personal conversation (bad timing after inviting us to come and talk with them). So - I wanted to and offered to volunteer many times to no avail. Not sure that is the message you want to send.	1/12/2016 10:00 PM
8	location hotel	1/12/2016 4:22 PM
9	Hotels and transportation between hotels.	1/12/2016 1:30 PM
10	Town Hall Meeting--online comments board--rude and unprofessional--please eliminate this feature.	1/11/2016 11:40 PM
11	Accommodation arrangements were inadequate. The onsite deal was too limited and as a result there were no cheap onsite options available by the time my paper was accepted. This was frustrating. As an international guest I wasn't able to book accommodation before my paper was accepted. As a result I ended up 10 minutes drive away in expensive accommodation disconnected from the conference site. I know that the new exec has booked 'better' options. I hope so. We need a conference close to lots of accommodation options.	1/11/2016 7:14 PM
12	Scheduling - there were too many sessions to choose from. It was overwhelming and unproductive	1/11/2016 6:50 PM
13	During a large portion of the proposal review period proposers could see reviews before acceptance decision had been made.	1/11/2016 6:46 PM
14	Hotel costs	1/11/2016 6:08 PM
15	After last year's wonderful experience, the resort just wasn't up to par.	1/11/2016 4:36 PM
16	better advance information about travel - what airport to use, how to get from the airport to the venue	1/11/2016 1:24 PM
17	Site decision making in relation to finances of conference attendees.	1/11/2016 1:06 PM
18	The conference itself was wonderful, the housing situation was not so great. My room is probably a half a mile away from the main conference site during the day that's not an issue at night the facilities were so dark it didn't feel really safe to walk around in the dark with minimal lighting, and everything just seemed incredibly spread out.	1/11/2016 1:03 PM
19	We need more affordable housing options.	1/11/2016 12:35 PM
20	Well, it's a minor thing, but the disappearing FFs need to be located.	1/11/2016 12:16 PM
21	This was one of the best LRA conferences I've ever attended. Although some complained about the location, it was extremely helpful to have the conference at this kind of location- I collaborated more than ever due to the set up and location.	1/11/2016 12:15 PM
22	Continued focus on how research can make a difference at the school, state, and national levels which means it is not about the research and white papers, it is about the action of the researchers and practitioners working together.	1/11/2016 12:05 PM

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23	The location was not ideal--isolated and difficult to get to from an airport.	1/11/2016 11:54 AM
24	Location of conference [I mean, really - a conference theme centered on diversity and inequality and it is held at one of the most exclusive resorts in the country???] so that lodging is reasonable for everyone - including graduate students.	1/11/2016 11:50 AM
25	Location- it would be nice to be at a place that is easy to fly in and out of without needing transportation to get to restaurants and a long drive to the airport.	1/11/2016 11:49 AM
26	expensive for grad students -- need to find ways they dont have to take taxis--	1/11/2016 11:42 AM
27	The conference hotel, while beautiful, was somewhat secluded from the local area. Traveling for dinner or leaving the hotel was more of a hassle than in previous years. As this conference falls at the end of the semester and in many ways, serves as a mini vacation for attendees, it would be nice to have been closer to the beach to enjoy. Additionally, this hotel was not near an airport so I had to budget for either a car or a taxi (car was cheaper). Based on my funding,	1/11/2016 11:41 AM
28	Site, cost, and accessibility	1/11/2016 11:40 AM
29	Small numbers in sessions: With many sessions occurring concurrently, the attendance at each session is spread thin. Hotel Reservations: Not being able to stay at the Omni (due to lack of space) was logistically challenging. Information about rooms being available and additional rooms being released was inaccurate and confusing. It would be ideal if the hotel and/or close surrounding hotels could accommodate the conference attendees more fully.	1/10/2016 4:13 PM
30	The conference site itself was a disaster. I was not able to book a room onsite, so I booked a room with an alternative hotel (the Hampton Inn). When I booked, I was told there would be a shuttle back and forth (I called the hotel to check). However, when I arrived, they said that no one from the conference had told them they needed a shuttle or had talked to them at all. I had to spend \$20 each way every time I needed to travel back and forth between the hotel and the conference. It is my understanding that the bylaws require alternative hotels to be WALKABLE from the conference site, not a 15 minute drive away!	1/7/2016 12:03 PM
31	Hotel accommodations (enough availability at conference hotel)	1/7/2016 6:13 AM
32	I was disappointed that most sessions did not have a chair/discussant.	1/6/2016 6:29 PM
33	The layout of the meeting rooms and resort meant that I hardly saw some close friends and colleagues for more than a fleeting second. Somehow people's paths didn't cross.....	1/6/2016 12:42 PM
34	Never again let anyone select a hotel so far from anything! I mean far from restaurants, from beach, from local culture, etc. The hotel choice had to rank in the the worst top 3 ever! And it was overpriced.	1/6/2016 12:07 PM
35	Location accessibility and affordability	1/6/2016 10:44 AM
36	Two things: 1) booking the hotel at the conference site was difficult & resulting in us staying off site 2) holding the conference at an exclusive resort sends the wrong message- socially, economically, and environmentally	1/6/2016 10:34 AM
37	selection of the conference site. Resorts are too expensive. Travel to the last two conferences has been hard because of location. Obtaining rooms at the conference hotel at sites like these is difficult.	1/6/2016 10:17 AM
38	Hotel booking could have been better. I tried to book two rooms in July and was told by hotel staff there were no rooms. I waited over a month for things to be clarified per an email and called the moment an email was sent that things were rectified and I still was told there were no rooms. I eventually used VRBO and booked a two condos at the complex.	1/6/2016 9:37 AM
39	conference lodging seemed to disappear right away	1/6/2016 9:35 AM
40	Location: Too expensive	1/6/2016 5:56 AM
41	It was very hard to find a schedule on the website, and the schedule that was there was not easy to follow. Also, the location was beautiful, but it left little room for food options that were not really expensive. As a student, it was very expensive for me to attend.	1/5/2016 11:09 PM
42	These resort hotels are not a good idea for many reasons. They are difficult to get to, are expensive, leave few options for people who either can't afford resort prices or who register after the limited conference-rate rooms are gone.	1/5/2016 9:45 PM
43	I know it must be difficult to plot out sessions, but there seemed to be a lot of overlapping of similar content sessions in the same time slot, thus reducing the opportunity to follow a particular strand. You would have to do a lot of session jumping to catch all the great sessions related to a specific theme.	1/5/2016 9:34 PM
44	Quality of proposals presented--many presenters had not even analyzed (or gathered) data yet and their presentations were not of high quality.	1/5/2016 9:15 PM
45	Location	1/5/2016 8:57 PM
46	Availability of enough hotel rooms at conference rate!	1/5/2016 8:25 PM

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47	consider places that are not so remote. La Costa was very hard to get to from out of town and there were no local places that were within walking distance. LRA conferences in 2015 and 2014 were also extremely lavish and knowing that my research focuses on decoloniality and privilege, this above fact makes it hard to attend a conference that looks and feels so oppressive	1/5/2016 8:14 PM
48	I think the site could have been better-it was too spread out for informal interactions with colleagues	1/5/2016 7:58 PM
49	I would prefer to have the conference held in a more compact setting. Because housing and conference sites were spread out over a wide area, I didn't have the opportunity to mingle or run into folks as much as I have in the past.	1/5/2016 6:45 PM
50	Selection of keynote speakers - I was quite surprised that the presentation that I considered the most relevant to LRA and its theme (that of Susan Neuman) was the least well received as indicated by standing ovations for others and a few standing acknowledgements for her. Room reservations - it is ridiculous that for years in a row, people have such trouble getting appropriate lodging	1/5/2016 6:44 PM
51	Is the printed program really necessary? We have the app and online version, so it seems a waste of paper. I never even opened mine. Could the printed program be optional (even involve a nominal charge to offset carbon footprint)?	1/5/2016 6:37 PM
52	I think it was pretty clear during this conference that we do not wish to attend in such fancy places in the future. It is important that we meet in a space that allows all who want to attend the opportunity. Also, I think the town hall has turned into something that it was never intended to be. The space should be cozier, beer should be given to each person who talks (as motivation), and the live tweets/blog/etc. should be cut- it doesn't seem to help the discussion but displays the dregs of our organization.	1/5/2016 6:26 PM
53	Conference location	12/31/2015 1:00 PM
54	Including chairs and discussants in all sessions	12/29/2015 4:37 PM
55	Communication. WAY too much use of the listserv for pre-conference announcements.	12/29/2015 12:53 PM
56	The non-member conference fee was exorbitant. I had to pay it for my Chinese research partner who cannot afford a membership plus conference fee plus hotel, not to mention transportation.	12/26/2015 1:31 PM
57	The town hall format needs an overhaul.	12/23/2015 11:04 AM
58	conference housing	12/23/2015 12:15 AM
59	More signs to direct people to the buildings and registration	12/21/2015 1:52 PM
60	Conference Accessibility	12/21/2015 1:50 AM
61	Perhaps there should be expectations for paper sessions...such as not reading directly from papers, requiring a handout or power point, engaging the audience in your paper. This year the sessions I went to were really poor in regards to presentation.	12/21/2015 12:33 AM
62	It was a convoluted process to download the program App. In addition, it was inefficient to use.	12/20/2015 9:51 PM
63	Not having assigned discussants and chairs was missed.	12/20/2015 8:20 PM
64	Please notify ALL authors that were part of a symposium proposal. My colleagues accidentally forgot to email me when our symposium was accepted in late July, so I only found out in October. Thus, planning my trip was a bit of a nightmare.	12/20/2015 8:03 PM
65	cost and location of venue	12/20/2015 1:49 PM
66	location of hotel, thought it was lovely, there was very little within walking distance.	12/20/2015 12:38 PM
67	availability of hotels. We need to recognize that we do not fit into one hotel and select locations where there are multiple hotels within walking range. I ended up off site and paid about \$30 per day for taxi fare and paid the same amount for my room with none of the amenities.	12/20/2015 10:03 AM
68	Hotel and transportation arrangements are often challenging: --rooms sell out immediately --remote conference locations make transportation expensive and cumbersome Technology suggestion: Make it very clear where, how, and when session videos and papers will be available (during and after the conference).	12/19/2015 4:55 PM
69	Not sure the website's optimized for use with a Mac. Navigating menus is sometimes complicated. But otherwise it's fine.	12/18/2015 2:46 PM
70	Please select a hotel that can manage to accommodate all members who attend the conference.	12/18/2015 2:39 PM
71	Accommodations- It was very frustrating to not have accommodations even though I tried from the very first day they opened. Registration- I ended up not doing early registration (by the October date) due to the lack of accommodations. When I did register in November I was not included to receive conference emails. This meant I missed much of the advance publicity.	12/18/2015 11:24 AM

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72	I was troubled by the location for the conference. It seemed to exceed our needs in ways that were unnecessary and problematic.	12/18/2015 10:52 AM
73	plenary speakers should be literacy researchers	12/18/2015 10:25 AM
74	venue closer to airport & off-site food/social options clearer consideration of doc students/junior faculty lack of funds consideration of bringing back discussants/chairs	12/18/2015 9:13 AM
75	Overlapping too many sessions of similar topics at the same time.	12/18/2015 8:45 AM
76	If possible, it would be very good with a description of the conference and proposal/presentation demands. In my country we get points for attending conferences, but they need to be on a list to give points. and this one is not, all though it could be. But for this reason there must be documents showing the peer review demands etc.	12/18/2015 7:37 AM
77	I wish we could have rooms that were a little cheaper.	12/18/2015 12:43 AM
78	Selection of conference site--I am completely over these insulated and over priced locations.	12/18/2015 12:33 AM
79	Roundtables: They were 90 minutes long and in at a time opposite major presentations.	12/17/2015 11:19 PM
80	The setting was gorgeous, the communication about the sites and sessions effective, and it is always wonderful to reconnect with colleagues. My biggest disappointment was that my roundtable and the session that I organized were at the exact same time, and couldn't be moved (I contacted the office to inquire when the site program was released). As it turned out, no-one came to my Friday afternoon round table, and the session that I organized wasn't as successful as I had hoped even with the contingencies that I had put in place because of my absence. I was HUGELY disappointed at not meeting either of my personal goals for the meeting. I think that the round tables need to be set up in the am and the papers and alternate format sessions in the pm. If we hope to attract more graduate students and those who wish to engage in deep discussion about others' work, we need to honour those formats.	12/17/2015 9:27 PM
81	The location was beautiful and way out of the price range for most university professors.	12/17/2015 6:01 PM
82	approach to deciding where conference will be each year. it consistently is in places far away from community and in financially prohibitive places.	12/17/2015 5:54 PM
83	Food service	12/17/2015 5:06 PM
84	Please consider adding paper session discussants	12/17/2015 4:45 PM
85	The site was too remote. It was nearly impossible to go out of the hotel area. Restaurant and hotel were expensive and we did not have any other option since we did not have a car.	12/17/2015 3:34 PM
86	hosting the conference at an area that is accessible via public transportation, offering scholarship opportunities	12/17/2015 3:26 PM
87	Though I was able to stay at the conference hotel, there was much confusion around having enough rooms for participants.	12/17/2015 3:12 PM
88	Several conference sessions had very low attendance. It made all involved feel awkward.	12/17/2015 2:56 PM
89	Selection of sites--I'm very over such insulated and expensive locations.	12/17/2015 2:48 PM
90	The program app would be more useful if it had more functionality.	12/17/2015 2:34 PM
91	hotel reservations	12/17/2015 2:22 PM
92	Transportation to/from hotel from airport. I had a VERY long ride to multiple locations in San Diego before being delivered to the hotel with the shuttle service. Is there a way to have the shuttle service just serve the conference hotel rather than take that much time to get there? Particularly for destinations far from the airport, solo taxis are not affordable, but losing a lot of conference time unnecessarily in a shuttle isn't ideal.	12/17/2015 1:57 PM
93	Food on site was poor and over-priced and it wasn't easy to go off-site.	12/17/2015 1:50 PM
94	REVIEW SYSTEM: Need to separate reviews for Round Tables from Paper Sessions. Have different criteria for each type of submission as not to confuse reviewers. SCHEDULE. Provide at least 15 minutes passing-time before and after the lunchtime sessions. OR do not schedule lunch sessions in rooms that have something that ends at 12pm. I was in one such paper session that ended at 12pm. The lunchtime leader barged into the room disrupted the discussion and told everyone they had to lead. It was so unprofessional.	12/17/2015 1:27 PM
95	It was unclear how to register and become a member at the same time.	12/17/2015 1:24 PM
96	the app was horrible!	12/17/2015 1:15 PM
97	Number of hotel rooms available at conference rate.	12/17/2015 12:47 PM
98	The location--it was very expensive and difficult to get to.	12/17/2015 12:43 PM

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99	Accommodation. I could not book a room at the conference site. It was very inconvenient to make trips to and from the conference site.	12/17/2015 12:23 PM
100	Headquarters Staff seemed much better organized a few years back.	12/17/2015 12:20 PM
101	Our presentation conflicted with two other major presentations, so as a result, our panel was poorly attended. I suggest that major awards (lifetime achievement, etc., with major people in our field) are scheduled at a time (i.e., 5-6? breakfast?) that doesn't conflict with panels.	12/17/2015 12:16 PM
102	Conference Ap for iPhone	12/17/2015 11:59 AM
103	Location - as a graduate assistant and full time doctoral student traveling across the country, the costs for this conference were absolutely devastating, even with the funding I received. In August, months before the conference and a mere 2 weeks (or less in some cases) after we found out about our accepted proposals, we were unable to secure a room at Omni La Costa at the conference rate - and because there were no walkable hotels in the area, we had to use cabs everywhere we went - very expensive! Also, having the location at a resort sort of forces to rely on eating at resort restaurants and using resort facilities, which added up quickly. While it was a beautiful location, I went into serious debt for this conference. Also, I do wonder about what it says about our organization in terms the contrast between our conference theme and what a resort like this represents....we talk so often about equity and race, and yet our own conference is located in a place that basically is a microcosm revealing the stark inequities of society around us - seeing workers (often people of color) doing hard labor while generally white people bask in luxuriance. While the conference was an invigorating experience for me as a budding researcher in the field of literacy, I can't help but think about that disconnect between our ideals and the site of our annual conference.	12/17/2015 11:56 AM
104	Organization of the program (a roundtable places in a room set for presentations), staying in a place that did not have enough rooms and was so overpriced with no other near by options for housing or food.	12/17/2015 11:53 AM
105	Hotel registration, uploading papers	12/17/2015 11:49 AM
106	It would be great to have a real schedule app for mobile devices, instead of just a website.	12/17/2015 11:46 AM
107	The hotel did not have enough double rooms, which limits the ability of early career and doctoral students to attend; there was no shuttle from local hotels, which meant renting a car was necessary. These factors elevated the costs of attending the conference.	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
108	Housing has been an issue for two years now. I understand that an overage could cost the organization money, but there has to be a happy medium.	12/17/2015 11:41 AM
109	although I didn't experience it, there was considerable confusion over the hotel registration and # of rooms available at conference price	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
110	The conference schedule should be announced with the acceptance letters.	12/17/2015 11:33 AM
111	Conference locations. They feel like they are chosen to provide senior faculty with resort vacations and not to provide an academic experience for junior faculty and graduate students.	12/17/2015 11:32 AM
112	Room availability	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
113	the location at an expensive resort far from the airport was problematic--transportation and high prices for food, as well as lack of access to local alternative hotels and restaurants only added to the costs.	12/17/2015 11:28 AM
114	Have not received my yearbook so I'm not sure if any where mailed before the conference.	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
115	housing	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
116	The site selection. This site was horrible.	12/17/2015 11:10 AM
117	Not sure if there's anything we can do, but no one came to our Roundtable presentation--which is sad, especially since one of our participants drove down from Fresno (and back--8 hours round trip) to join in.	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
118	Location, lack of rooms at conference hotel, transportation from hotel to conference	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
119	Town Meeting and Vital Issues have lost their gusto. Backdrop screen with email comments during Town Meeting are annoying and a distraction. Hotel rooms too spread out. One large hotel with one central lobby allows people to easily find each other and get about. Not enough emphasis on "reading" which was what this organization was based on. Registration has become too expensive.	12/17/2015 11:02 AM
120	Serious problems with town hall meetings. Please eliminate the anonymous posting on back channel and have leaders from the organization speak to discomfort and or problems ...make a more serious statement and effort to welcome "others" and "newcomers". It was uncomfortable that no one in leadership would speak to those problems.	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
121	LOCATION	12/17/2015 11:00 AM
122	Hotel provision	12/17/2015 10:58 AM

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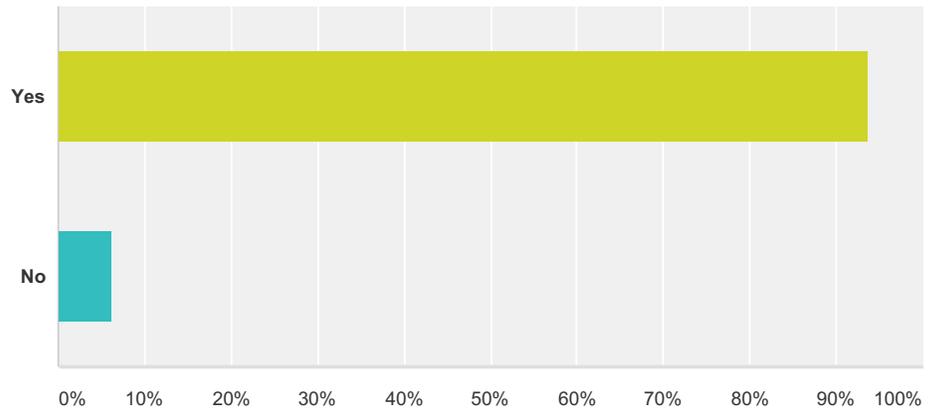
123	One of the papers presented at my sessions was an exact repeat of last year's presentation. I'm not sure how you prevent this, but it was unacceptable.	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
124	the system to upload papers was not avialable on time	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
125	I waited until receiving notice of my proposal acceptance before booking a hotel room, so I missed out on the chance to reserve a room in the conference hotel. I stayed at a hotel about 5 miles away, and it was okay, but it would have been nice to have other hotel options closer by. I've learned my lesson and will now book my hotel room much earlier, without waiting to find out if I'll be presenting or not.	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
126	The conference locations are held in distinct locations (beautiful); however, last year and this year the location seemed to restrict ability to stay at conference hotel/site (the ideal place to stay). Attending the conference also requires extra costs (transportation), adding to cost.	12/17/2015 10:52 AM
127	These were all just fine with me.	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
128	lodging and transportation arrangements	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
129	LRA needs to be mindful of selecting hotels that are convenient to major airports. This resort was too far away from the SAN airport and cab fare was extremely costly. I know there were shuttles, but those are not always an option with early flight times and ensuring you make your flight. There were few restaurant options within walking distance, besides the ones at the resort, which was disappointing. Plus, this resort was so large and spread out, it made it very difficult to just "run into" colleagues as has always been the case in the past. Finally, LRA needs to consider a change in conference dates as this conference is very hard to manage between the holiday season, which drives up air fare, and end of semester rush.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
130	The app was not incredibly user friendly, and it was frustrating to manually enter sessions that I had already added to my schedule through the website.	12/17/2015 10:47 AM
131	Well, I think you've heard about not using a spa venue.	12/17/2015 10:46 AM
132	Blocks of rooms available--if conferences are going to be so closed off from the rest of a city we need to be able to walk to and from OR have enough rooms for everyone who wants one. Plus, this conference was a bit spread out on the resort grounds and was a bit difficult to orienteer at times.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
133	Kudos! This was a fabulous conference. Very few glitches in the program, finding rooms, making plans, etc. Very smooth. I can't imagine the organization or planning for the conference could be any better.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
134	Hard to get a room at the conference hotel. Had to pay the regular rate for some ningshts. The facility is isolated and expensive.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
135	Hotel Accomodations	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
136	There needs to be more opportunities for more researchers to participate. It seems many people were on the program multiple times.	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
137	I strongly disliked the hotel. All conference rooms were gone in early September. Food and drink were very expensive and there was only one place to buy a cup of coffee in the morning so the lines were long. I was disappointed to see that an Omni hotel was selected for next year.	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
138	I appreciated the coupling of roundtables so that presenters had someone to present to, but noticed this time that 6-7 sessions I attended had fewer than 4 people in their audiences (sometimes including the other presenters). This is so discouraging when it happens, and I understand it sometimes just happens, but it seemed to happen in nearly every session I attended and it renders the 3-paper presentation format irrelevant. Since many of these sessions turned into discussion and work sessions by default. I wonder if there could be an option to submit for a discussion and/or work session format. I also wonder if there is a way to roughly track attendance at sessions and rethink either the number, combination or advertisements involved so that presenters to don't travel so far to present to no one.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
139	conference app	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
140	The location was beautiful, but it was in the middle of nowhere. without a car, this was very limiting for things like meal choice, and there didn't appear to be too many choices nearby even if taking a cab. A location in a city would be easier to get to from an airport and provide more hotel and dining options within walking distance.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
141	Hotel and wifi access. The resort we had made me really uncomfortable because it was so posh and expensive, and I held it in tension with the conference theme that reflected a social justice orientation. Also, the limited number of rooms made so many members frustrated.	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
142	Put the map on the last page, please	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
143	Plenary speakers	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
144	Housing	12/17/2015 10:36 AM

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145	options for food	12/17/2015 10:35 AM
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Q6 Are you a member of LRA?

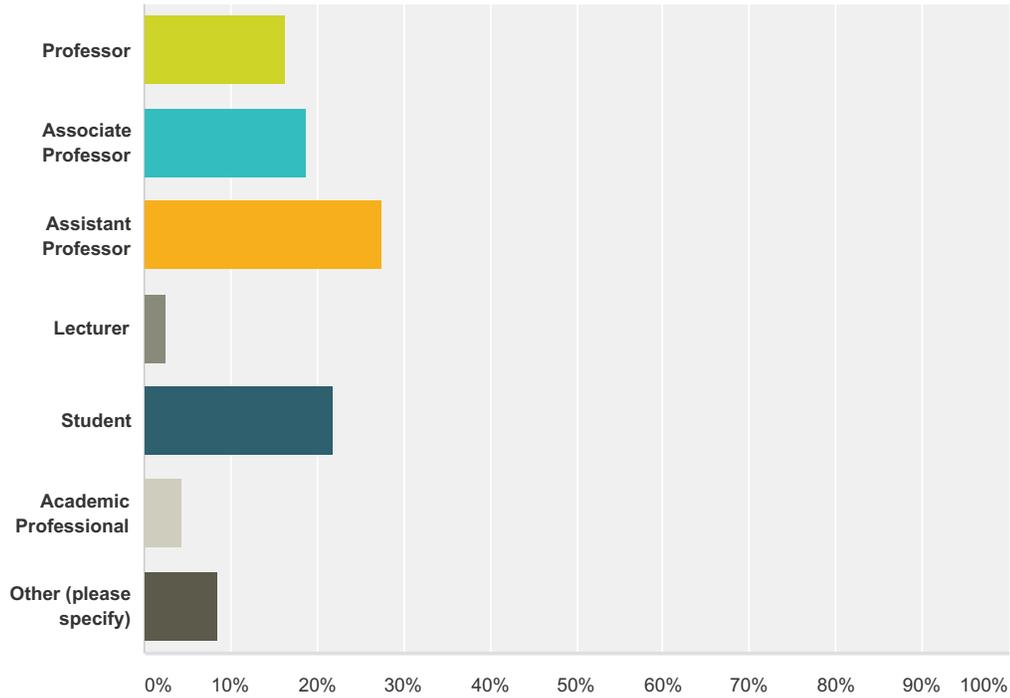
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	93.81% 303
No	6.19% 20
Total	323

Q7 Professional Position

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Answer Choices	Responses
Professor	16.36% 53
Associate Professor	18.83% 61
Assistant Professor	27.47% 89
Lecturer	2.47% 8
Student	21.91% 71
Academic Professional	4.32% 14
Other (please specify)	8.64% 28
Total	324

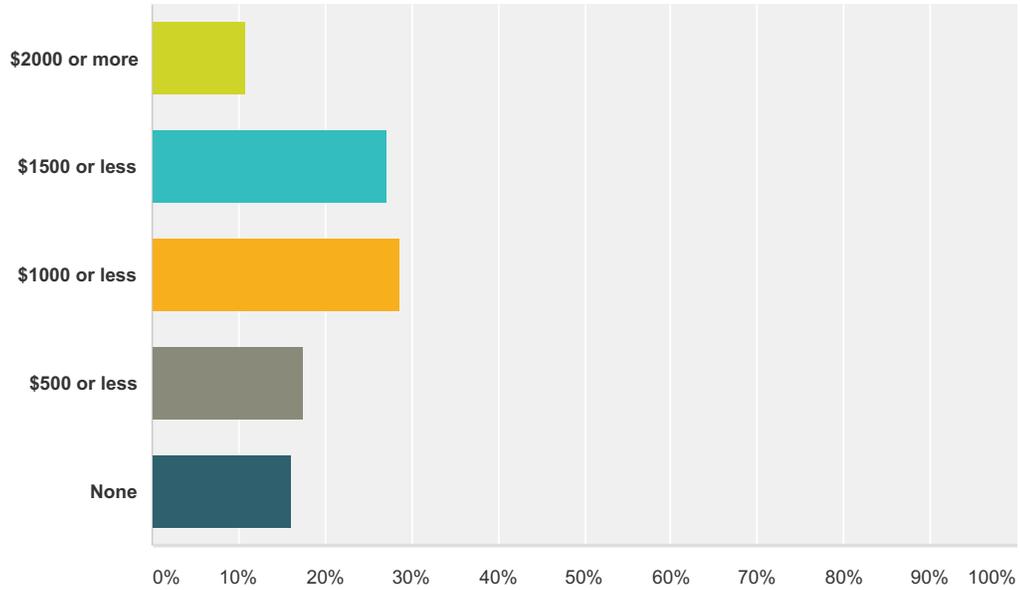
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Literacy Specialist	1/13/2016 11:32 AM
2	Reading Consultant for a regional education agency that supports school districts	1/12/2016 12:33 PM
3	Professor Emerita	1/11/2016 1:06 PM
4	Post doc	1/11/2016 12:35 PM
5	Reading Specialist/lecturer	1/11/2016 12:05 PM
6	Literacy Specialist in a state regional service center	1/7/2016 4:10 PM
7	both student and academic professional	1/6/2016 10:34 AM
8	Postdoctoral Research Associate	1/6/2016 9:56 AM

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9	Teacher & doctoral student	1/5/2016 11:56 PM
10	University administrator	1/5/2016 6:24 PM
11	Researcher for a commercial company	1/4/2016 1:06 PM
12	Visiting Instructor	12/26/2015 9:32 PM
13	Professor emerita	12/26/2015 1:31 PM
14	High School Teacher	12/21/2015 1:50 AM
15	Distinguished Professor	12/20/2015 9:27 PM
16	Professor Emerita	12/20/2015 1:49 PM
17	Senior Lecturer/ Director of Academic Program	12/20/2015 1:47 AM
18	state professional development	12/18/2015 12:31 PM
19	District administrator	12/17/2015 2:26 PM
20	Faculty administrator	12/17/2015 1:36 PM
21	Research and service, at WestEd	12/17/2015 1:20 PM
22	Post Doc	12/17/2015 1:17 PM
23	Professional development associate	12/17/2015 12:47 PM
24	Professor Emerita	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
25	Emeritus	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
26	Publisher	12/17/2015 10:38 AM
27	postdoctoral fellow	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
28	Teacher	12/17/2015 10:36 AM

Q8 Please indicate the level of institutional funding you could use for the 2015 conference.

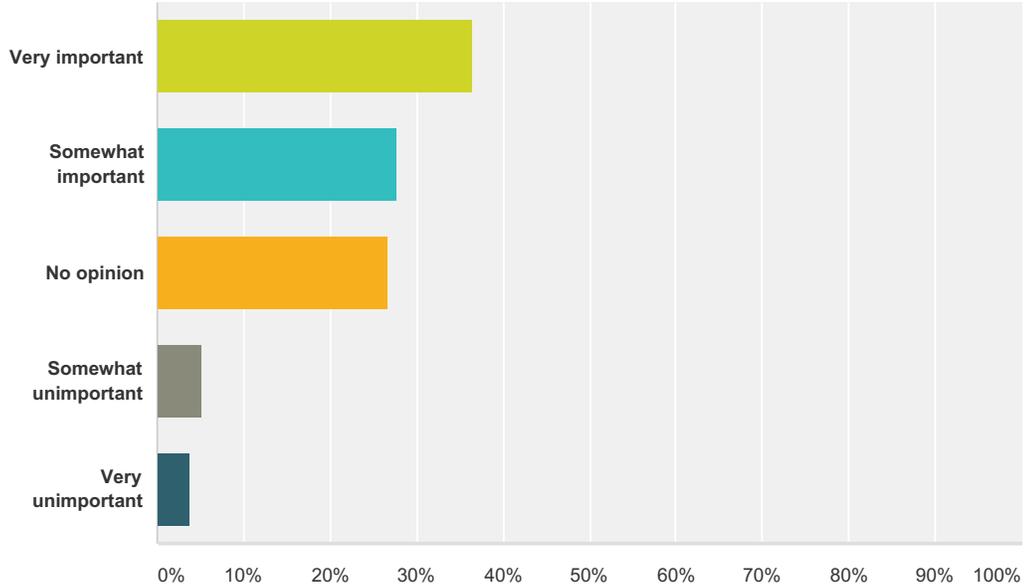
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Answer Choices	Responses	
\$2000 or more	10.77%	35
\$1500 or less	27.08%	88
\$1000 or less	28.62%	93
\$500 or less	17.54%	57
None	16.00%	52
Total		325

Q9 Rate the importance of Alternative Format Sessions to your conference experience.

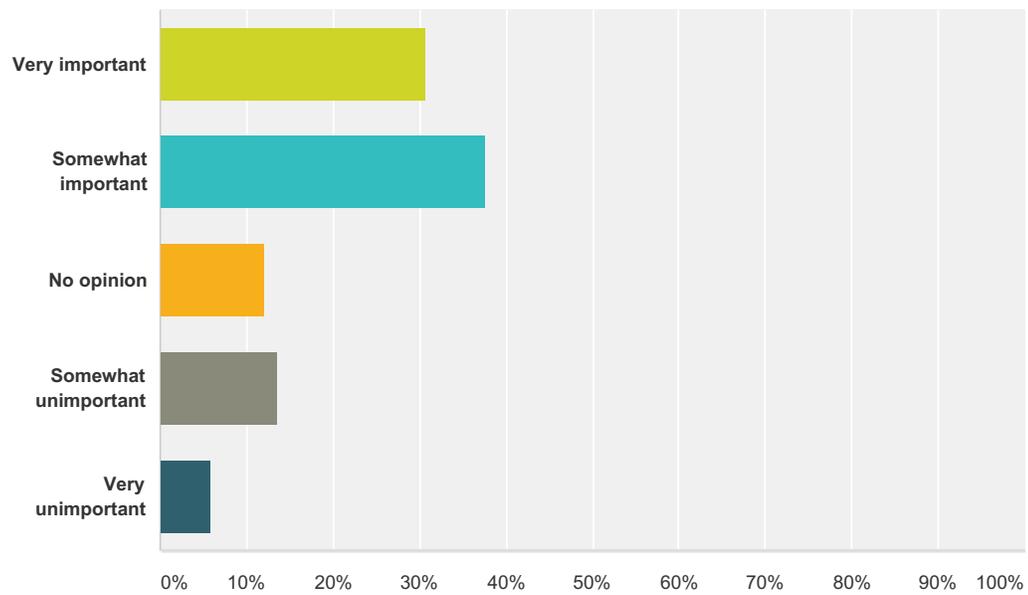
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	36.45%	117
Somewhat important	27.73%	89
No opinion	26.79%	86
Somewhat unimportant	5.30%	17
Very unimportant	3.74%	12
Total		321

Q10 Rate the importance of a Discussant to your conference experience.

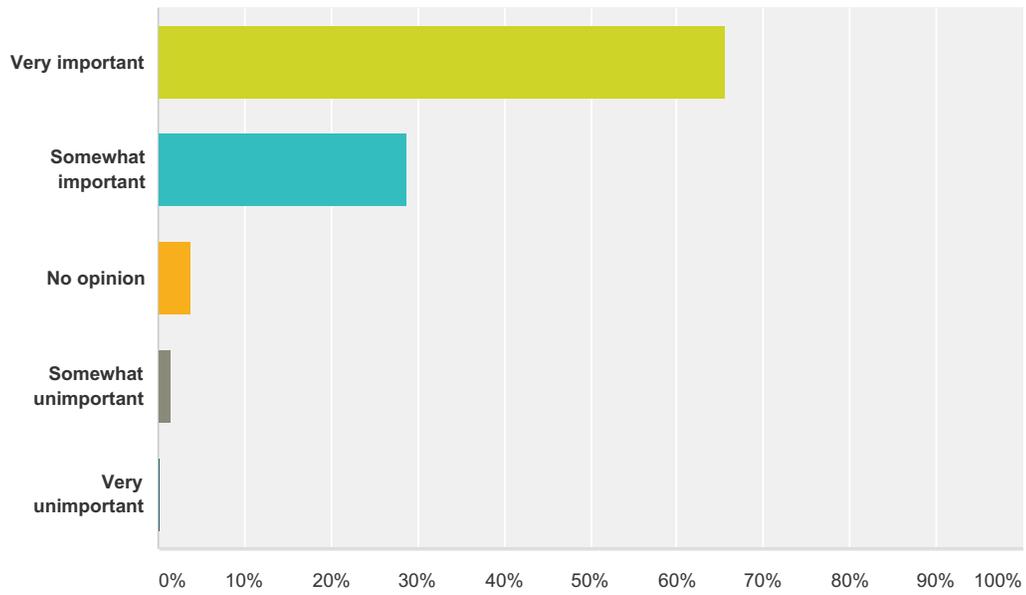
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	30.75% 99
Somewhat important	37.58% 121
No opinion	12.11% 39
Somewhat unimportant	13.66% 44
Very unimportant	5.90% 19
Total	322

Q11 Rate the importance of Paper Sessions to your conference experience.

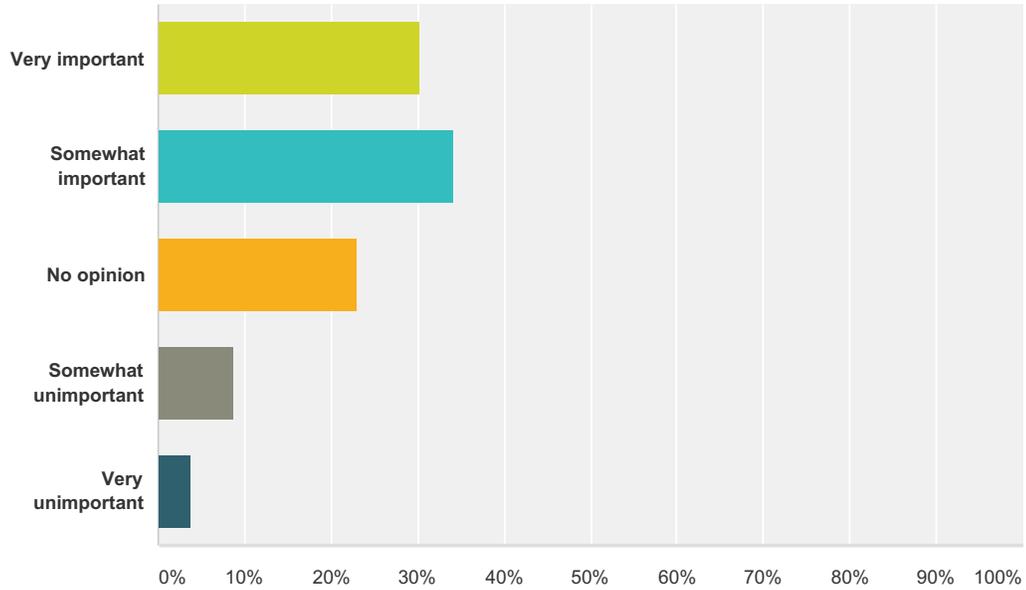
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	65.53%	211
Somewhat important	28.88%	93
No opinion	3.73%	12
Somewhat unimportant	1.55%	5
Very unimportant	0.31%	1
Total		322

Q12 Rate the importance of Roundtable and Paired Roundtable Sessions to your conference experience.

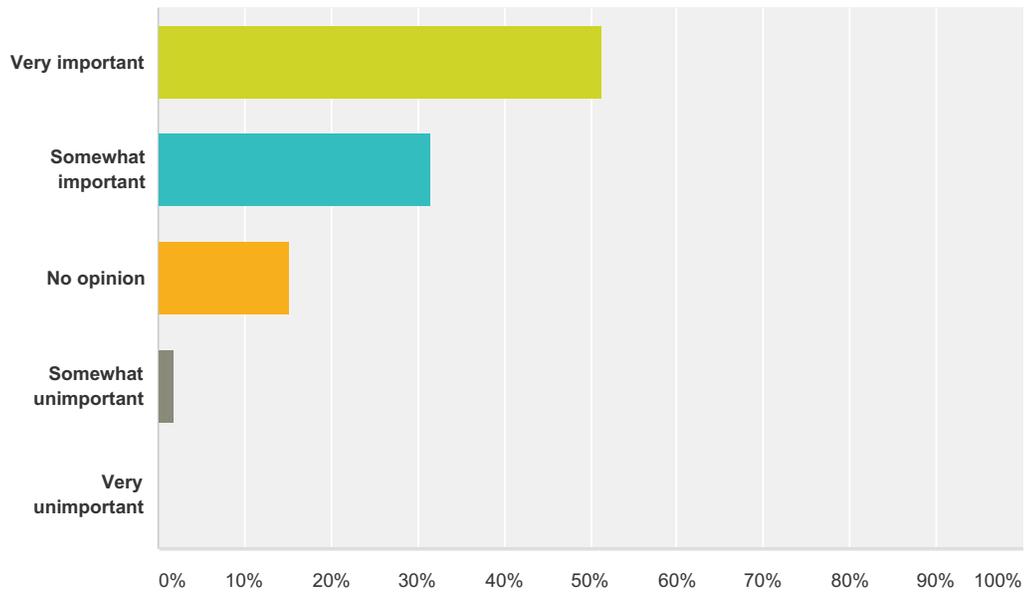
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	30.22%	97
Somewhat important	34.27%	110
No opinion	23.05%	74
Somewhat unimportant	8.72%	28
Very unimportant	3.74%	12
Total		321

Q13 Rate the importance of Symposia sessions to your conference experience.

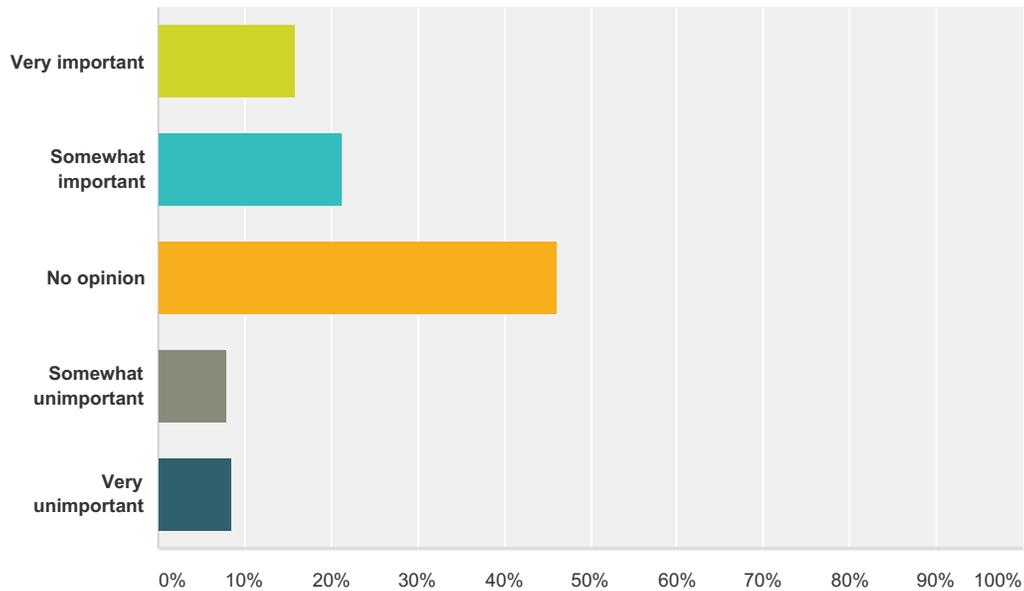
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	51.40%	165
Somewhat important	31.46%	101
No opinion	15.26%	49
Somewhat unimportant	1.87%	6
Very unimportant	0.00%	0
Total		321

Q14 Rate the importance of Bilingual sessions to your conference experience.

Answered: 314 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	15.92%	50
Somewhat important	21.34%	67
No opinion	46.18%	145
Somewhat unimportant	7.96%	25
Very unimportant	8.60%	27
Total		314

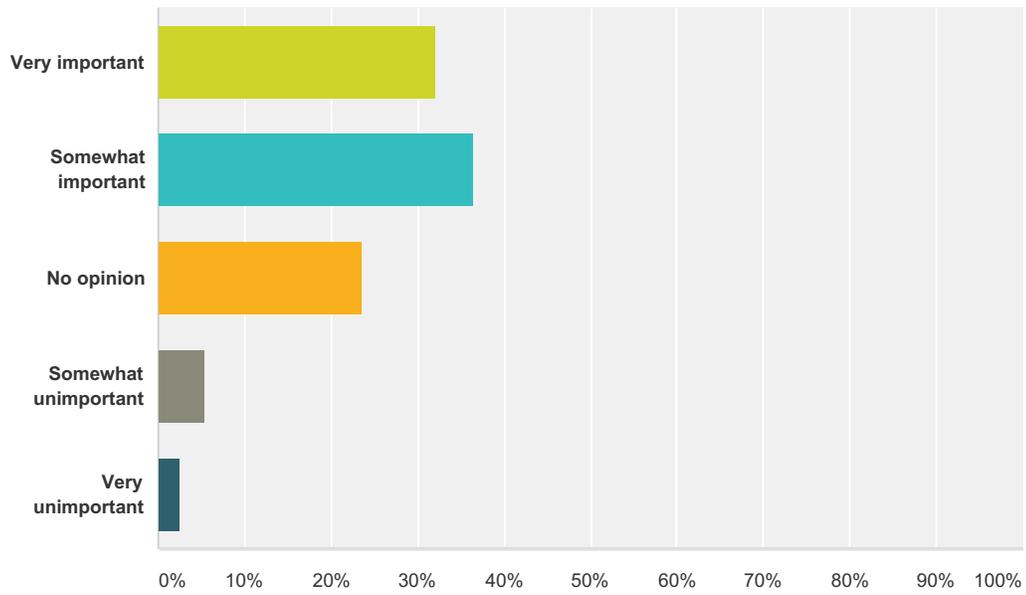
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I did not attend a bilingual session, so I cannot rate the importance, but I imagine this is an important aspect of our international conference.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
2	I'm unsure how many members of LRA need this service	1/11/2016 7:16 PM
3	these seem important, so I do have an opinion, but I didn't attend any bilingual sessions	1/6/2016 9:37 AM
4	Not bilingual but think these sessions were important to have.	1/2/2016 5:03 PM
5	while i am monolingual, i find the availability of these sessions to be a crucial component of an equitable conference offering	12/23/2015 12:16 AM
6	I think we all need some clarification about what this actually means. Specifically, what does the "bilingual" part of this mean? Who decides? Thanks.	12/20/2015 8:05 PM
7	Perhaps this should be something every session should be asked. Will you have bi or multilingual speakers at your session? And then ask whether a translator is needed or if the speaker(s) will provide their own translation to English.	12/20/2015 1:52 PM
8	What does LRA mean by bilingual? Spanish? Will other languages be considered like Mandarin?	12/20/2015 2:47 AM

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9	What a wonderful addition. Very very cool to here some of these scholars be able to talk about data in Spanish and even for discussants to give comments in Spanish. I am not a native spanish speaker, and it was accessible anyway. Let's continue this please! So important to practice what we preach.	12/18/2015 12:35 PM
10	Bilingual is only Spanish. What of Bilingual sessions in other languages?	12/17/2015 9:28 PM
11	I do not require them for my work but I value researchers' who do.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
12	I think these are important if we want to be an international organization.	12/17/2015 3:15 PM
13	I am not bilingual, so this is not specifically relevant to me. However, I think it's possibly a great idea if there are others who benefitted from it.	12/17/2015 2:36 PM
14	I do not use them myself, but if they are of service to others I think they should be included.	12/17/2015 1:58 PM
15	Did not go because don't know Spanish	12/17/2015 1:54 PM
16	I am monolingual, but I fully support bilingual research, sessions, and accomodations at sessions.	12/17/2015 12:45 PM
17	Important and it is imperative to include various languages often bilingual is referred to as Spanish and English.	12/17/2015 12:26 PM
18	really enjoyed the roundtables which invited informal conversation and networking	12/17/2015 12:18 PM
19	While I did not attend any bilingual sessions, I am very much in support of having them. I think this is a step forward for us.	12/17/2015 12:15 PM
20	I believe this is a wonderful addition. I did not have the opportunity to see a bilingual session but I'm very much in favor of them.	12/17/2015 12:07 PM
21	The format of these was not clear/explained--I wished I would have known more.	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
22	These sessions are particularly vital to my research.	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
23	These aren't important to me personally since I'm an English speaker. But I think they are important to the conference.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
24	Although this doesn't change my experience, I know it is very important to others. Therefore, I think it is important for us to be mindful of those that do need it.	12/17/2015 10:48 AM
25	While I did not take advantage of the bilingual sessions, I think they add value to our organization.	12/17/2015 10:48 AM

Q15 Rate the importance of Study Groups to your conference experience.

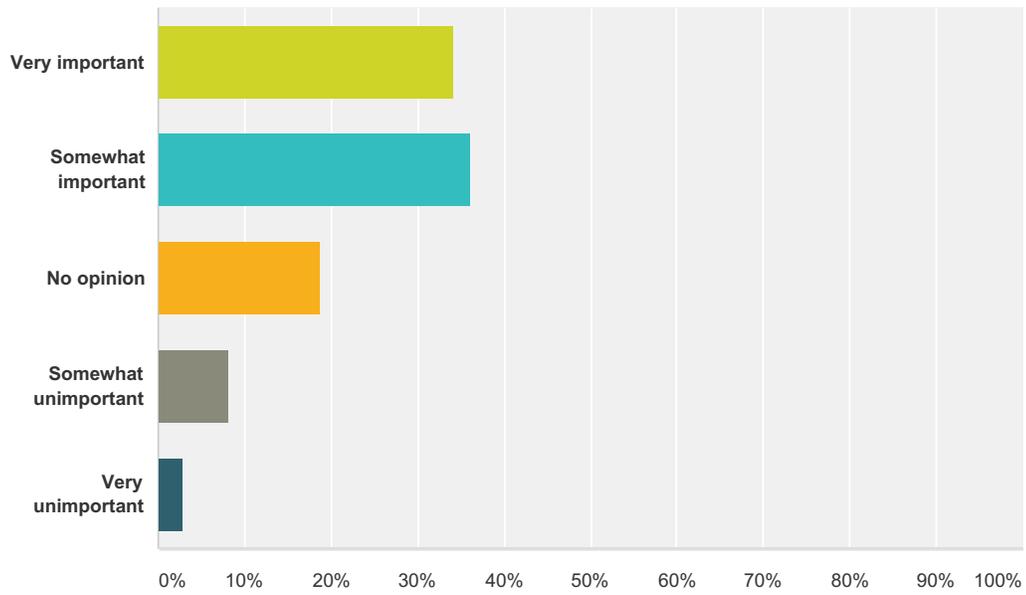
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	32.08%	102
Somewhat important	36.48%	116
No opinion	23.58%	75
Somewhat unimportant	5.35%	17
Very unimportant	2.52%	8
Total		318

Q16 Rate the importance of the Presidential Address to your conference experience.

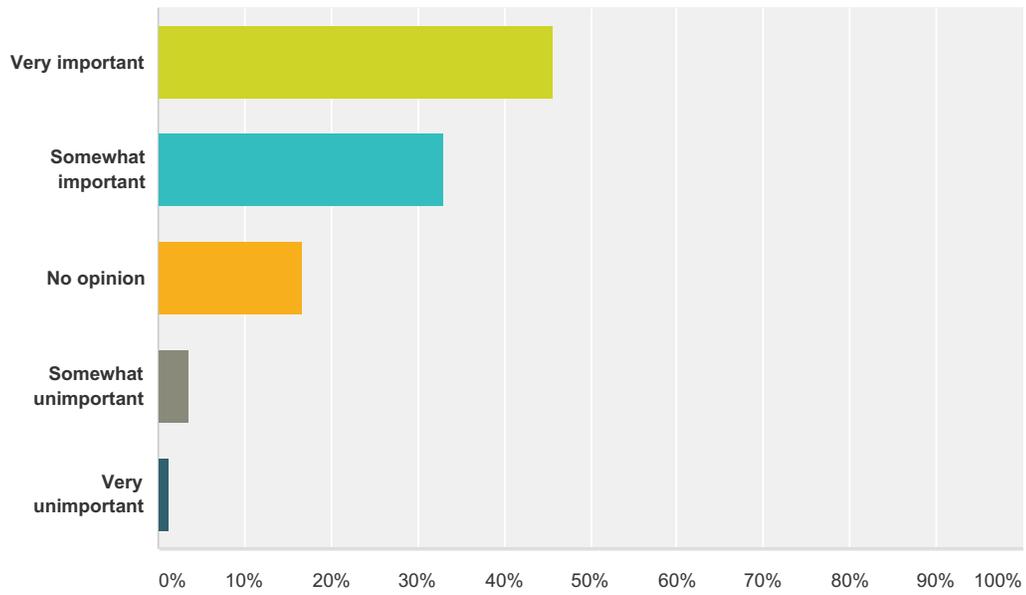
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	34.17%	109
Somewhat important	36.05%	115
No opinion	18.81%	60
Somewhat unimportant	8.15%	26
Very unimportant	2.82%	9
Total		319

Q17 Rate the importance of the Plenary Sessions to your conference experience.

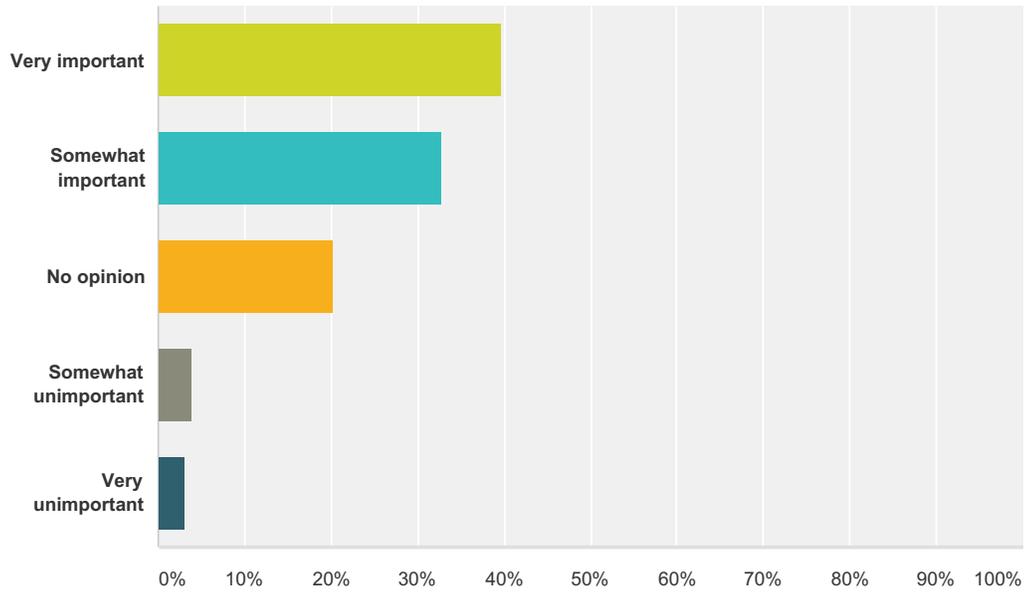
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	45.77%	146
Somewhat important	32.92%	105
No opinion	16.61%	53
Somewhat unimportant	3.45%	11
Very unimportant	1.25%	4
Total		319

Q18 Rate the importance of the Distinguished Scholar Lifetime Achievement Address to your conference experience.

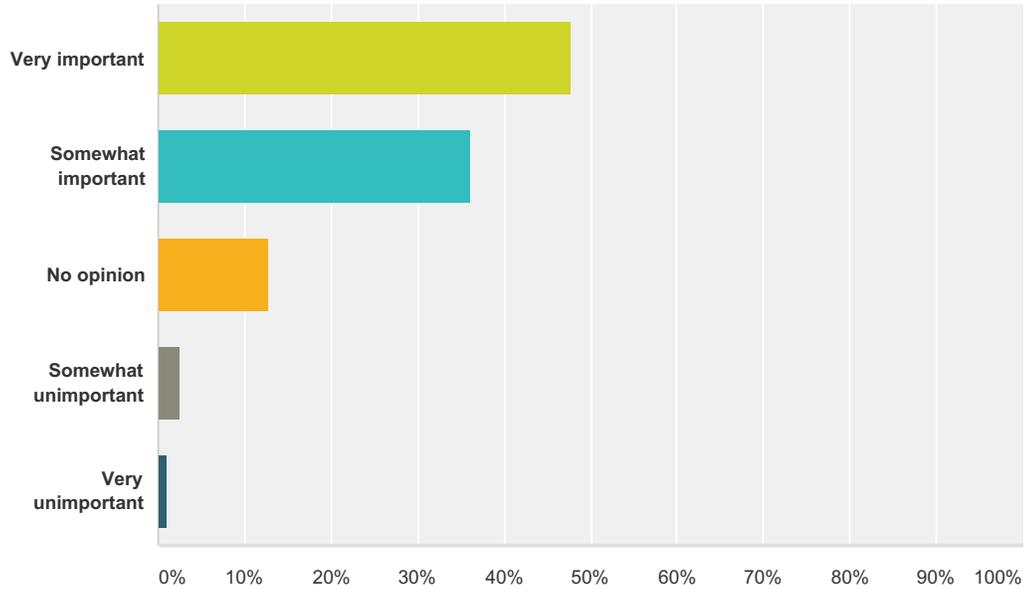
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	39.69% 127
Somewhat important	32.81% 105
No opinion	20.31% 65
Somewhat unimportant	4.06% 13
Very unimportant	3.13% 10
Total	320

Q19 Rate the importance of space to meet in small groups to your conference experience.

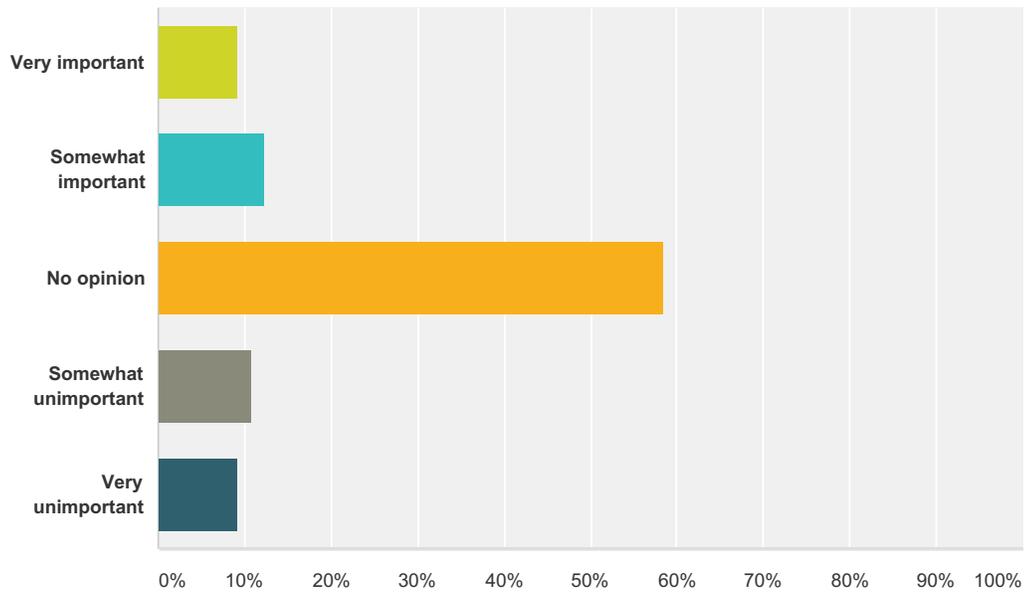
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	47.78%	151
Somewhat important	36.08%	114
No opinion	12.66%	40
Somewhat unimportant	2.53%	8
Very unimportant	0.95%	3
Total		316

Q20 Rate the importance of the Briefing Room to your conference experience.

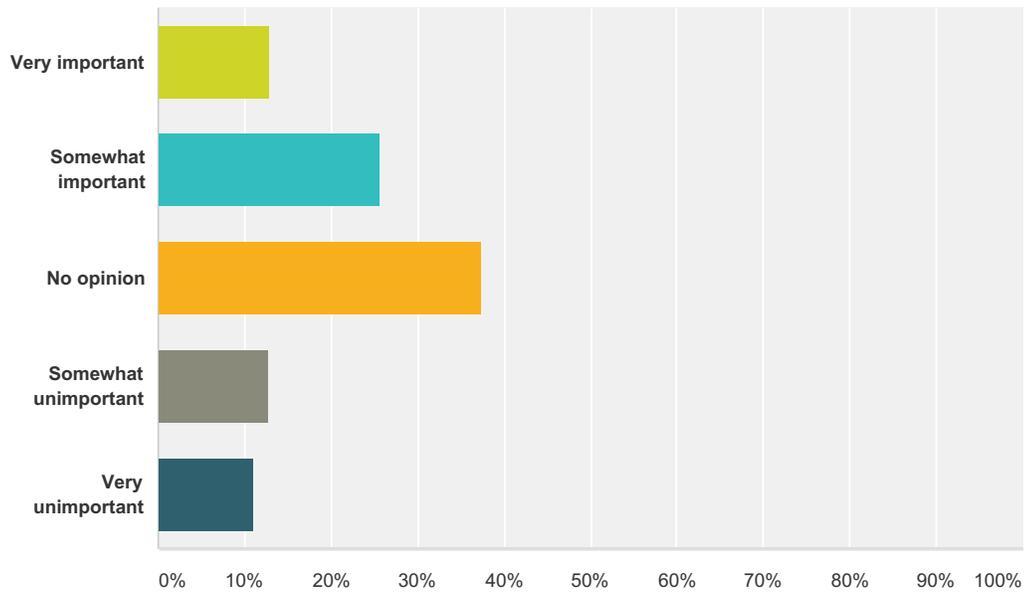
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	9.18% 29
Somewhat important	12.34% 39
No opinion	58.54% 185
Somewhat unimportant	10.76% 34
Very unimportant	9.18% 29
Total	316

Q21 Rate the importance of the Town Hall Meeting to your conference experience.

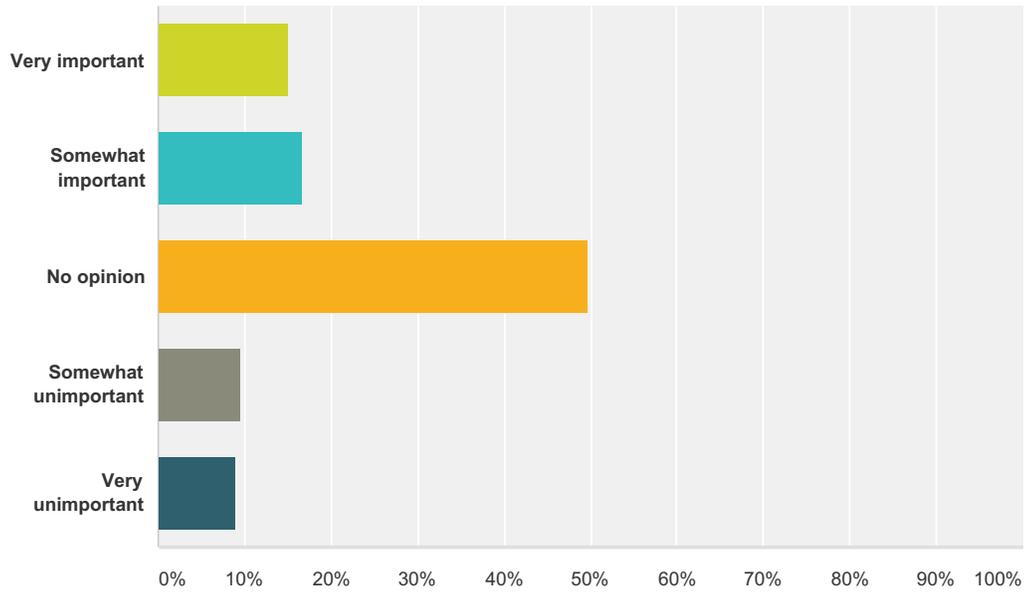
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	13.02%	41
Somewhat important	25.71%	81
No opinion	37.46%	118
Somewhat unimportant	12.70%	40
Very unimportant	11.11%	35
Total		315

Q22 Rate the importance of the Saturday sessions focused on Community-based literacy research to your conference experience.

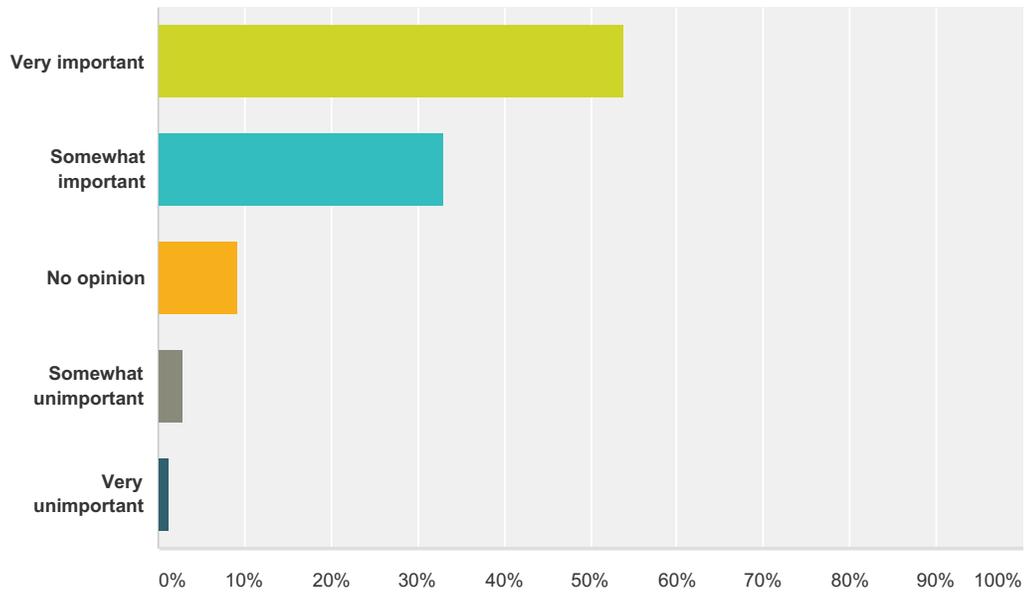
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	15.06% 47
Somewhat important	16.67% 52
No opinion	49.68% 155
Somewhat unimportant	9.62% 30
Very unimportant	8.97% 28
Total	312

Q23 Rate the importance of places to meet and interact in the evening to your conference experience.

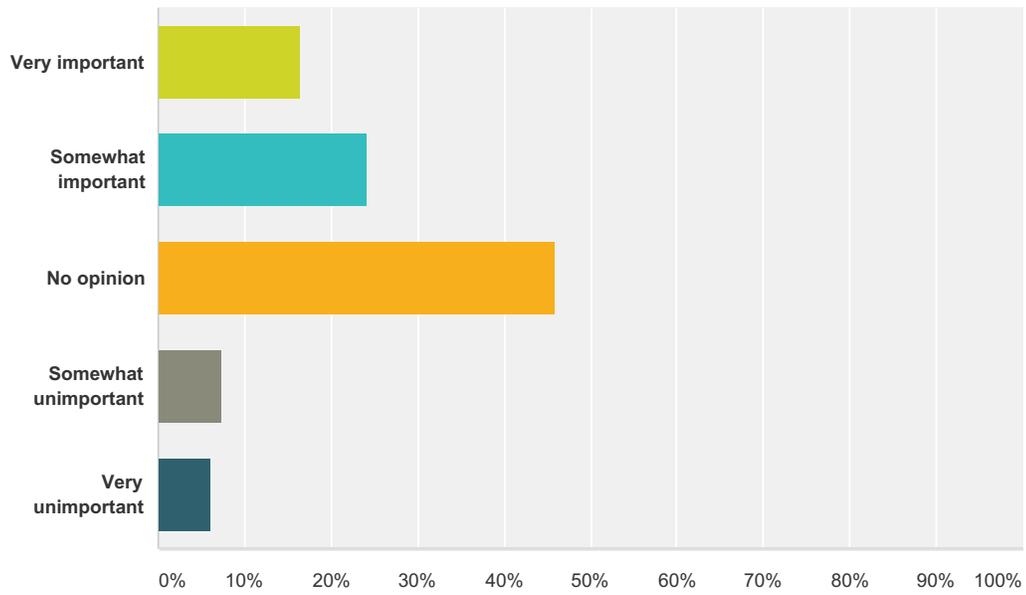
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	53.80%	170
Somewhat important	32.91%	104
No opinion	9.18%	29
Somewhat unimportant	2.85%	9
Very unimportant	1.27%	4
Total		316

Q24 Rate the importance of Vital Issues to your conference experience.

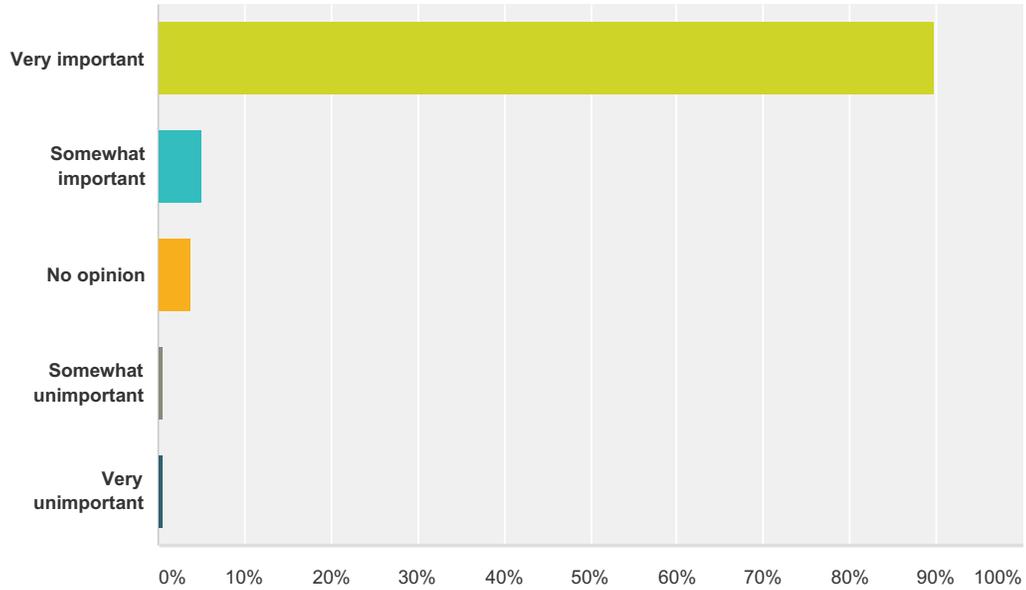
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	16.56%	52
Somewhat important	24.20%	76
No opinion	45.86%	144
Somewhat unimportant	7.32%	23
Very unimportant	6.05%	19
Total		314

Q25 Rate the importance of free guestroom internet access to your conference experience.

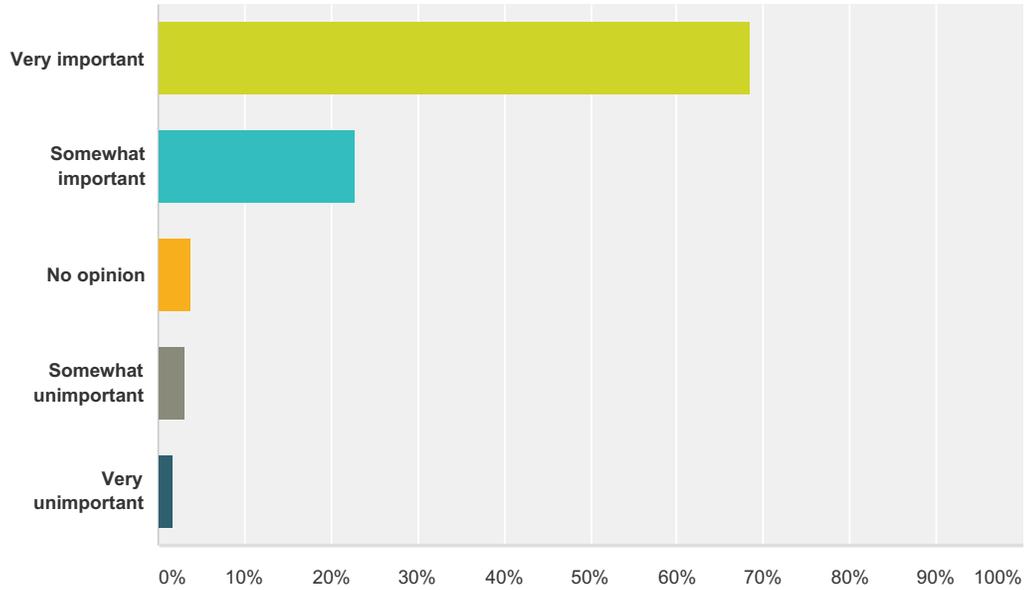
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	89.78%	281
Somewhat important	5.11%	16
No opinion	3.83%	12
Somewhat unimportant	0.64%	2
Very unimportant	0.64%	2
Total		313

Q26 Rate the importance of a city with many non-stop flights to your conference experience.

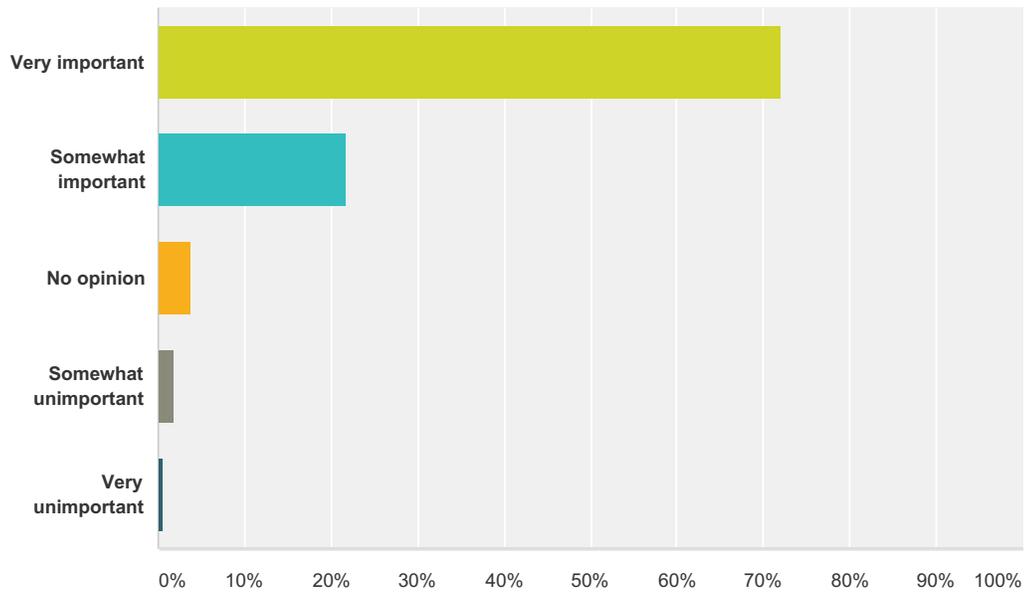
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	68.57%	216
Somewhat important	22.86%	72
No opinion	3.81%	12
Somewhat unimportant	3.17%	10
Very unimportant	1.59%	5
Total		315

Q27 Rate the importance of a city with low airfares to your conference experience.

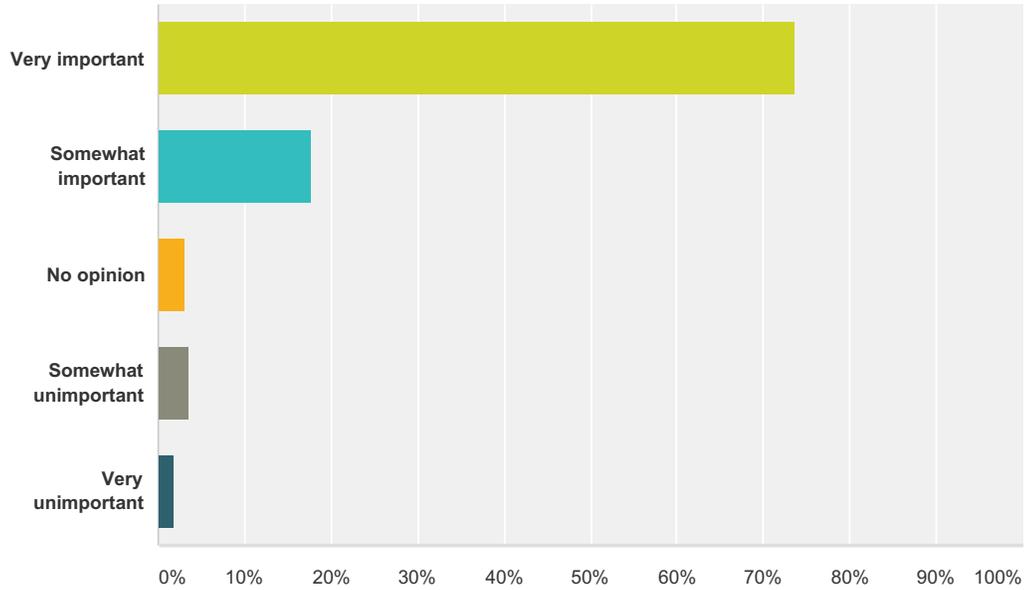
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Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	71.97% 226
Somewhat important	21.66% 68
No opinion	3.82% 12
Somewhat unimportant	1.91% 6
Very unimportant	0.64% 2
Total	314

Q28 Rate the importance of staying in the conference hotel to your conference experience.

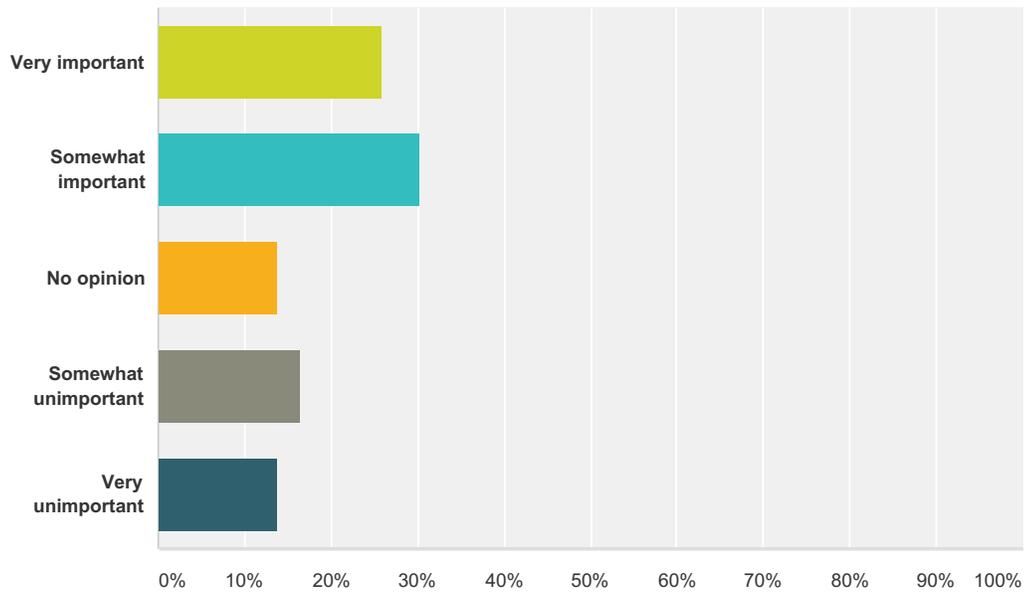
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	73.73%	233
Somewhat important	17.72%	56
No opinion	3.16%	10
Somewhat unimportant	3.48%	11
Very unimportant	1.90%	6
Total		316

Q29 Rate the importance of warm weather to your conference experience.

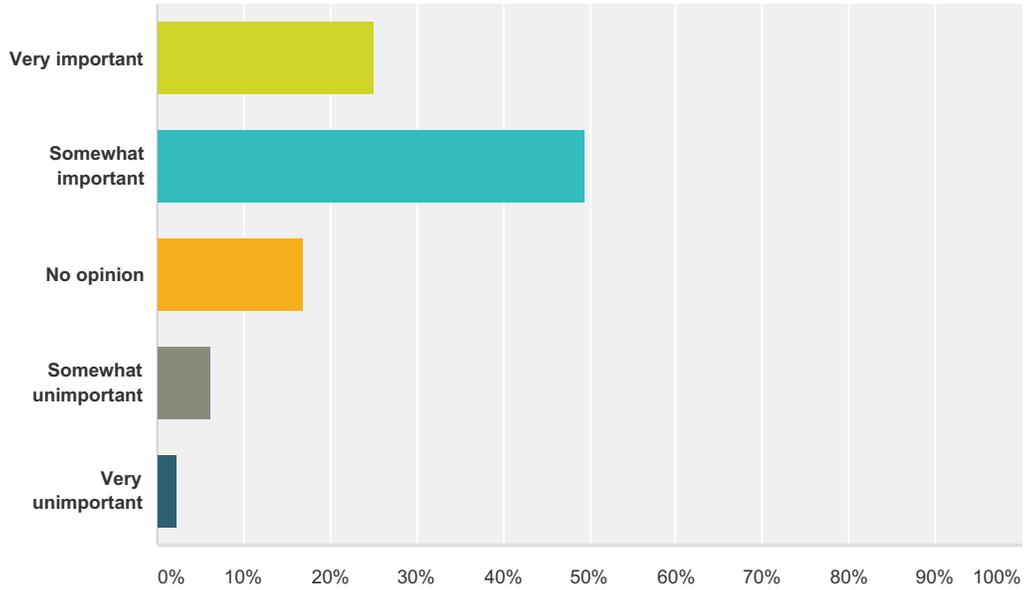
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	25.80%	81
Somewhat important	30.25%	95
No opinion	13.69%	43
Somewhat unimportant	16.56%	52
Very unimportant	13.69%	43
Total		314

Q30 How important to your overall conference experience is the conference website? Note: The conference website (CVENT) is separate from the LRA website.

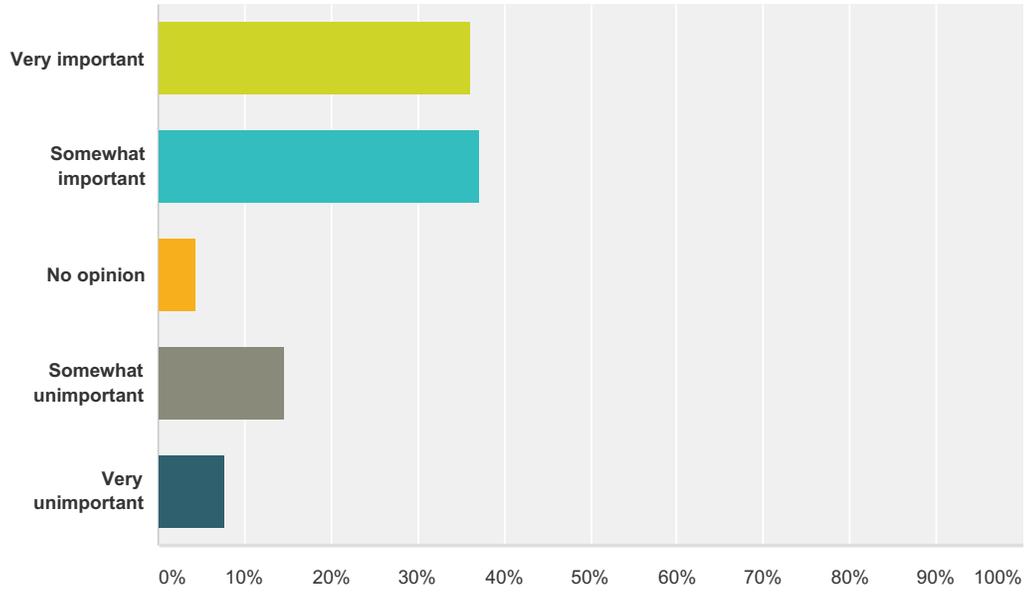
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	25.08%	79
Somewhat important	49.52%	156
No opinion	16.83%	53
Somewhat unimportant	6.35%	20
Very unimportant	2.22%	7
Total		315

Q31 How important to your overall conference experience is the printed program book?

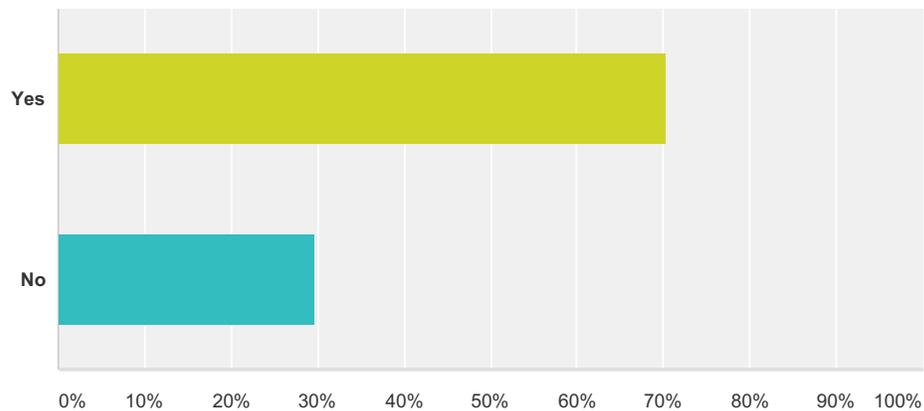
Answered: 313 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	36.10%	113
Somewhat important	37.06%	116
No opinion	4.47%	14
Somewhat unimportant	14.70%	46
Very unimportant	7.67%	24
Total		313

Q32 The cost of printing a small number of program books is very high. Printing the program book means printing hundreds of copies. However, individuals could print their own programs from the pdf. Would you be prepared to eliminate the printed program and rely only on a pdf or online program?

Answered: 301 Skipped: 25



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	70.43%	212
No	29.57%	89
Total		301

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	LOVE the conference app!	1/15/2016 5:45 PM
2	Only if it was an interactive app that can create a personalized schedule. A PDF is useless.	1/12/2016 10:27 PM
3	With the paper program I could star and highlight sessions that interested me so I had a quick reference. With online programs, is there a way to create an online program where participants could create a list of sessions that interest them so they are able to come back to them quickly and not have to read the whole program again?	1/12/2016 12:39 PM
4	I am prepared to eliminate the printed program, but the online program/app must be improved so it's easier to navigate, use the search function, and save/favorite events.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
5	only if there were a really usable program app	1/11/2016 1:28 PM
6	I would use the online version	1/11/2016 1:28 PM
7	If there's also a way to add sessions to an icalendar similar to what they have with AERA then the need for a printed program all but disappears.	1/11/2016 1:08 PM
8	I would much prefer the printed program, but if costs are prohibitive, I can use the PDF and online program.	1/11/2016 12:24 PM
9	If the online program is functional (easy to search, use on a mobile device), digital is fine	1/11/2016 12:02 PM
10	Please improve the online program in that case! ILA's format is a nice model.	1/7/2016 10:07 AM
11	As long as there is a pdf to print certain pages from.	1/6/2016 9:47 AM

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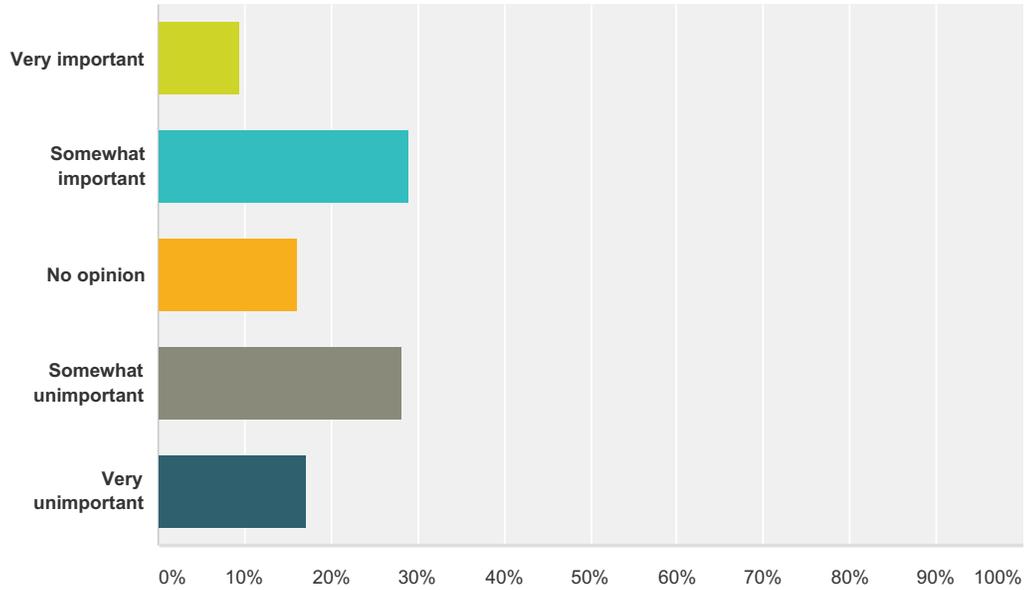
12	Many institutions would also frown on printing a program as money is tight in institutions and copying costs are also questioned. Could people pay for program or build the price into the conference fee?	1/6/2016 7:36 AM
13	I would be happy to use an online version if it was as clear as the printed version. The only version I found on the website listed speakers, but not times or session names.	1/5/2016 11:19 PM
14	If the app was available sooner, it would make going through and noting the presentations to attend easier and I would be less reliant on the paper copy	12/28/2015 12:42 AM
15	But I would be willing to pay \$10 for a printed copy	12/26/2015 1:48 PM
16	Could we order ahead? Printing is not only paper - it involves the binding too, which many people don't have access to.	12/23/2015 11:10 AM
17	It is very important to have the hard copy to plan daily participation.	12/20/2015 8:26 PM
18	I would not print it for myself; I do like the printed version, but could live with an online program IF Wireless Service worked in all areas of the conference (especially in high volume usage times).	12/19/2015 5:04 PM
19	Only if the website improved. There would also need to be an app (similar to AERA's conference).	12/18/2015 11:28 AM
20	If the program online has the same information it would be fine.	12/18/2015 7:44 AM
21	This requires individuals to incur cost of printing.	12/17/2015 11:29 PM
22	Only if online program with app (like AERA or NCTE)	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
23	I could do it but I would be sad	12/17/2015 6:13 PM
24	Only if it was an app...a PDF is not helpful	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
25	Yes, please! A bag would have been nice :-)	12/17/2015 3:21 PM
26	only if the app were more functional	12/17/2015 2:39 PM
27	Depends on whether one could customize to create personalized program and only print out the sessions I have selected.	12/17/2015 2:36 PM
28	I'm happy to pay for the printed program.	12/17/2015 1:56 PM
29	When we return from the conference, we have to submit the program to the travel office. Based on the program schedule and such per diem and other factors are calculated.	12/17/2015 1:34 PM
30	If the app were more user-friendly I 'd use that instead	12/17/2015 1:20 PM
31	Let's go paperless :)	12/17/2015 12:30 PM
32	Unless you are prepared to offer a registration discount for bringing our own program.	12/17/2015 12:05 PM
33	If it came out soon enough.	12/17/2015 11:54 AM
34	Only if necessary	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
35	Provided there is free internet at the conference site I'm amenable	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
36	I would strongly prefer to have a printed program, but I could definitely live without it if needed.	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
37	Only if the online program actually had the abstracts printed-- this year's did not -- which was not very helpful	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
38	If the app was improved, I think the paperless option is a good one	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
39	I'd rather buy a copy at \$5.00	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
40	I prefer having the printed program but am willing to give it up if it saves money.	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
41	Or, receive some sort of conference credit for not ordering a paper program	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
42	Unless fees were reduced commensurately.	12/17/2015 10:51 AM
43	The app is not practical enough to let go of the program. It is hard to access and read a PDF file from a laptop while looking for sessions on the same day. I usually don't have time to look at the program (except for my sessions) until I get on the plane to the conference. I know I won't print an entire program.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
44	I much prefer to get the print copy once I'm there.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
45	YOu'll need a better digital app than you had if you do this.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM

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46	Yes, but only if a functioning app were available. The app this year was terrible. I suggest looking into the Guidebook conference app.	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
47	a really efficient program app would help.	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
48	However, the app has to be quick to load and easy to navigate.	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
49	I would be willing to pay an additional fee to get a printed program as an optional additional expense	12/17/2015 10:40 AM

Q33 How important to your overall conference experience are the publisher exhibits?

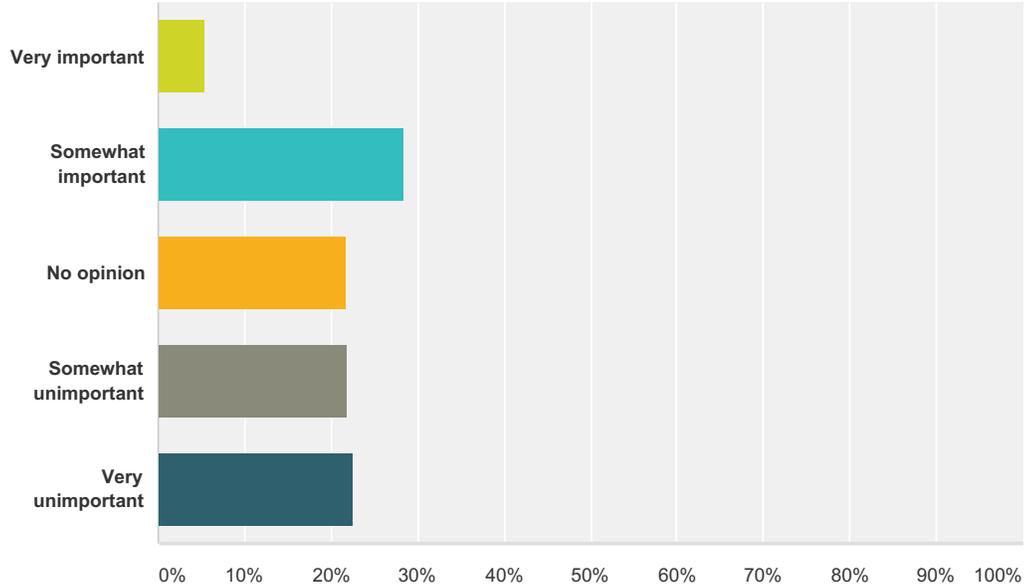
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	9.49%	30
Somewhat important	29.11%	92
No opinion	16.14%	51
Somewhat unimportant	28.16%	89
Very unimportant	17.09%	54
Total		316

Q34 How important to your overall conference experience is the Book Display/Silent Auction?

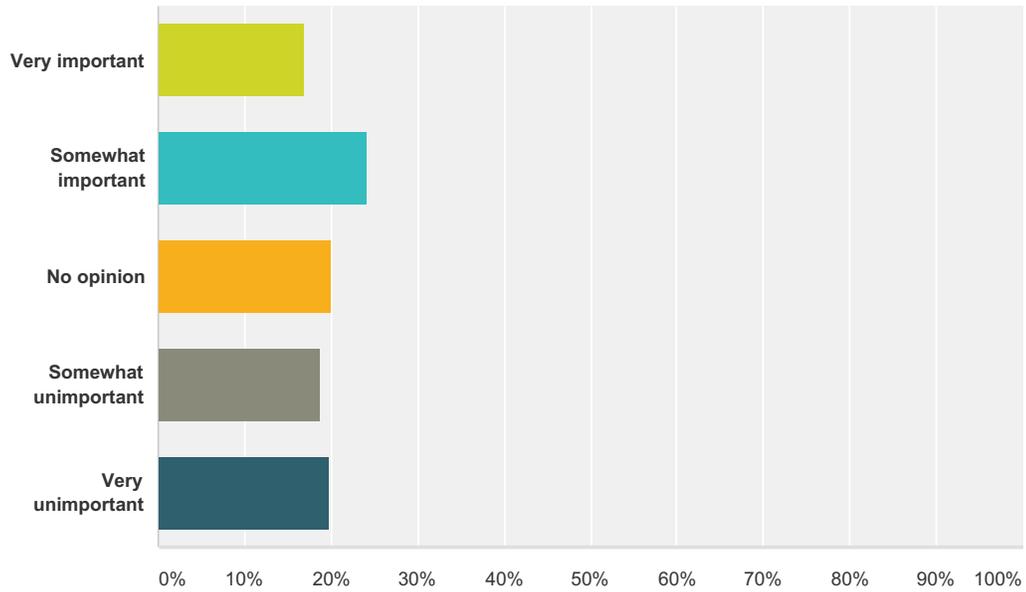
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	5.41%	17
Somewhat important	28.34%	89
No opinion	21.66%	68
Somewhat unimportant	21.97%	69
Very unimportant	22.61%	71
Total		314

Q35 How important to your overall conference experience is access to a computer and/or printer at the registration desk?

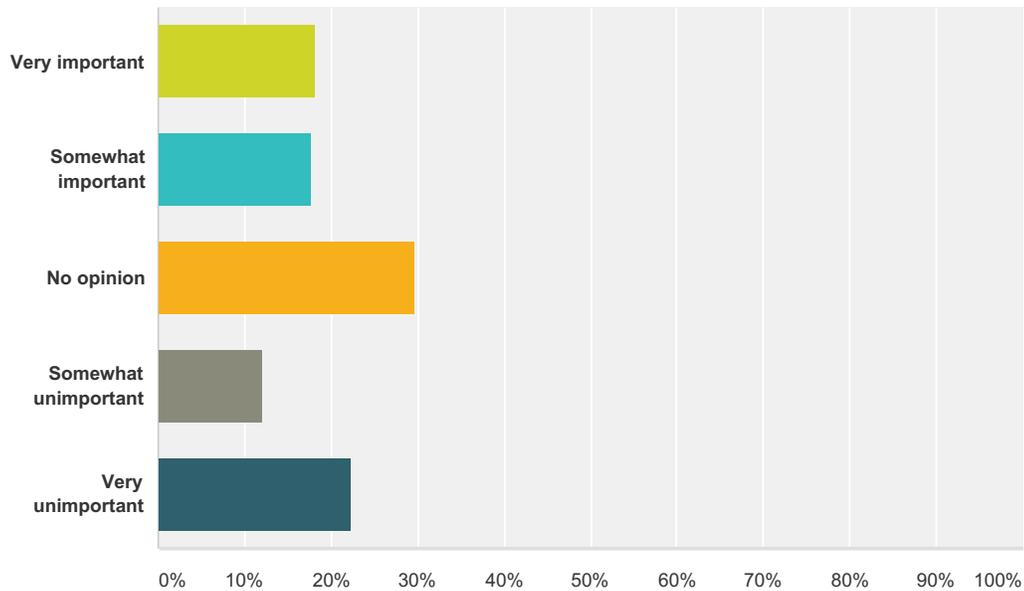
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	16.93%	53
Somewhat important	24.28%	76
No opinion	20.13%	63
Somewhat unimportant	18.85%	59
Very unimportant	19.81%	62
Total		313

Q36 How important to your overall conference experience was gender neutral bathroom signage?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	18.15%	57
Somewhat important	17.83%	56
No opinion	29.62%	93
Somewhat unimportant	12.10%	38
Very unimportant	22.29%	70
Total		314

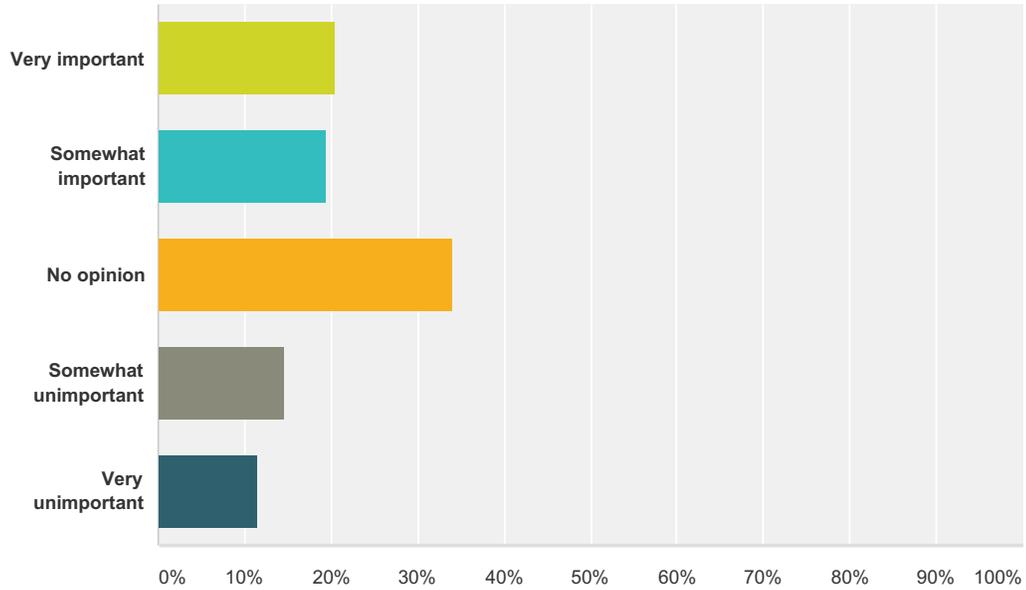
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I'm happier with gender based toilets	1/11/2016 7:20 PM
2	I thought it was very considerate, and appreciated the association's attempt at inclusivity	1/11/2016 4:15 PM
3	I would have appreciated a sinlge bathroom as I was nursing at the time and didn't have anywhere to go.	1/11/2016 12:18 PM
4	Sorry, that was ridiculous.	1/7/2016 2:41 PM
5	I cheered inside every time I saw the sign.	1/6/2016 1:21 PM
6	This was a great thing- please keep it!	1/6/2016 11:01 AM
7	I am not transgender but they felt welcoming to me anyway	1/5/2016 8:05 PM
8	More important is making hotel personnel know that handicapped persons are part of LRA and need appropriate accommodations	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
9	THANK YOU FOR THIS	12/19/2015 8:36 PM
10	Although I did walk into the wrong restroom by mistake...	12/18/2015 12:46 PM

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11	Great idea	12/18/2015 12:40 PM
12	not against it, but I wouldn't go out of my way ot compromise other aspects to provide it	12/18/2015 11:22 AM
13	Again, I didn't take advantage of this aspect of the accomodations, but support it.	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
14	feel this is important, but did not affect my personal experience at the conference	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
15	why is this field here for this question, but none of the others?	12/17/2015 12:15 PM
16	I personally don't need a gender neutral restroom, but it is important to me because I want others to have a comfortable experience.	12/17/2015 12:05 PM
17	Didn't notice	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
18	Again, while this did not seem personally applicable, I thought it an important statement by our organization, and I was proud to see them posted.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
19	it made me proud to be a part of an organization working to eliminate barriers	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
20	I did not appreciate this being forced on me at the conference.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM

Q37 How important to your overall conference experience is the SCHED Mobile App?

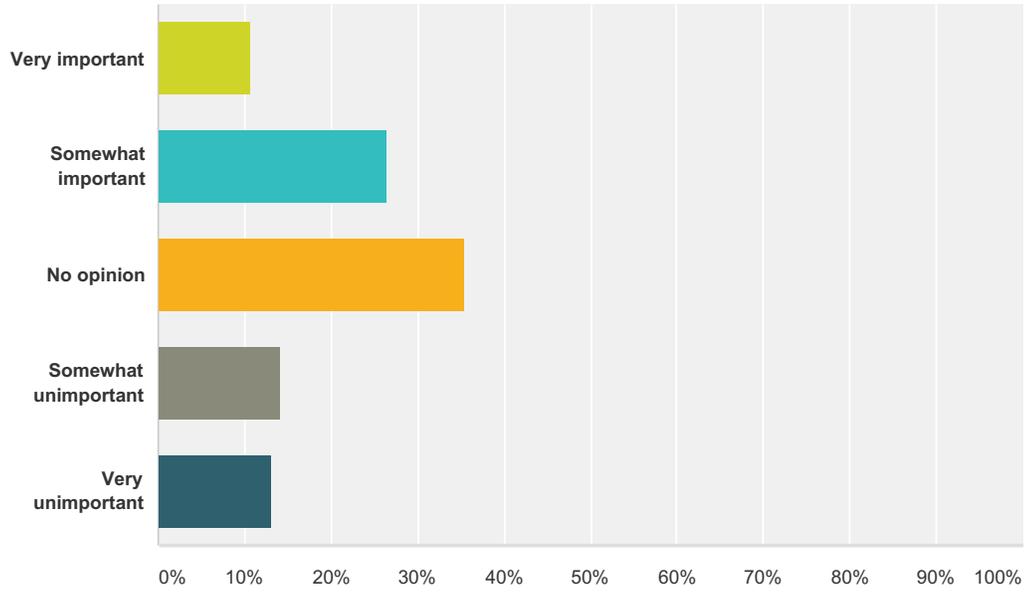
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	20.38%	64
Somewhat important	19.43%	61
No opinion	34.08%	107
Somewhat unimportant	14.65%	46
Very unimportant	11.46%	36
Total		314

Q38 How important to your overall conference experience is the Town Hall Meeting?

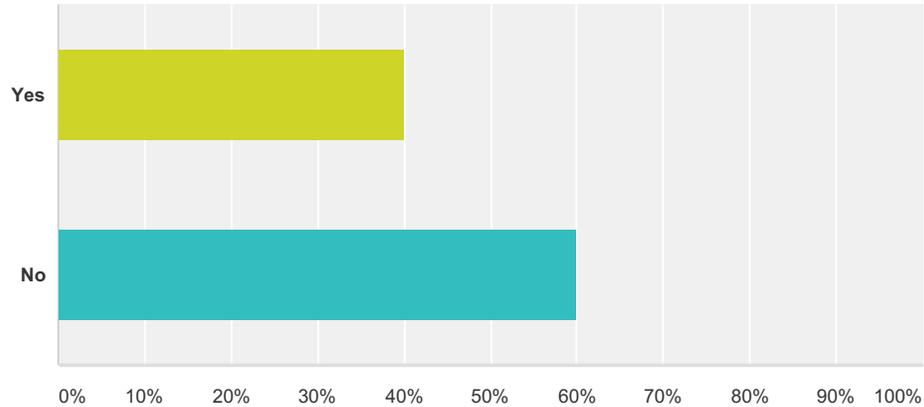
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	10.58%	33
Somewhat important	26.60%	83
No opinion	35.58%	111
Somewhat unimportant	14.10%	44
Very unimportant	13.14%	41
Total		312

Q39 Did the Town Hall Meeting serve the purpose of generating dialogue about LRA and members' concerns?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 134



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	40.10% 77
No	59.90% 115
Total	192

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I did not attend, so I cannot comment	1/16/2016 7:47 PM
2	The town hall meeting was a joke. Just a forum for complaining and gender bashing. It was not used as a forum to discuss literacy issues as intended.	1/13/2016 9:22 PM
3	I did not attend the Town Hall Meeting.	1/13/2016 11:38 AM
4	Did not attend	1/13/2016 4:23 AM
5	It was ill run and unnecessarily vague and contentious. We need clear rules and a format. May be time to update this democratic structure.	1/12/2016 11:42 PM
6	It was an embarrassing free-for-all. Please insist that individuals identify themselves.	1/12/2016 4:59 PM
7	It was a horrible and traumatic experience. It is very clear that no one cared to discuss serious issues and would rather make jokes and condescending comments about graduate students staying in hotels with roaches.	1/12/2016 1:35 PM
8	The back channel felt like a way for people to be disrespectful, rather than a way to foster conversation.	1/12/2016 1:03 AM
9	A very unprofessional and rude experience. Please eliminate this feature. Absolutely a terrible experience.	1/11/2016 11:52 PM
10	I did not attend.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
11	I was disappointed with the dialogue and discourse at the 2015 Town Hall Meeting. It had a much different tone than in past years. It seemed like several people were frustrated but it was hard for me to get a handle on why. If people have a problem I think the Town Hall is a place to voice it, but this year it seemed to have a self-pitying kind of tone rather than constructive. Perhaps I would be more sensitive to the situations if I understood more about what the frustrations were. I had an intuition of potential split or shift in the organization, but that was a fleeting moment for me. Overall, the conference was great, but Town Hall lost something of its wit, whimsy, and openness. It felt prickly and uncomfortable. If there is something not working, I am all for fixing it. I just couldn't discern enough what the frustrations get my head around them, particularly when some folks seemed on the verge of straying away from civility and positive rapport.	1/11/2016 7:33 PM
12	Does not apply	1/11/2016 5:08 PM

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13	Didn't attend	1/11/2016 4:22 PM
14	N/A	1/11/2016 2:59 PM
15	I didn't attend one so I don't have feedback.	1/11/2016 1:08 PM
16	I have gone in years past, but accidentally missed it this year. Sounds to me like there are 2 "camps" evolving-- one that wants THM to stay "as is" [a "fun" place to relax and talk about nothing important] and the other that wants THM and LRA at large to take a stance on pressing national issues; I can see both sides and am not convinced they are mutually exclusive. The snarkiness that erupts is ugly, but important to attend to as LRA moves forward.	1/11/2016 12:36 PM
17	I think the Town Hall format needs to be changed. The Twitter feed was not productive, nor was a good deal of the conversations. I think it's time for a new format that send the message that this is intended to be serious conversation about LRA and educational issues.	1/11/2016 12:24 PM
18	The Town Hall Meeting has been what sets this group apart from other conferences that seem generic. This year's Town Hall meeting with the backscreen shut down conversation and was a total distraction from a truly professional conversation.. I usually speak at Town mtgs but wouldn't dare for fear of negative comments about how I look or bullying anonymous comments. This has no place in a group as wonderful as LRA.	1/11/2016 12:18 PM
19	I actually found this year's (and last year's) town hall to stifle conversation, rather than foster it	1/11/2016 12:14 PM
20	I did not attend (I did last year and was frustrated)	1/11/2016 12:02 PM
21	Could not attend this year	1/11/2016 11:48 AM
22	Was not there.	1/10/2016 4:32 PM
23	Did not attend.	1/7/2016 2:41 PM
24	Did not attend	1/6/2016 6:32 PM
25	It was interesting to watch the difference between the electronic discussion on the wall and the ignoring of that discussion by many speakers. I was galled when one scholar said, "when I was in grad school in the 80s, we were 6 to a room!" How out of touch with A) the reality of the job market, B) the funding at all levels for conference travel, and C) humanity is this person???	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
26	I did not attend	1/6/2016 12:06 PM
27	Yes and no. Potential for dialogue was created and then seemed to be quickly shut down. The tension in the Town Hall meeting made me believe that LRA is an organization open to change and dealing with issues, but it seemed that not everyone was ready for actual dialogue.	1/6/2016 11:01 AM
28	yes and no. the Town Hall meeting is pretty discouraging, in that it brings to light some ugliness (clubbiness at best, racism at worst) under the shield of anonymity, but it is also important because it allows people to speak--via the backchannel--who might not otherwise stand up.	1/6/2016 9:51 AM
29	I could not attend this year's town hall but in the past it has been adequate.	1/6/2016 9:47 AM
30	I did not attend.	1/6/2016 8:07 AM
31	The town hall meeting was really troubling, actually, mainly because of the website with the rude and childish comments being posted. I felt like anything of real value that was introduced was immediately mocked or shot down, while discussions about the availability of beer were cheered on. The mean-spirited comments on the screens were disheartening. I told my friend that those screens would ensure that I would never make a comment in a town hall meeting. The anonymity of it allowed people to be bullies rather than contribute meaningfully to the conversation.	1/5/2016 11:19 PM
32	No opinion.	1/5/2016 10:54 PM
33	I think it needed more moderation.	1/5/2016 9:49 PM
34	It seemed very maudlin this year.	1/5/2016 9:40 PM
35	I don't know	1/5/2016 8:31 PM
36	N/A	1/5/2016 8:22 PM
37	not sure	1/5/2016 8:05 PM
38	It seemed like a waste of time and served only to undermine different groups of people.	1/5/2016 6:45 PM
39	In the past, I thought the town hall was fantastic. Important issues were discussed-- now it seems that they are brought up but not discussed.	1/5/2016 6:32 PM
40	I did not attend it this year	12/31/2015 1:06 PM

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41	It appeared that people were hesitant/reluctant to engage this year knowing the data were being mined.	12/28/2015 2:55 AM
42	somewhat. I like the back chat piece. I don't feel like voices are heard without it.	12/22/2015 10:11 AM
43	I did not attend but heard from others that they felt that their concerns were not heard/taken seriously.	12/21/2015 9:38 PM
44	Did not attend.	12/21/2015 12:40 AM
45	Not sure	12/20/2015 8:13 PM
46	Usually it seems to be. But I'm not sure how comfortable new people are to the organization.	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
47	There was really no discussion. People stated concerns but there was no real discussion about these concerns.	12/20/2015 3:03 AM
48	Microaggressions surfaced - men were dismissive of WOC voices	12/19/2015 8:36 PM
49	Did not attend	12/19/2015 8:22 PM
50	I did not get to attend.	12/19/2015 6:38 PM
51	This is the first year I did not attend the THM. Too much else to do.	12/19/2015 5:04 PM
52	was not able to attend it	12/18/2015 11:22 AM
53	Unfortunately, important issues that were raised were ignored or shouted down.	12/18/2015 9:17 AM
54	Did not attend, because I did not stay at the conference hotel	12/18/2015 7:44 AM
55	Unable to comment. I did not attend.	12/17/2015 11:29 PM
56	Did not attend so have no opinion	12/17/2015 9:38 PM
57	Did not attend	12/17/2015 7:56 PM
58	This meeting has become quite hostile, and derogatory towards certain groups.	12/17/2015 7:39 PM
59	N/a	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
60	I felt it was a very disappointing space. I was surprised at the lack of professionalism and the real disrespect. I did not think they were well facilitated or thought out. If the space were to continue, it would need to be run dramatically differently for me to attend.	12/17/2015 6:09 PM
61	please consider removing the back channel	12/17/2015 4:50 PM
62	Yes; however, I would like to see town hall break into small groups after topics have been identified, so that actual dialogue can happen.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
63	Get rid of the live streaming if people are using it inappropriately.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
64	The back-channel is hurtful, not helpful. No one talks about the heart of issues (race, class), but rather centers on free beer, etc.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
65	Eliminate anonymous backfeed.	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
66	Sorry, I didn't attend.	12/17/2015 3:19 PM
67	Did not attend after last year's meeting.	12/17/2015 2:58 PM
68	I did not attend	12/17/2015 2:39 PM
69	Not sure	12/17/2015 2:36 PM
70	I am so happy I did not attend this meeting because the reports I heard about it were embarrassing and horrible. I heard that people were writing snarky comments about people. This meeting should elevate dialogue. I had several new assistant professors attend and they were horrified by people's behavior.	12/17/2015 2:34 PM
71	Did not attend	12/17/2015 2:23 PM
72	Unable to attend	12/17/2015 2:10 PM
73	Did not attend.	12/17/2015 2:03 PM
74	I did not attend.	12/17/2015 1:42 PM
75	I didn't attend this year, but I believe it is important to have.	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
76	I did not attend	12/17/2015 12:48 PM
77	I didn't attend.	12/17/2015 12:40 PM

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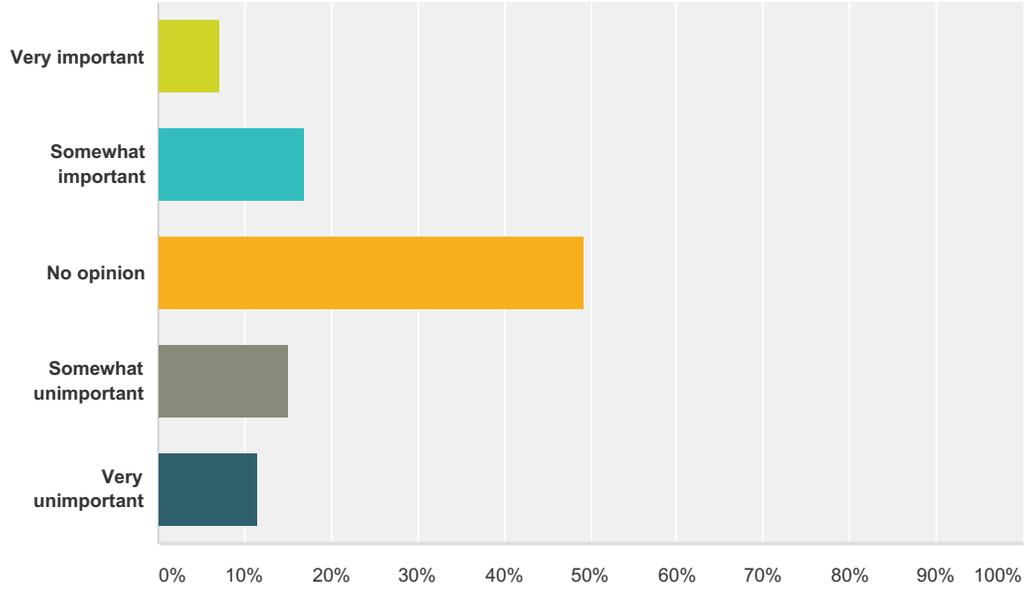
78	Unsure - was unable to attend this time.	12/17/2015 12:33 PM
79	Did not attend	12/17/2015 12:32 PM
80	was not able to attend this.	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
81	I don't know	12/17/2015 12:15 PM
82	was not able to attend	12/17/2015 12:14 PM
83	The Town Hall was spectacular. Things were said that needed to be said. However, it doesn't feel like we were listened to. For example, in the TH, people complained about the conference venue, isolated and expensive. The next day, we are told the upcoming meeting will be at a resort in Pasadena. I realize you can't change the venue in one day, but these issues were brought up at the San Marcos TH as well.	12/17/2015 12:05 PM
84	The back channel and inside jokes made it problematic.	12/17/2015 12:01 PM
85	Too much back channeling...	12/17/2015 11:54 AM
86	Didn't attend	12/17/2015 11:51 AM
87	The town hall meetings have become quite offensive and rude, and it does not REALLY provide members with a safe, communal space to address real issues. When they are addressed or questioned, no one will respond to it so it makes the space very uncomfortable. I strongly recommend eliminating the back channel. It feeds in to the negativity and that is not what I think LRA wants to be known for allowing its members to be socially and racially incompetent to issues and concerns that affect all members and the world we live in. Also, if the back channel is eliminated, it is strongly recommended that the moderators are responsible for addressing the concerns of members and not censoring what members what to address. They are 'moderators'.	12/17/2015 11:44 AM
88	The back channel and early Qs solicited didn't meet my expectations	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
89	It starts some dialogue, but I'm concerned that not all of it is productive, especially with the backchannel.	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
90	No opinion, didn't attend	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
91	I was quite disappointed, frankly.	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
92	I didn't attend, but I'm sure it did!	12/17/2015 11:15 AM
93	I don't know as I didn't attend.	12/17/2015 11:14 AM
94	I've been disappointed and frustrated to see the Town Hall meeting turn into such a contentious event over the past two years. It feels like people are attending with conflicting purposes, and those different purposes lead to conflicts and uncomfortable conversations. The Town Hall meeting has always been one of my favorite conference events, as an opportunity to have some (mostly) lighthearted conversations and interactions. I understand the desire to have conversations about more serious topics (e.g., race, class, privilege), but the Town Hall meeting doesn't seem like the best format for having that kind of conversation. Personally, I'd love to have the event revert to a night of beer, bingo, popcorn, and joking around. After a long day of conference sessions, I enjoy having an opportunity to relax and build community through shared laughter.	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
95	Did not attend.	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
96	When you set it up like a boxing match and give us popcorn-- it does not scream-- hey talk. I think that somewhere along the way people have forgotten what a town hall meeting looks like. I believe the conference organizers should be the ones in the middle, and that people send in questions ahead of time to have them discuss, and then there can also be on the spot questions as well. Look at real town hall meetings-- they always have a person who is in charge up front. don't hide!	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
97	Needs to be facilitated by president or someone in a leadership position.	12/17/2015 11:06 AM
98	But boy could our members learn about micro aggressions and cyber bullying	12/17/2015 10:58 AM
99	The back channel needs to be removed. The purpose of the town hall is the face-to-face interactions, and yet our face-to-face conversation revolved around what people said anonymously. It was unprofessional, and a low point of my conference experience.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
100	Kill the back channel	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
101	At the very least, the online response for Town Hall needs to go.	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
102	I didn't attend but heard that it was a terrible experience. People were visibly upset after the meeting. I was glad I didn't attend.	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
103	Did not attend	12/17/2015 10:55 AM

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104	The back channel seems to have become the focus--let's get rid of it. Maybe propose a few topics that the Board wants feedback, divide into small tables for discussion, then open floor to discuss germane topics. We seem to have lost our way for the purpose of Town Hall. We need to reestablish norms.	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
105	Didn't attend.	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
106	did not attend	12/17/2015 10:52 AM
107	The Board/Officers MUST talk, when necessary. The silence of this group is harmful to the organization. We learned a lot at the Business meeting that would have calmed the discussion at the Town Hall.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
108	I didn't attend because it was so late, and I had jetlag (on EST).	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
109	this needs significant and immediate attention as the purpose of the THM is unclear and, in my opinion, quite problematic. IF the purpose is to have serious discussion about vital issues to the organization, then this needs to be clearly communicated to the membership and guidelines set in place to honor that purpose. While that seems to be the general direction that most/many members expect the THM to take, there are enough distracting voices that drown out opportunities for real, honest, and fruitful conversations from occurring in any meaningful way. The backchannel is not supporting the THM purpose and we should reconsider its value.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
110	I wasn't there but what I've heard from multiple people is that it was a giant clusterfuck. Having a one-time discussion (as opposed to ongoing) about sensitive issues in a setting known for handing out free beers and having more light-hearted discussion was not a good idea. Hearing about the discussion made me embarrassed to be an LRA member as elementary students could and have performed better on similar tasks (o.e., discussing race, gender inequity).	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
111	Not productive with the backchannel. Inappropriate comments	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
112	The Town Hall meetings are losing their luster for me. They once were interactive, light hearted, but also addressed important issues. Now, everyone seems to be so sensitive. I don't like the "whining" I hear in that space right now. People need to lighten up. I also think we need to do away with the chat board at the Town Halls. They cause more trouble and distraction than needed.	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
113	It was clear that people felt uncomfortable sharing their honest opinions. It was also clear that people were using the back channel to be inappropriate.	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
114	The Town Hall Meeting has become pretty useless. The backchannel does serves as a space for people to hide and make inappropriate comments.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM

Q40 How important to your overall conference experience is the Annual Business Meeting?

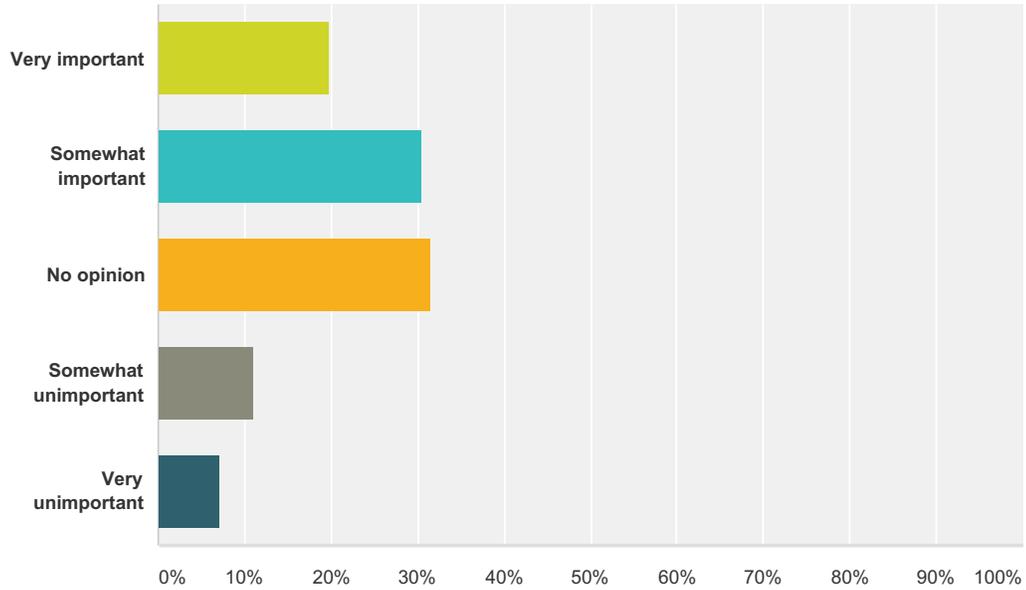
Answered: 312 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	7.05%	22
Somewhat important	16.99%	53
No opinion	49.36%	154
Somewhat unimportant	15.06%	47
Very unimportant	11.54%	36
Total		312

Q41 How important to your overall conference experience is the President's Reception?

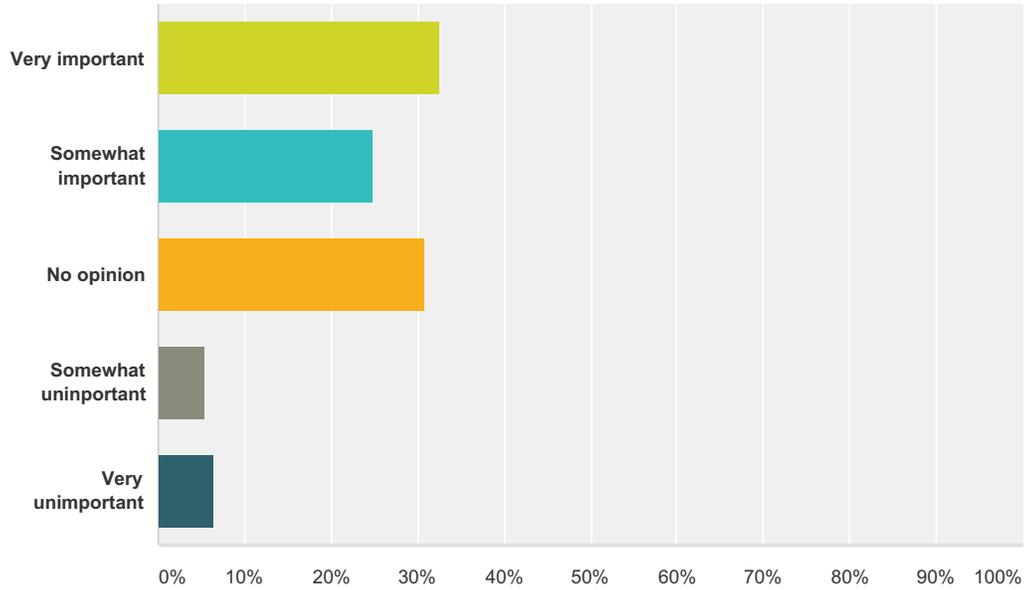
Answered: 314 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	19.75%	62
Somewhat important	30.57%	96
No opinion	31.53%	99
Somewhat unimportant	11.15%	35
Very unimportant	7.01%	22
Total		314

Q42 How important to your overall conference experience is the Newcomer/Graduate Student function? (e.g. breakfast, reception, etc.)

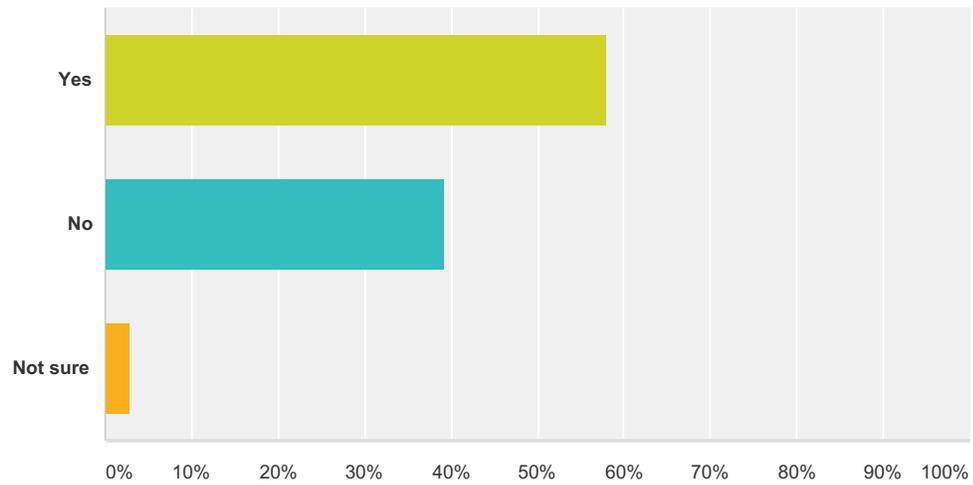
Answered: 314 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very important	32.48%	102
Somewhat important	24.84%	78
No opinion	30.89%	97
Somewhat unimportant	5.41%	17
Very unimportant	6.37%	20
Total		314

Q43 Were all presenters present in the sessions that you attended?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	57.96% 182
No	39.17% 123
Not sure	2.87% 9
Total	314

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Q44 If you served in some capacity as part of the 2015 Conference, in what capacity did you serve? For example Reviewer, Area Chair, Awards Committee, etc.

Answered: 156 Skipped: 170

#	Responses	Date
1	J Michael Parker Award Committee Adult Literacy Study Group Organizer	1/14/2016 10:07 AM
2	reviewer	1/13/2016 4:13 AM
3	Reviewer	1/12/2016 11:42 PM
4	Reviewer	1/12/2016 8:15 PM
5	Reviewer.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
6	Reviewer, Area-Chair, Discussant	1/11/2016 7:33 PM
7	Area Chair	1/11/2016 4:39 PM
8	reviewer	1/11/2016 4:22 PM
9	presenter	1/11/2016 3:08 PM
10	Reviewer	1/11/2016 1:28 PM
11	Introduction of speakers	1/11/2016 1:14 PM
12	Reviewer	1/11/2016 1:08 PM
13	Reviewer	1/11/2016 12:36 PM
14	LRA Board Member	1/11/2016 12:24 PM
15	Reviewer	1/11/2016 12:22 PM
16	reviewer and field council rep	1/11/2016 12:18 PM
17	Area Chair, discussant	1/11/2016 12:14 PM
18	Reviewer	1/11/2016 12:02 PM
19	Committee chair, presenter and discussant	1/11/2016 11:53 AM
20	Reviewer, field council rep	1/11/2016 11:48 AM
21	Reviewer	1/11/2016 11:46 AM
22	Reviewer	1/11/2016 11:45 AM
23	reviewer	1/11/2016 11:45 AM
24	Reviewer	1/7/2016 12:07 PM
25	Reviewer	1/7/2016 6:20 AM
26	Presenter	1/6/2016 6:32 PM
27	Area Chair Committee Chair	1/6/2016 5:59 PM
28	Reviewer, Discussant	1/6/2016 2:25 PM
29	Reviewer	1/6/2016 1:21 PM
30	Area Chair	1/6/2016 1:00 PM
31	Reviewer	1/6/2016 12:16 PM
32	Reviewer	1/6/2016 11:01 AM

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33	Field Council	1/6/2016 10:28 AM
34	Reviewer	1/6/2016 9:47 AM
35	reviewer, other	1/6/2016 5:59 AM
36	Reviewer	1/5/2016 10:43 PM
37	Field Council	1/5/2016 9:49 PM
38	presenter/discussant	1/5/2016 9:40 PM
39	reviewer	1/5/2016 8:05 PM
40	Area Program Chair	1/5/2016 7:33 PM
41	Chair for one session	1/5/2016 6:54 PM
42	Reviewer	1/5/2016 6:53 PM
43	Reviewer	1/5/2016 6:49 PM
44	Award committee member, field council rep, proposal reviewer	1/5/2016 6:36 PM
45	reviewer	1/5/2016 6:32 PM
46	Discussant	1/5/2016 6:29 PM
47	Reviewer	1/4/2016 10:53 AM
48	Reviewer	1/2/2016 5:06 PM
49	Discussant (unofficially, as the assigned discussant did not attend and asked that I take her place)	12/31/2015 1:06 PM
50	Area Co-chair, Presenter	12/30/2015 7:04 PM
51	Reviewer, Awards Committee	12/29/2015 4:42 PM
52	Discussant, committee chair, reviewer	12/29/2015 1:21 PM
53	Reviewer and presenter	12/23/2015 2:46 PM
54	Reviewer.	12/23/2015 11:10 AM
55	Reviewer	12/22/2015 4:20 PM
56	Reviewer	12/21/2015 9:38 PM
57	ICG chair	12/21/2015 2:28 PM
58	Reviewer	12/21/2015 1:30 PM
59	Reviewer, Area Chair	12/20/2015 9:59 PM
60	Awards Committee	12/20/2015 9:35 PM
61	Reviewer	12/20/2015 8:26 PM
62	Introduced speakers	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
63	Reviewer	12/20/2015 12:15 PM
64	area chair	12/20/2015 10:11 AM
65	ICG Chair	12/20/2015 3:03 AM
66	Reviewer Presenter Discussant ICG incoming co-chair	12/20/2015 1:53 AM
67	Reviewer	12/19/2015 8:36 PM
68	Reviewer and presenter	12/19/2015 1:19 AM
69	Reviewer	12/18/2015 12:40 PM
70	reviewer	12/18/2015 11:22 AM
71	Reviewer for yearbook (LRTMP)	12/18/2015 11:02 AM
72	n/a	12/18/2015 10:31 AM
73	Proposal Reviewer	12/18/2015 9:17 AM

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74	Reviewer, presenter	12/18/2015 8:51 AM
75	Presenter	12/18/2015 1:42 AM
76	presenter and chair	12/18/2015 12:54 AM
77	reviewer	12/18/2015 12:41 AM
78	presenter	12/18/2015 12:19 AM
79	Reviewer and Session Organizer	12/17/2015 9:38 PM
80	Reviewer	12/17/2015 7:56 PM
81	Reviewer, speaker	12/17/2015 6:13 PM
82	awards committee	12/17/2015 4:50 PM
83	Awards Committee Chair	12/17/2015 4:27 PM
84	reviewer	12/17/2015 4:19 PM
85	Reviewer	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
86	Reviewer	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
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88	Reviewer	12/17/2015 3:19 PM
89	Reviewer	12/17/2015 2:58 PM
90	Reviewer	12/17/2015 2:50 PM
91	Reviewer	12/17/2015 2:46 PM
92	Area Chair	12/17/2015 2:39 PM
93	N/A	12/17/2015 2:36 PM
94	Reviewer	12/17/2015 2:34 PM
95	Reviewer	12/17/2015 2:32 PM
96	Reviewer	12/17/2015 2:23 PM
97	Discussant	12/17/2015 2:03 PM
98	reviewer, awards committee member	12/17/2015 1:56 PM
99	Reviewer	12/17/2015 1:46 PM
100	This year the review process was extremely disorganized. Never before I saw such disorganization in an academic conference.	12/17/2015 1:43 PM
101	Discussant	12/17/2015 1:34 PM
102	Reviewer	12/17/2015 1:27 PM
103	Reviewer	12/17/2015 1:21 PM
104	reviewer	12/17/2015 1:20 PM
105	Presenter, Discussant, Chair	12/17/2015 1:16 PM
106	Reviewer, presenter	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
107	Reviewer, Doctoral Student Mentor	12/17/2015 12:44 PM
108	Reviewer, Michael J. Parker Award committee.	12/17/2015 12:33 PM
109	Reviewer, chair	12/17/2015 12:32 PM
110	Reviewer, Award Committee	12/17/2015 12:29 PM
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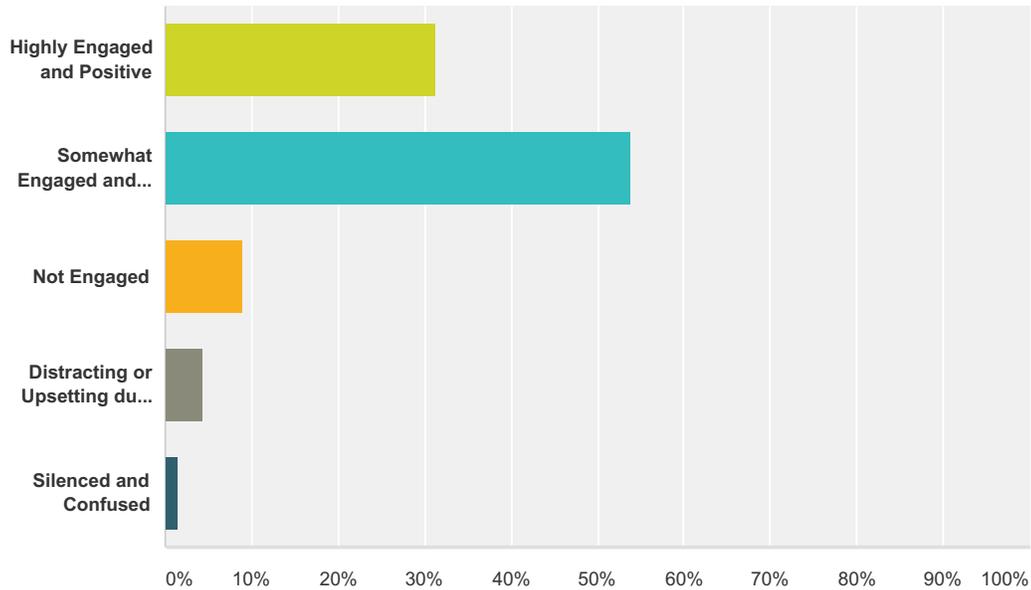
114	Reviewer	12/17/2015 12:05 PM
115	Reviewer and presenter	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
116	Reviewer	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
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118	committee member	12/17/2015 11:51 AM
119	reviewer, chair, field council	12/17/2015 11:48 AM
120	awards committee	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
121	Awards committee, Technology committee	12/17/2015 11:44 AM
122	Awards committee	12/17/2015 11:43 AM
123	reviewer	12/17/2015 11:43 AM
124	Field co-council international co-chair	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
125	Reviewer	12/17/2015 11:41 AM
126	Proposal Reviewer, committee member	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
127	Reviewer	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
128	Reviewer, chair	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
129	Co-chair of a study group	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
130	I reviewed conference proposals, and I'm a member of the Student Outstanding Research Award committee. I'm also a proposal mentor for doctoral students and a member of the Field Council.	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
131	Reviewer	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
132	Reviewer	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
133	Proposal Reviewer, Presentation Chair	12/17/2015 11:03 AM
134	Reviewer of proposals	12/17/2015 11:02 AM
135	Reviewer, presenter	12/17/2015 10:58 AM
136	Reviewer and ICG Chair	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
137	Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
138	Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
139	Committee	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
140	Reviewer, Presenter, Committee member	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
141	Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:52 AM
142	reviewer, awards committee	12/17/2015 10:51 AM
143	Presenter	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
144	Reviewer, Discussant, Committee member	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
145	reviewer	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
146	reviewer	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
147	reviewer, awards committee, committee board, presenter, discussant	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
148	Awards Committee member	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
149	Discussant Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
150	Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
151	reviewer, Causey committee	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
152	reviewer	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
153	Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:42 AM

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154	reviewer	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
155	Presenter	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
156	Reviewer	12/17/2015 10:38 AM

Q45 In general, how would you rate your overall experience of racial, ethnic, gender, sexuality, abilities, and linguistic diversity at LRA 2015?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 36



Answer Choices	Responses
Highly Engaged and Positive	31.38% 91
Somewhat Engaged and Somewhat Positive	53.79% 156
Not Engaged	8.97% 26
Distracting or Upsetting due to Micro-Agressions	4.48% 13
Silenced and Confused	1.38% 4
Total	290

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	A tad too much elitism, classism, and academic arrogance displayed by several of the tenured full professors that I met throughout the conference. Can't really make headway in this domain. I guess it is just the way it is. Too bad. Times are changing and adaptation is a key function for continued vitality to exist and to flourish.	1/11/2016 11:52 PM
2	My experience of the conference in regard to these topics was highly engaged and positive with the exception of the Town Hall meeting. I wish I know more about what made some people feel silenced and confused. The program was highly inclusive of these important topics.	1/11/2016 7:33 PM
3	Would LOVE to participate in an LRA with greater diversity, with more open and challenging conversations. I am part of the Gender and Sexualities group and LOVE the questions being asked--also believe that we at LRA need to have a voice in public educational policy...to put forth what we know based on our research and experience.	1/11/2016 12:36 PM

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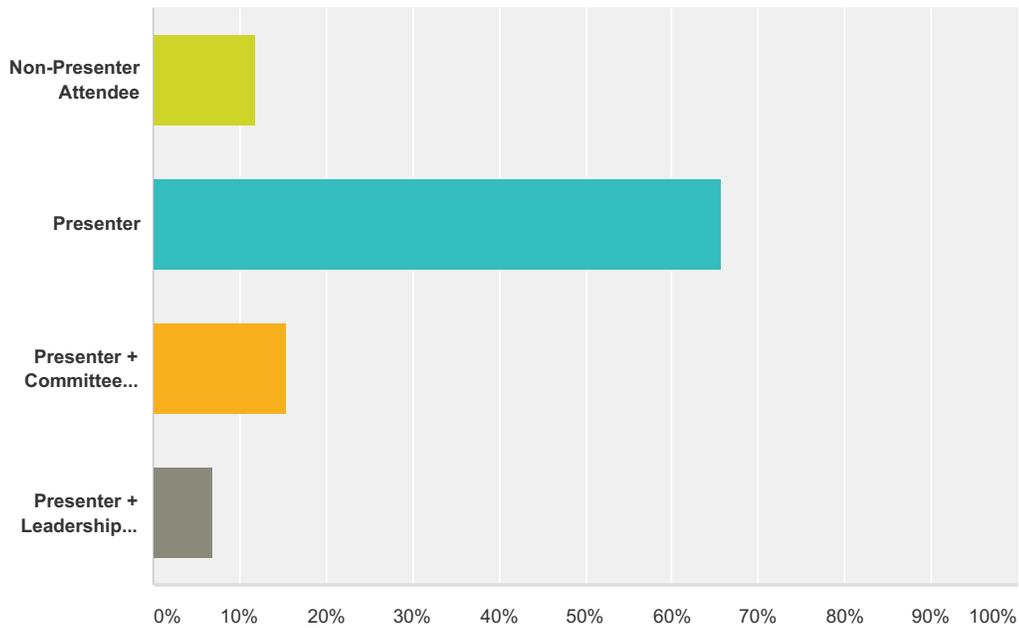
4	I was surprised at the way Gloria Ladson Billings' talk was presented: it was concurrent with other sessions and in a small room where people were moving chairs constantly. I think she had a good deal of important things to say to the LRA audience, but not very many people were there. I also wish more people had been present for Norma González's talk. Despite the fact that it was a plenary session, the room was barely 1/3 full (I know many groups scheduled meetings for that time). These two events made me question the engagement that the LRA community has with themes related to racial, cultural, and linguistic diversity.	1/11/2016 12:02 PM
5	The discussant at one panel I attended was clearly unaware of his male and hetero privilege (it was a panel around queer topics), that all in attendance kept looking at each other with wide eyes seeming to ask what the hell was going on. On the other hand, I attended many sessions with scholars of color and queer scholars (of color and not) that were well attended and so smart--it was really exciting. I especially appreciated the diversity in the bilingual session that I attended.	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
6	It is hard to rate this as an overall experience because different spaces I experienced within the conference could be categorized in each of these ways. If I had to choose, I would ultimately say silenced and upsetting because this was the feeling I left with. As mentioned above, I believed the Town Hall meeting created necessary tensions but that they were in no way addressed. Instead they were mocked afterward in the Vital Issues session in a manner that I found tasteless. While I appreciate the need for levity, this was truly silencing and not something I wanted to be a part of.	1/6/2016 11:01 AM
7	Much more than previous conferences	1/6/2016 12:00 AM
8	As a white, heterosexual woman, I don't know that I can really comment on this. I feel like there was a great effort to treat everyone with respect and dignity, but it is still very unbalanced as far as numbers. I'm not sure LRA can fix that, as it is a problem in all of academia.	1/5/2016 11:19 PM
9	The choices provided are biased and leading.	1/5/2016 9:27 PM
10	I don't understand the question.	1/5/2016 7:05 PM
11	I don't understand this question or the options for responding to it.	1/5/2016 6:53 PM
12	The emphasis on diversity seemed out of balance.	1/4/2016 1:11 PM
13	I rate this year's conference as an improvement over previous conferences. We are not where we should be but this year was an improvement.	12/30/2015 7:04 PM
14	It's moving slowly in the right direction, but definitely needs ramping up.	12/26/2015 1:48 PM
15	I don't know how to answer this question, as the items don't really represent the question. Town Hall was unsettling--NOT because people have varying opinions, but that it is not a format that promotes addressing any particular issue. The mic is given to someone waiting to speak, so it is understandable that the waiting speaker is not going to pick up the thread of the prior speaker. Yet, that appears to some to mean that people don't care to pick up on it. The back channel has become very distracting. Another reason threads are not discussed--people are trying to keep up with what's going on in the back channel. I understand that the briefing room was a place to more fully engage in topics/issues of interest to members. But, as an attendee, I did not know what was being discussed/when. Given all else going on, it became a low priority. Yet, I would have gone to discuss issues if of interest and I had known time/date.	12/22/2015 4:20 PM
16	I didn't feel a large presence of GLBTQ community. I would like that and wish we had a Queer like SIG similar to AERA (for instance).	12/22/2015 10:11 AM
17	I appreciate that this question is included on the survey; that in and of itself is significant and different!	12/21/2015 2:28 PM
18	I think there is too much attention paid to this. Let people who want to come come and treat everyone well.	12/20/2015 9:35 PM
19	More engaged than usual because of the diversity of the spakers.	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
20	The focus on politics is distracting from the core responsibility to talk about and improve the quality of literacy research.	12/20/2015 12:15 PM
21	Please continue to forefront these issues.	12/19/2015 5:04 PM
22	Thank you for asking/caring about this. I am interested in what you find and how to make LRA more engaged and positive.	12/18/2015 12:40 PM
23	These choices don't make sense to me. LRA isn't very diverse, and it bothers me that there's no acknowledgement of socioeconomics at all, particularly when the conference has been at an extremely expensive resort space for two years now. And, not all people attending the conference are looking to escape cold weather--a number of us are already in regions where the need to have 70-80 degrees in December is moot. Recognize where there is and is not diversity.	12/18/2015 12:41 AM
24	many cliques during social interactions made the experience high schoolish there were engaging sessions on race, ethnicity, and language in particular	12/17/2015 7:42 PM

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25	This question is worded so strangely that I can't figure out what you are trying to understand.	12/17/2015 6:06 PM
26	The plenaries were great, but LRA needs to tackle the issues speakers raised.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
27	The Town Hall back feed was disturbing! Bullying!	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
28	I don't think I understand this question	12/17/2015 1:27 PM
29	Difficult to respond to this question in a single multiple choice options. I would say "All of the above," because I think something like each of these responses takes place at LRA conferences. I attended plenaries this year (Norma González and Michelle Fine), last year (Arlette Willis) and in previous years (Robert Jiménez, Donado Macedo) that I feel absolutely move LRA toward greater diversity. And there were more paper sessions and other types of sessions that did that work in this year's conference. I would characterize presenters and audience members in these sessions as "highly engaged and positive." At the same time, I think a large proportion of the LRA conference attendees remain unengaged or silent and confused, to use the terms of the survey, regarding issues of diversity. I guess that is slowly changing for the better in terms of public discourses. Not so much (or at an even more glacial pace) it feels like, in terms of awards and recognition.	12/17/2015 12:44 PM
30	There were some nuances and contradictions. I felt this was one of the LRA conferences most attentive to issues of diversity and access. There were many conversation about inclusivity, social justice, and community-based research, topics that have not been as visible in the past. I was disappointed that the Causey address featured content which was deficit oriented towards youth and families of color. It was a stark contrast to many of the other highlighted talks, where featured speakers put race, class, and language at the center and focused on the funds of knowledge of historically minoritized groups as well as the systemic issues they faced.	12/17/2015 12:14 PM
31	I'm not entirely sure how to even answer this question. At different times in different contexts, I experienced all of these.	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
32	Don't think everyone's on the same page about these issues yet.	12/17/2015 11:54 AM
33	Strong focus on racial, ethnic, gender, sexuality, abilities, and linguistic diversity and moving toward exclusion of those to don't fit/do research in these areas. I would prefer a renewed focus on literacy research.	12/17/2015 11:51 AM
34	I wouldn't say that diversity was particularly salient at LRA.	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
35	While I didn't experience any, I was concerned and distracted by what I heard others express (especially in the Town Hall)	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
36	I appreciate the growing diversity of LRA.	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
37	I cannot rate the overall experience, as each of the listed choices accurately represents at least ONE of my experiences during the conference. Our spaces and places varied significantly in their respect and dialogue around diversity. Sessions with explicit focus on equity were highly engaged, while the downhill was distracting, upsetting, silenced, and confused.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
38	Gloria Ladson-Billings talk helped me understand how all the LRA diversity efforts have paid off over time.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
39	Micro-agressions and blatant racist comments were made in sessions.	12/17/2015 10:40 AM

Q46 Please describe your participation in this year's conference.

Answered: 309 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Responses
Non-Presenter Attendee	11.97% 37
Presenter	65.70% 203
Presenter + Committee Member	15.53% 48
Presenter + Leadership (past or present)	6.80% 21
Total	309

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Introduction of major speakers and award winner	1/11/2016 1:14 PM
2	Committee Member and Non-Presenter	1/6/2016 10:28 AM
3	Discussant	1/5/2016 6:29 PM
4	and spoke at new-comer's breakfast	12/26/2015 1:48 PM
5	I was very disappointed by one of the talks delivered by an awardee. It was quite conservative and didn't align with the other amazing speakers. I was quite shocked and was glad to learn that this particular speaker didn't reflect the tone and tenor of the conference.	12/20/2015 8:13 PM
6	Introductions	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
7	Session Organizer	12/17/2015 9:38 PM
8	Discussant	12/17/2015 2:03 PM
9	Discussant	12/17/2015 12:19 PM
10	Usually present but had a maternity leave past year	12/17/2015 11:37 AM

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Q47 What is the most important factor that will influence your decision to attend the conference next year? It will be held November 30 - December 3 at the Omni Nashville in Nashville, TN.

Answered: 253 Skipped: 73

#	Responses	Date
1	I would only attend if I was presenting, my district does not support traveling to conferences, however, if I was presenting, they would be more amenable. At this time I will not attend as I do not have a proposal ready to submit in time, perhaps the following year. As well, Nashville is not that appealing to me.	1/16/2016 7:47 PM
2	Other work and personal commitments	1/15/2016 5:45 PM
3	Service responsibilities.	1/15/2016 10:35 AM
4	Funding	1/14/2016 10:07 AM
5	Dates and ease of location.	1/13/2016 9:22 PM
6	Location	1/13/2016 5:07 PM
7	If my proposals are accepted	1/13/2016 1:41 PM
8	other job-related obligations and deadlines	1/13/2016 11:38 AM
9	Location	1/13/2016 4:23 AM
10	funding	1/13/2016 4:13 AM
11	If my paper proposal is accepted - must have paper accepted to receive conference funding	1/13/2016 1:02 AM
12	That I have a proposal accepted and have university funding for travel. That's two. :-)	1/12/2016 11:42 PM
13	My ability to get permission to take Professional Development days in the district I teach, so I can get a substitute teacher and attend the conference. I was docked personal days to attend this year - my professional growth outside of district mandates is meeting with increased resistance each year.	1/12/2016 10:13 PM
14	Acceptance to present	1/12/2016 8:15 PM
15	proposal accepted	1/12/2016 4:27 PM
16	I got so much valuable information and contacts with other people in the field that I definitely want to attend next year's conference.	1/12/2016 12:39 PM
17	Proposal acceptance	1/12/2016 1:03 AM
18	Securing a hotel room in the conference hotel location. Do not want to deal with finding transportation when all of the extremely limited conference hotel rooms have already be procured within the first few days of the website's activation. Crazy that this happens year after year. Membership is greatly impacted by these circumstances.	1/11/2016 11:52 PM
19	Whether my doctoral students are presenting	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
20	Cost and proposal acceptance.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
21	Ability to participate as a presenter or discussant.	1/11/2016 7:33 PM
22	Quality of the program, venue, accommodation, acceptance of my proposal	1/11/2016 7:20 PM
23	The ability to receive time off work	1/11/2016 6:56 PM
24	Presenting	1/11/2016 6:12 PM
25	Can't attend a conference held at the Omni again after my experience and lack of satisfaction trying to get issues resolved.	1/11/2016 4:39 PM
26	Cost of getting to the convention and cost of staying near the convention	1/11/2016 4:15 PM
27	Funds available from my university	1/11/2016 3:08 PM

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28	Affordability	1/11/2016 2:59 PM
29	acceptance of proposal, quality of keynote speakers, and cost of attendance	1/11/2016 2:27 PM
30	Location - proximity to airport	1/11/2016 1:28 PM
31	I am a very active NCTE member. The closeness of these two conferences makes attending both very difficult. Because of NCTE responsibilities I must attend that conference if there are conflicts in my scheduling.	1/11/2016 1:14 PM
32	Funding.	1/11/2016 1:08 PM
33	Cost of hotel and flight	1/11/2016 12:39 PM
34	Great question...am planning to go, if my paper proposals are not accepted and I do not have CE money from an institution I will not be able to go...and will be super sad and disappointed.	1/11/2016 12:36 PM
35	Acceptance of research proposal LRA leadership duties	1/11/2016 12:24 PM
36	I will be attending. Hope the Town Hall meeting, vital issues continues as was done when productive. These are the types of venues that can move thinking forward and is what separates LRA's conference from just another generic conference.	1/11/2016 12:18 PM
37	getting proposals accepted as my department won't pay for travel unless accepted	1/11/2016 12:18 PM
38	I always attend, so it's really a non-issue :) However, I love the fact that it's within driving distance for me next year!	1/11/2016 12:14 PM
39	Whether my proposal is accepted.	1/11/2016 11:55 AM
40	Presenting and access	1/11/2016 11:48 AM
41	If I am presenting	1/11/2016 11:46 AM
42	1) Proposal acceptance 2) Cost-efficiency of traveling to the conference 3) Content of the selected proposals, invited sessions, and networking opportunities	1/11/2016 11:45 AM
43	I will attend - LRA is a great conference	1/11/2016 11:45 AM
44	Time available to go	1/11/2016 11:40 AM
45	Whether or not my presentation proposal gets accepted.	1/10/2016 4:32 PM
46	I tend to only go to the west coast and central conferences for LRA, taking a break every 3rd year when it is on the east coast.	1/10/2016 3:21 PM
47	Airfare.	1/9/2016 12:59 PM
48	If I have funds in my travel budget	1/7/2016 4:13 PM
49	Probably depends on whether I am presenting.	1/7/2016 2:41 PM
50	Availability of funding and teaching schedule, possibility of presentation	1/7/2016 12:35 PM
51	Cost	1/7/2016 10:07 AM
52	Acceptance of proposal and ability to secure a room in the conference hotel	1/7/2016 6:20 AM
53	theme, price, acceptance of proposal	1/6/2016 6:32 PM
54	location	1/6/2016 5:59 PM
55	Whether or not my proposal is accepted	1/6/2016 2:25 PM
56	Having a proposal accepted.	1/6/2016 1:21 PM
57	Whether I plan to go to NCTE, and whether I have a proposal accepted	1/6/2016 1:00 PM
58	if my proposal is accepted	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
59	Opportunity to network and to learn/share ideas on new technologies and literacy	1/6/2016 12:48 PM
60	It is only 2.5 hours from my home, so I plan to be there.	1/6/2016 12:16 PM
61	The content of the sessions	1/6/2016 12:06 PM
62	accessibility- both financially and transportation-wise. Nobody should have to spend their own \$ getting to the conference site.	1/6/2016 10:42 AM

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63	Being able to stay in the conference hotel will be very important. The last 2 years, there have been monumental problems with making hotel reservations. It seems as though this was the result of poor planning and subsequent miscommunication by the management/headquarters staff.	1/6/2016 10:28 AM
64	my retirement	1/6/2016 10:23 AM
65	Cost	1/6/2016 10:02 AM
66	submission acceptance, probably	1/6/2016 9:51 AM
67	Paper and study group proposal acceptance.	1/6/2016 9:47 AM
68	Cost and flight availability	1/6/2016 12:00 AM
69	Cost.	1/5/2016 11:19 PM
70	The chance to reconnect with people I met. To gather ideas and understand what is current in the research.	1/5/2016 10:54 PM
71	If I have a proposal accepted.	1/5/2016 9:49 PM
72	Conference quality	1/5/2016 9:40 PM
73	Whether there is an ice storm in Nashville.	1/5/2016 9:27 PM
74	Cost	1/5/2016 8:31 PM
75	cost	1/5/2016 8:22 PM
76	financial ability to attend	1/5/2016 8:05 PM
77	speakers, location and date	1/5/2016 7:48 PM
78	access to research colleagues	1/5/2016 7:33 PM
79	The quality of the program -	1/5/2016 6:53 PM
80	Funding and whether I'll be presenting.	1/5/2016 6:45 PM
81	cost and whether presentations are accepted	1/5/2016 6:36 PM
82	It is close enough to me to drive, so I will be there!	1/5/2016 6:32 PM
83	availability of funding within my organization for travel quality of plenary speakers	1/5/2016 6:29 PM
84	If I am accepted to other conferences, I may skip LRA.	1/4/2016 10:53 AM
85	If my proposals are accepted.	1/2/2016 5:06 PM
86	My institution will provide some travel funds ONLY IF I am a presenter.	12/31/2015 1:06 PM
87	conference theme is appealing and my regular planned attendance at this conference.	12/30/2015 7:04 PM
88	Presenting research	12/29/2015 1:21 PM
89	Acceptance of paper	12/28/2015 2:55 AM
90	If I am able to present my research	12/28/2015 12:42 AM
91	The timeframe with the ending of the undergraduate courses I teach - it's a difficult time to get away. Also, whether my institution will provide funding assistance.	12/26/2015 9:40 PM
92	Other professional demands and hotel price	12/26/2015 1:48 PM
93	Acceptance of my submission	12/23/2015 10:57 PM
94	Proposal acceptance	12/23/2015 2:46 PM
95	Presenting an accepted paper.	12/23/2015 12:02 PM
96	Community of scholars; location is more convenient (drivable).	12/23/2015 11:10 AM
97	The cost of this conference was high, and I don't get a great deal of reimbursement. I would love easier/quicker access to the airport and reasonably priced places to eat nearby.	12/22/2015 4:20 PM
98	Getting accepted to present.	12/22/2015 10:11 AM
99	Whether or not my paper proposals are accepted (as they determine funding for the trip)	12/21/2015 9:38 PM
100	LRA is my organizational home now. I'll be there.	12/21/2015 2:28 PM

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101	Whether I am presenting or not.	12/21/2015 1:30 PM
102	Finding funding. As a K-12 teacher, finding funding is difficult. LRA should have small grants available for full-time public school teachers who want to attend the conference in order to better enact change in their schools/communities.	12/21/2015 2:21 AM
103	I will attend as a early career assistant professor and to keep connected with colleagues I met in my doctoral program.	12/21/2015 12:40 AM
104	My proposal(s) is/are accepted for presentation. Affordable air fare, lodging, and meals. Easy access.	12/20/2015 9:59 PM
105	If I get a paper accepted	12/20/2015 9:35 PM
106	Personal situations	12/20/2015 8:26 PM
107	Flight, hotel, and food costs!	12/20/2015 8:13 PM
108	Airfare? Who receives special honors? If I am on the program.	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
109	whether or not I'm presenting and if I have funding from the university	12/20/2015 12:45 PM
110	Paper acceptance and cost of attending. Please make sure spillover hotels are nearby and in walking distance.	12/20/2015 3:03 AM
111	Ability to get approval to attend.	12/20/2015 1:53 AM
112	Cost of conference hotel	12/19/2015 8:36 PM
113	Proposal acceptance	12/19/2015 8:22 PM
114	funding	12/19/2015 6:38 PM
115	Professional growth and exchange of ideas.	12/19/2015 5:04 PM
116	Acceptance as a presenter	12/19/2015 1:19 AM
117	Cost	12/18/2015 3:09 PM
118	Opportunity to meet with colleagues, focus on research	12/18/2015 2:51 PM
119	The conference program	12/18/2015 2:44 PM
120	Whether I will be presenting	12/18/2015 2:34 PM
121	Proximity to my home	12/18/2015 12:46 PM
122	I'll be there no matter what.	12/18/2015 12:40 PM
123	Accommodations Price Sessions	12/18/2015 11:28 AM
124	Funding	12/18/2015 11:22 AM
125	Acceptance of a proposal. As a graduate student, I can't justify investing the amount of money required to attend if I am not presenting even though I would like to.	12/18/2015 10:56 AM
126	I am not comfortable in large cities, Nashville does not appeal to me, so my decision will be based on the weather	12/18/2015 10:31 AM
127	If I have a paper accepted, I'll be there!	12/18/2015 10:08 AM
128	Ability to present	12/18/2015 9:17 AM
129	Accepted paper	12/18/2015 8:51 AM
130	Funding from my University which is rather unlikely	12/18/2015 7:44 AM
131	Location	12/18/2015 1:42 AM
132	whether my paper is accepted	12/18/2015 12:54 AM
133	How expensive is this conference, and how insulated is this conference from the communities that surround it?	12/18/2015 12:41 AM
134	Tradition and plenary speakers	12/18/2015 12:19 AM
135	1) acceptance to program 2) hotel cost 3) air fare	12/17/2015 11:29 PM
136	Acceptance of paper proposal for both Alternate Session, and personal work. Scheduling of presentations around teaching at home university (Canadian schedules differ from those in US generally). Study group on Newcomers and Rurality being offered again for the third year.	12/17/2015 9:38 PM
137	Price	12/17/2015 7:56 PM

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138	Networking opportunities	12/17/2015 7:44 PM
139	dates are fabulous;	12/17/2015 7:42 PM
140	The conference is close and within driving distance. I hope to present, and it's one of my favorite conferences	12/17/2015 7:39 PM
141	conflicts with other conferences (NCTE, AAA)	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
142	Cost, acceptance of papers, other attendees, keynote speakers	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
143	You could ask the question the other way: what would prevent me from attending. A terrible turn in health or a family emergency might prevent me from attending	12/17/2015 6:13 PM
144	Paper acceptance. And cost. Omni again?	12/17/2015 6:06 PM
145	I always attend LRA, but would appreciate less emphasis on a resort experience and more emphasis on a single hotel where people see each other and have reliable Internet for sessions	12/17/2015 5:43 PM
146	Whether or not I can afford it. Conference attendance is estimated at \$1,000. My university pays zero.	12/17/2015 5:11 PM
147	I will attend because it is our annual conference, and LRA is my primary professional home.	12/17/2015 4:50 PM
148	If my proposals are accepted. And time of year. Also securing university funding.	12/17/2015 4:27 PM
149	Whether my presentation is accepted and thus I receive funding from my institution.	12/17/2015 4:19 PM
150	Flights, cost	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
151	Cost for travel, registration and accommodation.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
152	Presenting, funding, networking.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
153	Paper acceptance. No funding without presentation.	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
154	If my proposals are accepted and I have adequate funding. As a recent graduate, I have no funding for conferences.	12/17/2015 3:21 PM
155	I receive funding if I am presenting, so that's generally the only way for me to afford to go.	12/17/2015 3:19 PM
156	Job status	12/17/2015 3:01 PM
157	Presentation status	12/17/2015 2:58 PM
158	Good research	12/17/2015 2:46 PM
159	Whether I can afford to attend financially and time-wise	12/17/2015 2:36 PM
160	Location and funding	12/17/2015 2:34 PM
161	If I get accepted or not. I can't afford to go if I do not get accepted.	12/17/2015 2:32 PM
162	I think cost is a huge factor. This years conference site had minimal choices for food, and it was expensive. There should be less expensive alternatives.	12/17/2015 2:23 PM
163	If I am accepted to present, I will attend. Otherwise, I will not spend the time or money to attend.	12/17/2015 2:23 PM
164	That it is in Nashville.	12/17/2015 2:15 PM
165	If I get accepted; the quality of presenters	12/17/2015 2:10 PM
166	I'll go no matter what.	12/17/2015 1:56 PM
167	Cost and proximity to other hotels that are part of national chains with membership programs.	12/17/2015 1:46 PM
168	The weather	12/17/2015 1:43 PM
169	Probably whether my proposal is accepted! As a quantitative researcher (at least primarily), I do wonder about the relative scarcity of quantitative research represented at the conference, and whether I need to think about presenting my research elsewhere. I appreciate other research methodologies, but the lack of balance is troubling to me.	12/17/2015 1:42 PM
170	location	12/17/2015 1:42 PM
171	If I am presenting, because it is harder to get funding to go if I am not. However, I would benefit from going whether or not I present.	12/17/2015 1:28 PM
172	If any of my papers are accepted for presentation	12/17/2015 1:27 PM
173	Close proximity to home, staying in the conference hotel, study groups	12/17/2015 1:21 PM
174	A room at the conference site and expense	12/17/2015 1:20 PM

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175	Getting on the program	12/17/2015 1:16 PM
176	proposal being accepted	12/17/2015 12:53 PM
177	Whether there is funding for me to attend.	12/17/2015 12:52 PM
178	Monetary support from my institution, which includes the expenses involved in attending the conference.	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
179	Financial support from my university.	12/17/2015 12:44 PM
180	money	12/17/2015 12:40 PM
181	Whether or not my proposal gets accepted.	12/17/2015 12:33 PM
182	Whether or not I am presenting (because I do not get funding if I am not)	12/17/2015 12:32 PM
183	Presenting my own work	12/17/2015 12:30 PM
184	I will attend	12/17/2015 12:29 PM
185	Cost	12/17/2015 12:29 PM
186	\$ One of the odd things about this conference was location - Carlsbad not in San Diego.	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
187	The Southeastern cities are hard for me to get to from the Northwest.	12/17/2015 12:19 PM
188	Finances. It is my intention to go as often as possible, but as a grad student I can only pick one or two to go to in a year.	12/17/2015 12:15 PM
189	I will attend -- this is an important intellectual community. Important factors are diversity and venue.	12/17/2015 12:14 PM
190	Whether I am accepted to present or not. I attended this year without presenting because I am on the job market and live close enough to drive.	12/17/2015 12:05 PM
191	- Availability of rooms at conference AND walkability to area hotels that are likely cheaper - Proposal acceptance	12/17/2015 12:04 PM
192	Getting accepted (so that I get funding).	12/17/2015 12:01 PM
193	Cost and proposal acceptance	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
194	If my proposal is accepted and if I can get a room at or near the conference hotel	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
195	Paper accepted	12/17/2015 11:54 AM
196	proposal acceptance status	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
197	The timing of the conference and the cost. The cost this year was prohibitive, and seemed gratuitous. (Even food prices were absurd--like \$10+ for a generic pre-made salad). It felt like the planners wanted a vacation more than a conference that was accessible to a broad range of scholars. (My first impression, and last, is that this was a nice warm-weather December vacation for well-funded senior scholars...and a huge financial burden for those of us who are students or junior scholars.) On top of that, I was disappointed in the quality of several sessions I attended. It was about a 50-50 toss up if the quality of the sessions were good or not. A very expensive conference combined with large variation in the quality of sessions makes this conference less enticing. That being said, I enjoyed the feel of community at the conference, and that is what would keep me coming back. But not at the dollar cost of attending this year.	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
198	Rate reduced hotel, free wi-fi, downtown near communities. Elimination of back channel. Address more issues of diversity (what this term means) and the micro-agressions shown/not shown among members and within the society and talk about how these issues (within the racial climate we live in) DO have a place in teacher education. Let's address them and not ignore them.	12/17/2015 11:44 AM
199	If I get a paper accepted! My institution will not pay for me to attend if I am not presenting	12/17/2015 11:43 AM
200	Personal cost	12/17/2015 11:43 AM
201	Acceptance of paper to the 2016 program.	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
202	Conference acceptance.	12/17/2015 11:41 AM
203	Budget from my institution	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
204	It's a done deal for me. LRA is THE conference I won't miss each year, if I can help it.	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
205	location, costs, and access to the airport	12/17/2015 11:32 AM
206	I hope to be presenting with my research team	12/17/2015 11:29 AM

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207	Whether I am presenting--I can't get funding unless I present.	12/17/2015 11:27 AM
208	Being accepted as a presenter. I'm hoping the Omni Nashville is NOT as fake/Disneyland-ish as Carlsbad!	12/17/2015 11:16 AM
209	I will not be attending the conference next year.	12/17/2015 11:16 AM
210	Personal circumstances - family	12/17/2015 11:15 AM
211	Funds available from my university.	12/17/2015 11:14 AM
212	I'll definitely attend the conference next year. I consider the LRA conference to be the single most important annual event in my ongoing professional development. It's essential to my continued growth as a researcher and teacher, and I've been pleased to be able to play a more active role in the organization over the years.	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
213	Cost	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
214	Having reasonably inexpensive rooms available; good travel options; acceptance of proposal.	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
215	I need to present to be able to attend next year.	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
216	Cost	12/17/2015 11:10 AM
217	proposal acceptance	12/17/2015 11:08 AM
218	If I'm alive, I'll be there	12/17/2015 11:06 AM
219	Funding	12/17/2015 11:06 AM
220	Proposal acceptance	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
221	Affordability of hotel accommodations, flights.	12/17/2015 11:03 AM
222	proposal acceptance	12/17/2015 11:02 AM
223	How full my calendar becomes between now and then.	12/17/2015 10:59 AM
224	Cost	12/17/2015 10:59 AM
225	Affordability	12/17/2015 10:58 AM
226	I'll be there come hell or high water.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
227	If I am presenting I will attend unless the cost is prohibitive.	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
228	it is in Nashville and I would like to see the city	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
229	The level of financial support from the university	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
230	None. Looking forward to it!	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
231	acceptance of conference proposal	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
232	Funding and location	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
233	Availability of rooms	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
234	Acceptance to present research, staying in the conference hotel.	12/17/2015 10:52 AM
235	Whether I have something worth reporting.	12/17/2015 10:51 AM
236	acceptance to present, affordability	12/17/2015 10:51 AM
237	Acceptance to the conference	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
238	At this moment it is the most important literacy research conference. Although there are areas for improvement I can see changes happening particularly on ethnic and racial diversity.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
239	I always attend the conference, no matter location.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
240	I appreciate rotating locations. I will probably attend because I love LRA.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
241	Being accepted to present.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
242	I attend every year.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
243	If I am presenting and have opportunities to work with colleagues.	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
244	university funding, flight, hotel availability	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
245	Whether or not I have a proposal accepted	12/17/2015 10:43 AM

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246	acceptance of proposal	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
247	Whether or not my presentation is accepted.	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
248	Affordability	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
249	personal schedule and presenters	12/17/2015 10:41 AM
250	Funding Acceptance of a proposal	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
251	acceptance on program	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
252	I will not attend the conference in TN. LRA used to be one of my favorite conferences, but the overall quality has gone down. I will be attending another conference. I expect to go to LRA once every three years when it is held in my region.	12/17/2015 10:39 AM
253	Cost	12/17/2015 10:38 AM

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Q48 Please share suggestions to improve future conferences.

Answered: 187 Skipped: 139

#	Responses	Date
1	My session did not have a discussant, making the session a bit awkward. The discussant at some of the other sessions I attended brought the session together. Some discussants, however, spent too much time talking at the end, a quick synopsis would have sufficed, some were way too long winded, leaving little time for questions afterward.	1/16/2016 7:47 PM
2	conference where there are an abundant of restaurants and activities outside of the hotel. More urban area than secluded.	1/13/2016 9:22 PM
3	Invite more publishers for the book exhibit	1/13/2016 5:07 PM
4	Attendees need options to get food. The food options at the Omni in Carlsbad CA were limited and food was very expensive.	1/13/2016 4:23 AM
5	choose a site where there are alternative hotel options	1/13/2016 4:13 AM
6	Loved the conference, wonderful thank you.	1/13/2016 1:02 AM
7	I prefer southern cites with good air service and not remote resorts. Although they are gorgeous I'm just not in vacation mode when I'm at LRA so I actually end up feeling split. I like the options that a city location offers. Like being able to eat off site and get around without a car.	1/12/2016 11:42 PM
8	The volunteer system needs some work. Also, the Conference App did not really work. Some type of directory with presenter and attendee information would be really helpful. There are many people I would like to communicate with post-conference and having their information available would be helpful.	1/12/2016 10:13 PM
9	At other conferences, I have attended there were round tables for the round table groups. I think this is important as it allows there to not be too many people at one group. Not having the round tables made it not only difficult to hear, but also caused the presenters to not have enough papers for everyone in the group. It is also more comfortable to sit at table.	1/12/2016 6:50 PM
10	A hotel in a major city, close to an airport, and enough rooms available. The last several years have been horrible.	1/12/2016 4:27 PM
11	I would love to have some understanding of local school districts, even if we are not working within them. I think the conference would be an excellent place to expand understanding of schooling around the country.	1/12/2016 1:03 AM
12	The single most important favor at this conference is the quality of the research presented.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
13	The plenary speakers for the 2016 LRA conference were absolutely outstanding, especially Dr. Fine; thank you for inviting such dynamic speakers to our conference.	1/11/2016 10:32 PM
14	Two papers I heard in an area that needed voice (gender/sexuality, specifically) were conceptually conceived and important work to be doing, but in my mind lacked a firm methodology or analysis. The importance of the topic should not trump the need for a sound methodology in determining acceptance into a paper session.	1/11/2016 7:33 PM
15	I've already indicated that the right venue and accommodation is VERY important	1/11/2016 7:20 PM
16	A designated mental health area/'chill out' zone. At LRA conferences, some people have over 12 hour days, with meetings, presentations, networking etc. This can lead to burnout and exhaustion. In order to monitor the welfare of its members and attendees, LRA needs to consider how the conference promotes well-being and positive mental health. 12 hour days filled back to back sessions for 4 days? Time is needed for brain breaks.	1/11/2016 6:56 PM
17	Please reconsider holding conferences in remote locations without a range of options for ground transportation.	1/11/2016 4:39 PM
18	Make the conference affordable by choosing hotels that provide fridges and microwaves and is accessible to stores where basic food items can be bought at a reasonable cost. There is no point to attending a conference in a beautiful resort when it is too cold to use the beautiful swimming pools and the cost of the spa is not included in our registration rendering it unaffordable. Please provide more services to members. We had to pay for coffee and water at exorbitant cost. We had to pay for our own drinks at the reception!	1/11/2016 2:59 PM
19	Close to airport	1/11/2016 1:28 PM
20	The major speakers at this 2015 conference had the greatest impact on me than any other time in NRC/LRA. We need to follow up on the energy emerging from the presentations and audience responses.	1/11/2016 1:14 PM

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21	I think the Omni is not suitable for the # of attendees at this conference. I wish instead of Carlsbad, that the 2015 conference was located in San Diego, it would offer more options as far as conference space, hoteling, and probably transportation options.	1/11/2016 1:08 PM
22	Will keep you posted as my opinion evolves! I believe you all do a beautiful job and know that it is incredibly hard work. As a doctoral candidate who spends much of the year working in isolation, LRA feels like I am with "my people" and I return refreshed and invigorated. Thank you, thank you, thank you.	1/11/2016 12:36 PM
23	I thought the conference was wonderful, with the exception of the Town Hall Meeting. The invited plenary sessions were stellar. I can't wait to have them posted on line so my students can access them.	1/11/2016 12:24 PM
24	I liked the expansion of study group options and the briefing room was brilliant. I suspect not a lot of people took advantage of it but I think those who did found it helpful to connect, network and discuss critical issues plaguing people every day. Thanks for that!!! Please continue to have addresses that focus on critical issues! I like everything about LRA and is the reason I have returned for quite a number of years.	1/11/2016 12:18 PM
25	Hold them in more accessible locations. Think about assistant professors and graduate students, who typically don't have the level of financial support as associate and full professors have. Be accepting of ALL research - not just research favored by the folks currently in charge.	1/11/2016 11:55 AM
26	Some sessions were at times where no one attended. In fact, a speaker from Germany had no one in her session. So, I think that it's important to make sure that folks attend the sessions of speakers from other countries.	1/11/2016 11:53 AM
27	Maintain conferences in affordable places that are accessible both by air and ground transportation. Having an hour drive from an airport to the conference was not appreciated. Also, the site had limited access to rooms with little in walking distance from the conference hotel/site. I attend LRA to work and learn, not have a resort vacation.	1/11/2016 11:48 AM
28	There need to be enough rooms at the conference hotel for those who wish to attend	1/11/2016 11:46 AM
29	make sure the keynotes will hold audience attention--some were fabulous, others seemed not so... i dont know if there is a way for the leadership to preview speakers' comments and offer suggestions beforehand?	1/10/2016 3:21 PM
30	Bathroom privacy. :^)	1/7/2016 2:41 PM
31	lower cost venue- room/food	1/7/2016 12:35 PM
32	Offer scholarships for grad students to attend!	1/7/2016 10:07 AM
33	We don't get travel funds beyond \$750 so keeping the registration fee and other costs to a minimum is huge!	1/6/2016 2:25 PM
34	It's all very expensive for a younger faculty member - even if I could have gotten a room on-site, it would have been terribly expensive to do so, but I lose valuable conference time traveling to and from my off-site room. I am totally in favor in having the conference in less resort-like settings if it helps keep costs down.	1/6/2016 1:21 PM
35	I would like to put in a plug for moving the time of the conference. Early December is an extremely busy time on campus at my university (wrapping up one semester and planning the next). I would vastly prefer a late-January/Early Feb. date. Also the current date comes very close to NCTE, a conference that many LRA members attend, and they are never in the same location. It's hard to be away at 2 conferences so close together.	1/6/2016 1:00 PM
36	October would be a brilliant time. I will not again attend if the location is so difficult to get to (it would have been 200\$ less if it had been in San Diego, and not a \$100 cab ride from the airport!!), or if the food options are so limited. NCTE was in Mpls, and it was easy to get around, the hotel was affordable, and there were diverse food options.	1/6/2016 12:49 PM
37	Not easy- but if possible a large hotel but not so dispersed as at La Costa. Well done to all the conference team for their dedication and hard work.	1/6/2016 12:48 PM
38	1) All sessions in a single building. 2) Hotel near multiple high-quality restaurants. 3) Hotel near local cultural sites. 4) Hotel costs at less than \$150 per night, preferably at less than \$100 a night.	1/6/2016 12:16 PM
39	I really liked this year's conference. It was activist, diverse and engaged. Keep going!	1/6/2016 12:06 PM
40	If the Town Hall is going to continue as a space for opening dialogue (which I believe it should) find a way (time, space, etc.) that the dialogue can be continued so that we don't have the same half of a conversation every year. Lack of response from leadership is very off-putting as an organization.	1/6/2016 11:01 AM
41	Conferences within cities with good variable transportation. Financial assistance for graduate students is also needed.	1/6/2016 10:42 AM
42	Better planning for hotel reservation process.	1/6/2016 10:28 AM
43	I understand the organization's history of having the annual meetings in warmer weather climates. However, I was disappointed by the resort/hotel choice of the Omni and would have rather been conferencing in downtown San Diego. I felt morally opposed to being an attendee at a conference with equity in its theme that was held at such a privileged and expensive site. As an organization, we can do better.	1/6/2016 10:02 AM

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44	I really loved the Saturday speakers with Cynthia Lewis as moderator--they were fantastic (Michelle Fine, et al). Thanks! I only wish more people could have been there for these presentations.	1/6/2016 9:51 AM
45	1. Hold the conference at a facility that can accommodate attendees staying at the facility. 2. Offer a working computer/printer/copy machine for conference presenters to use to make print and make copies.	1/6/2016 9:47 AM
46	I know it is nice to get away to a beautiful place, but if the goal is to bring together researchers and passions related to literacy, it should be affordable for students and professors.	1/5/2016 11:19 PM
47	I loved this conference. I have attended NCTE and it is just too big. I met so many wonderful and brilliant people at LRA. I look forward to attending again.	1/5/2016 10:54 PM
48	Be more thoughtful and considerate with sites - they should be nice, but convenience, accessibility, affordability, and options are important too.	1/5/2016 9:49 PM
49	The quality of research presented at the conference was problematic this year (i.e., the quality was lower than in previous years). There needs to be more discretion regarding the quality of proposals accepted on the program. At a minimum, data should already be gathered and analyzed in order to be presented in a paper session, symposium, or alternative format session. Work that is in progress should be reserved for roundtables.	1/5/2016 9:27 PM
50	Need more rooms at conference rate; would prefer less sprawling resorts than carlsbad	1/5/2016 8:31 PM
51	consider ways to enroll support from and involve local communities (educators, leaders, businesses) to also support local by choosing sites where amenities are within walking distance and public transportation (bus, subway) from airport is low cost... thank you!	1/5/2016 8:22 PM
52	it would be hard to have anything more fun than the round tables on the beach in 2014 but that sure made for a positive experience	1/5/2016 8:05 PM
53	Too few paper sessions actually have people who come with a paper to share. At one time, this was unheard of -) I attended sessions which seemed to be more appropriate for a round table (speculative about findings, unfinished studies, and unremarkable). In addition, and with the exception of Susan's talk, the plenary sessions were too long. Speakers seemed fairly inattentive to ending times.	1/5/2016 6:53 PM
54	get rid of town hall or make it productive. get rid of the backchannel. It's distracting at best and destructive at worst. Look to other locations that have low risk of snow even though they are north of the Mason Dixon line. e.g. Seattle, Portland. Both are large enough for direct flights. I'd rather be in an urban setting than a resort. More off-site hotel options. Easier transportation from the airport. Transportation from the airport to conference site needs to be considered.	1/5/2016 6:45 PM
55	The town hall meeting no longer serves the purpose it was intended for. The meeting is uncomfortable, but not in a productive way. The back channel is full of inappropriate comments, and there is no depth to any discussion. I have attended every year, though this year I had to be convinced. I will no longer be attending this event if it continues to be held.	1/5/2016 6:36 PM
56	The content of the sessions seemed narrow.	1/4/2016 1:11 PM
57	Consider having the conference in the Carolinas: Charlotte (NC), Charleston (SC), or Raleigh-Durham (NC)	1/4/2016 10:53 AM
58	Have more rooms available and/or closer off-site accommodation and food choices.	1/2/2016 5:06 PM
59	I think we should look into holding the conference in more reasonably priced locations, including the snowy parts of the US.	12/31/2015 1:06 PM
60	There seemed to be so many sessions to attend this year (a good thing) and yet some sessions were less well attended (not so good but this is democracy). I found myself conflicted in choosing among many desirable and good sessions offered at the same time. I appreciate the balance of sessions (meaning there were sessions focused on children/literacy and there were ample sessions on adolescent and adult literacy). I valued the time in between sessions to get food/drink and walking in the sunshine was delightful! But we pay for the sunshine and I wonder if we are pricing our Graduate students out of the conference. I found the Omni to be a wonderful site -- the staff were amazingly helpful and kind and responsive to our requests. The generous assistance with technology was a bonus! I have been critical in recent years that this conference is run by a group of insiders. This year, I sensed an openness that seemed more inclusive. The key note speakers reminded me of how engaging a fine speech can be. The keynote addresses raised many valuable questions for all of us! Credit to the conference planning team.	12/30/2015 7:04 PM
61	Have different briefing rooms operating simultaneously, perhaps 2-3 at a time.	12/29/2015 1:21 PM
62	This hotel was extremely problematic for individuals with disabilities. Disability access to some of the rooms was difficult to locate, and the sheer expanse of the hotel made it difficult to attend all the events in which I was interested or forced me to be arrive significantly later than the starting time.	12/28/2015 2:55 AM

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63	The newcomer/graduate student breakfast was disappointing. The location moved and not many people knew about it. The food served was either fruit or bread - not really the kind of breakfast one needs before a long day of presenting and attending sessions. It seems small, but a hot breakfast would make a world of difference for graduate students. Overall the breakfast was not well attended as compared to last year.	12/28/2015 12:42 AM
64	In a place that is not so isolated and therefore has options that aren't as pricey. Some of us went to a great Italian family restaurant, but getting there was a challenge.	12/26/2015 1:48 PM
65	Large enough conference hotel to accommodate all conference attendees. Almost didn't go this year due to lack of rooms. The resort was difficult to get to and overly expensive. Transportation to the resort was not convenient.	12/23/2015 10:57 PM
66	Keep the briefing room, but clearly designate topics to be discussed/when. That may encourage more to come. Please consider venues that are not so lavish. Although the resort was lovely, it was odd given the tenor of "White privilege" pervading the conference. I wouldn't be able to afford the resort in my own life, and it did make me feel as though I was an entitled/elite. Of course, no one wants to stay in a low quality venue, but I don't feel we need spas/resorts.	12/22/2015 4:20 PM
67	Loved Michelle Fine and other speakers. Good to hear critical voices shape the conference and our research agendas.	12/22/2015 10:11 AM
68	<p>1. repeated kudos to Pat Enciso for asking about gender sensitivity bathroom signage; pictures of the signs were tweeted and posted on FB by multiple attendees in appreciation of LRA's proactive and progressive stance</p> <p>2. kudos to Field Council and the ICG/ Committee tables; provided concrete means of communicating what the committees/ ICGs are and how to get more information and/or get involved</p> <p>3. awesome plenaries: Gloria Ladson-Billings, Norma Gonzalez, and Michelle Fine!! Again, LRA is clearly sending a vastly different message!</p> <p>4. I know the issue of whether to have discussants has repeatedly arisen. I ended up in a session of a paired roundtable (no discussant) and the conversation was wonderful. Nevertheless, as a scholar, I greatly appreciate having a discussant review my work. With the intention of moving presentation to publication, having those critical insights are invaluable. I recognize the limitations also if the discussant isn't versed in the research/ area or not generally capable of making such critical comments, so asking for recommendations for discussants could be helpful.</p> <p>5. Appreciated the handout distributed at Town Hall. I wonder about distributing such a handout at the check-in/ registration table instead. I would suggest including a brief explanation about how venues are chosen, which is also a common critique/ question that arises.</p> <p>6. Town Hall: I have repeatedly attended Town Hall, including the last two years, so I have several comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I appreciate the intention of the back channel and the efforts to increase participation through multiple forms of interaction and communication. However, regardless of whether people include their names or not, the presentation of the back channel on the large screens blurs the space between private and public spheres (ala Goffman) and what people would say in those distinct spheres. It has been suggested that the space can create an opening for private, hidden prejudices and biases can be aired and then positively dealt with. While I appreciate that, the organization has had no way of intervening when racialized, gendered or otherwise just hurtful and mean comments are made. So then others just get hurt and doubt whether LRA is a place where they want to be. So I would be in favor of getting rid of the back channel. • Getting rid of the back channel, then returns LRA to the problem of 3-8 years just preceding: people not talking. Or only talking when offered a free beer! One factor that may be at work here is gender. The organization is overwhelmingly female; and without essentializing gender, women are frequently socialized not to speak up/ out in such large forums. Historically, the organization was predominantly male and patriarchal, where speaking up and competitiveness was expected. In fact, as I understand from stories that have been shared, Town Hall was often the verbal venue for the ongoing reading wars. So, gender may be one issue. Another factor is rank. A large portion of Town Hall attendees are doctoral students and junior faculty, who may feel simply intimidated speaking up in such a forum and/or fearful of speaking up at LRA in fear of negative repercussions, e.g., getting a job and getting tenure. • So a question I have for the board is: Has Town Hall outlived its usefulness? • I like the idea of smaller discussion group sessions (maybe framed as mini Town Halls) facilitated by willing members, even doctoral student ICG chairs. We know from our teaching that more students will speak up in smaller groups than in large ones—and Town Hall is huge. If done, I would encourage as many rooms/ sessions as there are board members so that there would be a schedule (whether all convening at the same time as traditional Town Hall or interspersed through the schedule outside of plenaries) with a BOD representative at each one. Still not talking, but present and taking notes. 	12/21/2015 2:28 PM
69	I'm a high school English teacher who always learns a lot from LRA conferences. My colleagues and I always apply what we learn at these conferences directly to our work as teachers and leaders in our school communities. However, as urban public school teachers there is not often funding for these experiences. Considering the conference theme this year was around "equity" we found it ironic that LRA was not doing more to make the conference more economically accessible to K-12 teachers -- who are some of the stakeholders most likely to implement many of the research findings presented. If we want our research to influence practice, then we must make our conferences financially accessible to teachers. LRA should offer grants for teachers to attend the conference and/or provide a significant discount to full-time K-12 public school teachers. Relatedly, LRA should minimize financial barriers to access in other ways. For example, the conference hotel should be closer to the airport because the cab ride to the La Costa was a significant cost.	12/21/2015 2:21 AM

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70	The Newcomer/Graduate breakfast was not impressive, especially compared to last years in Marco Island. Some protein needs to be offered for breakfast, or call it a continental breakfast. I found it not as successful when the paper session did not have a discussant.	12/21/2015 12:40 AM
71	I strongly recommend a community bulletin board every evening for people who want to go out to eat with other people, so that no one is stuck in the uncomfortable position of going out alone. In addition, I recommend holding the conference NOT in a resort, but in a city that offers easy transportation, affordable restaurants, delis, and supermarkets, and has cultural offerings.	12/20/2015 9:59 PM
72	There is no concern for those who might not be as liberal as others. It almost seems as if you don't agree with the general attitude of the liberal agenda you shouldn't be at the conference. The review process is ridiculous. I have papers in press that were turned down by LRA. Papers accepted to AERA turned down at LRA	12/20/2015 9:35 PM
73	Keep conference at populated area close to local restaurants, stores, etc.	12/20/2015 8:26 PM
74	Please make the venue more accessible and less expensive to maneuver. Food services were also too expensive. Are we keeping in mind new faculty members, teacher/graduate students and retirees when we decide on fees, venues and transportation costs???	12/20/2015 2:00 PM
75	choose hotel locations that have more restaurants and sites within walking distance	12/20/2015 12:45 PM
76	Please have important addresses, like the Lifelong Achievement award winner's address, not conflict with sessions. It is unfair to those who are slotted to present at that time.	12/20/2015 12:15 PM
77	Select sites that have multiple hotels within a small area and make arrangements in advance for multiple hotels with multiple rates.	12/20/2015 10:11 AM
78	Being held at resorts seems rather costly. Please make sure spillover hotels are near by and conference not too far from airports. I would like to suggest that the conference offer possibilities for remote presentations using Skype etc. This would be helpful for including international members and scholars. Finally I think town hall meeting might be more effective if perhaps questions were sent in ahead of time. moderators did a good job but there didn't seem to be anyone there to answer questions. Finally not sure of the use of the back channel if it is used should not be anonymous.	12/20/2015 3:03 AM
79	Major keynotes to be streamed live. Virtual conference attendance for specific sessions and presentations. Virtual conference presentations.	12/20/2015 1:53 AM
80	The old man's club is a tired feeling - LRA needs to catch up and work towards equity (ironic, because this was the conference theme right?)	12/19/2015 8:36 PM
81	Location- easier and cheaper	12/19/2015 8:22 PM
82	Please include the presenters' visuals in the recordings of plenary and invited speakers.	12/19/2015 5:04 PM
83	none	12/19/2015 1:19 AM
84	I know that no perfect place exists, but this time it felt hard to find sessions and spread out. I was sad the lifetime achievement award was at the same time as other sessions with a similar focus.	12/18/2015 2:51 PM
85	Please continue to provide a wide range or presentations.	12/18/2015 2:44 PM
86	Please consider needs of handicapped individuals. The Omni Conference site was extremely difficult and painful to navigate for some of the participants.	12/18/2015 2:34 PM
87	I am not a researcher and felt very uncomfortable in this setting. I wasn't your audience. If you ever want to include more teachers and non researchers, a way to make us feel more more included would be nice. I am glad I attended, though. It was all very interesting, just not my need.	12/18/2015 12:46 PM
88	The omni venues are beautiful and costly. That's fine, IF there are other options nearby. Urban locations are better for those who want to use Airbnb or couchsurfing or who want low-cost food and transit to/from airports. Please consider this in the future!	12/18/2015 12:40 PM
89	I was very disappointed that the 65th anniversary of this stellar organization was not highlighted at all. People have worked tirelessly for years to build this organization to its current state of excellence, and their contributions of time and effort were ignored.	12/18/2015 10:31 AM
90	Holding LRA in resorts rather than cities is a struggle for grad students as these are higher priced and offer fewer flights with poor alternative hotels etc. Nashville is a nice improvement to Carlsbad and Marco Island.	12/18/2015 8:51 AM
91	Easy access convention center.	12/18/2015 4:24 AM
92	Try to avoid expensive resort hotels with limited number of rooms at the conference rate.	12/18/2015 1:42 AM

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93	1) Keep graduate students in mind when selecting venues--between Carlsbad and Marco Island, many of us are financially devastated. My group stayed 7-8 in ONE lodging space for both locations in order to be able to afford the conference. That's absurd. 2) If LRA is so social justice oriented, why are the conferences so often disconnected from the communities nearby the conference locations? Is it all theory but no practice? 3) The town hall meeting was a very negative space this year. Plenty of important points, but no follow through. And, some rather unprofessional behaviors, frankly.	12/18/2015 12:41 AM
94	More attention to race and diversity issues	12/18/2015 12:19 AM
95	1) Seek ways to provide leadership or other membership groups. 2) Keep asking for feedback from participants. Thank you for all your hard work!	12/17/2015 11:29 PM
96	I value the time I spend with the Study Group and my membership in the International ICG. I am not from the US, and look forward to this annual meeting. This year, the lack of attendees at the roundtable and the related confusion of the alternate session that I organized left me feeling very disappointed about my work and contribution to this meeting. However, I always learn something, meet someone new, and come away with a new idea: it was no different this year.	12/17/2015 9:38 PM
97	More time with plenary speakers in terms of q & a; less sessions on same topics offered at the same time	12/17/2015 7:42 PM
98	There needs to be more rooms available at the conference price. We shouldn't have to drive three or 5 miles to go to the conference	12/17/2015 7:39 PM
99	Having discussants and chairs-- please return to this! Very important.	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
100	While staying at a beautiful and luxurious resort is fun, most tenure line faculty and grad students simply can't afford it. Also, being somewhere out of the way is very difficult for those of us with dietary restrictions. I wound up paying \$40 for 3 oz of plain chicken breast and 2 sprigs of broccoli. My institution essentially funds airfare, but the rest really is out of pocket, and I just can't swing prices like the Omni's.	12/17/2015 6:06 PM
101	find cheaper hotels that are not in the middle of nowhere so people can walk off site to restaurants and shops. Avoid these resorts!	12/17/2015 5:43 PM
102	Keeping the conference attendees in one place. Networking is so very important!	12/17/2015 4:27 PM
103	I was unable to attend several sessions because the topics were during competing times. For example, two sessions sexuality were scheduled during the same time slot. This separates colleagues.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
104	I'd like to see researchers from more diverse cultural groups as plenary speakers.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
105	Host them in urban locations with access to affordable food.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
106	Neither of my sessions was assigned a discussant. This did not impact the presenters as the sessions went smoothly and we engaged in meaningful conversation. I spent time prior to the conference searching for the discussants, but to no avail. The hotel was great! In the future, it would be nice to be closer to the airport, but this is not very important.	12/17/2015 3:21 PM
107	It's such a difficult time of year, though I know that there aren't many good ones.	12/17/2015 3:19 PM
108	Again, concerned about very small attendance (2-4 people in some sessions) and wondering why all members of presenting team were not present at several sessions.	12/17/2015 3:01 PM
109	Please make affordability a priority. The resort was beautiful, but horrifically expensive and oddly preferential to some members/reservations over others. For example, our room was smelly (mildew and sewer gas), while colleagues enjoyed plush surroundings for the same price- no rhyme or reason. Not only are flights/major airports important, but proximity to airports is important too- renting a car was an additional issue. It turned out to be a good thing once we realized the expense of the resort restaurants, but for future conferences would make things easier for those on limited travel budgets and help keep our focus on sharing our research/learning with colleagues and networking- my two main reasons for attending LRA each year.	12/17/2015 2:58 PM
110	Please improve access from airport to hotel.	12/17/2015 2:46 PM
111	Find less expensive venues	12/17/2015 2:36 PM
112	With the conference growing every year, PLEASE choose sites that handle more attendees.	12/17/2015 2:34 PM
113	I'm always a fan of west coast.	12/17/2015 2:32 PM
114	Conference needs to be held in a more affordable location. Food prices were astronomical in Carlsbad.	12/17/2015 2:23 PM
115	Affordable hotel rooms, closer to airports than the last two have been. More inclusive approaches to virtually everything than the last couple conferences have been. I did not renew membership because LRA has become much too elitist over the last couple of years.	12/17/2015 2:15 PM
116	No one showed up to our session when we were presenting; that was a bit disappointing. Not sure how you can schedule sessions so that people will attend. Lunch wait was too long at the resort.	12/17/2015 2:10 PM

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117	Have discussants at all sessions	12/17/2015 2:04 PM
118	Better food!	12/17/2015 1:56 PM
119	As mentioned earlier: (1) differentiate the review process for round table sessions versus paper panels; (2) allow enough passing time between sessions, especially LUNCH; (3) schedule "lunch" session in rooms that do not have sessions before or after lunch; (4) Maybe shorten session time by 5 - 10 minutes to allow more time to move from one place to another/ use restroom/ get beverage, etc. (5) Inform attendees of alternative lodging options (apparently some people were able to rent condos at the conference directly through the resort and not LRA - at a better rate!); (6) Inform people about the cost of food at the site and the accessibility of other food options on-foot. Give actual walking distances from the hotel desk to outside restaurants; (7) Let people know about the quality of taxi / ground transportation. Then, they can decide whether or not to get a car.	12/17/2015 1:46 PM
120	. Make sure to communicate about the reviews in a timely manner. . We need to seriously talk about diversity, not just bring people of color and forget about the real issues. We know minoritized students are having a hard time in schools, but we seem not to care. . Negotiate a decent price for printing. I was charged \$25 dollars for printing 16 pages, it is outrageous!	12/17/2015 1:43 PM
121	Filter out presenters and discussants that promote their own text.	12/17/2015 1:42 PM
122	The review process needs to be examined and likely overhauled. I attended many sessions this year (and last) where presentations were not research or theoretical/conceptual. LRA allows for a wide variety of research methodologies (and we should), but presentations of people's opinions, or teaching strategies absent of data and analysis should not be on the program. In the past 5 years LRA has moved away from the high quality research conference it used to be. (One related example which needs to be addressed by LRA leadership - why is the impact factor for JLR less than the impact factor of The Reading Teacher and JAAL?)	12/17/2015 1:27 PM
123	Need a better app for the program, then I would be happy to do paperless	12/17/2015 1:21 PM
124	PLEASE don't overlap major addresses with "lesser" presentations! I had one person show up to a Roundtable because of an address that most attendees--myself included--wanted to see!	12/17/2015 1:20 PM
125	I like conference sites that aren't as spread out as was the conference hotel in San Diego.	12/17/2015 1:16 PM
126	1. Avoid having a resort as the conference hotel. Too expensive! 2. Please block enough conference-rate rooms in the conference hotel. I started calling about a week after receiving the acceptance email, but all the rooms were gone.	12/17/2015 12:53 PM
127	I did not find all discussants to be well prepared, which was disappointing, so excellent preparation on their parts would be appreciated. I thought the organization was fantastic, and the site functioned well this year.	12/17/2015 12:52 PM
128	Continue bringing new members into the organization; continue spaces to mentor doctoral students; continue to provide opportunities for issues of diversity to be center stage.	12/17/2015 12:44 PM
129	possible have the newcomer event later in the day or as a reception in the evening? I was staying off-site, and it was difficult to attend the breakfast after traveling all day the previous day.	12/17/2015 12:40 PM
130	I think that a lot of people get overbooked in the conference, while other good ones get rejected. It seems there should be a stricter limit on how many times a person can be listed in the program. Also, I noticed that many sessions on similar topics were going on at the same time, so I had to miss some. That may be hard to deal with, considering all the similar topics. I think too that the sessions would benefit from having chairs or discussants. Some of the sessions floundered a bit over this issue. Yet the discussant should keep it brief and not present his/her talk as another whole paper. I did see this happen with one discussant.	12/17/2015 12:33 PM
131	Hotel accommodations close to the conference site.	12/17/2015 12:30 PM
132	Please schedule the major events (e.g., Lifetime Achievement Award Address) so they do not conflict with panels or roundtables.	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
133	This year's plenary speakers were by far and a way the best. They were relevant, representative of diverse fields and stakeholders and engaging. Thank you to whomever did this work, and please continue in this vein.	12/17/2015 12:19 PM
134	The bathroom signage was awesome. Thank you. The fancy locations make me uncomfortable, but I know that others really enjoy them. I cannot afford to stay in them, and when I have tried, I cannot afford to eat at the hotel, and there are limited other options for food. This year I stayed a few miles away and rented a car and it was cheaper than staying at the hotel, but I felt disconnected from the meetings in some ways. I got emails inviting me to the "Newcomer breakfast," but it was not my first year, so I thought they'd been sent to me by mistake so I didn't respond or attend. It wasn't until I got to the conference that I saw that it was the Newcomer/Graduate student breakfast on the sign, and that the email had not been a mistake.	12/17/2015 12:15 PM
135	It would be nice if most all could be in the conference hotel.	12/17/2015 12:07 PM

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136	<p>You must stop having these conferences at expensive resorts so far from civilization. This was an isolated resort that catered to yoga retreats (it actually had a Chopra Center). I could only come because I stayed at the Econolodge 20 minutes away and I drove because I had my own car. The taxis from the airport were \$100. Most days, I didn't eat because I couldn't walk 10 minutes to a cheap place to eat. If I needed to stay into the evening, I was faced with \$20 meals or a \$6 slice of pizza. Last year was the same. The Pasadena conference looks like it will be the same. Continuing to choose these venues and ignoring concerns brought up in Town Hall Meetings is basically a middle finger to graduate students and junior faculty. If you need places in the south, there are plenty where a large range of accommodations and restaurants are nearby. Pheonix, Tuscon, Albuquerque, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Columbia, Atlanta, New Orleans, Orlando, Charlotte. I could go on. All these places give people the option of \$250 rooms and \$60 airbnbs.</p>	12/17/2015 12:05 PM
137	<p>- to encourage GAs and doctoral students who likely have substantially less income/funding opportunities to continue attending LRA, perhaps offer further discounted room rates for those individuals available on a first come, first serve basis; - make sure there are walkable area hotels and restaurants (less than a half mile away) that don't trap attendees who cannot afford to spend more than \$10-\$12 per meal at the resort - better app for scheduling... this one didn't work out very well</p>	12/17/2015 12:04 PM
138	<p>To be blunt, I have been less than impressed with studies presented. Some sessions I went to did not even mention research and were more application based. This is a research conference and it troubles me to see us going in a different direction. The proposal process in general is less-than desirable. Proposals have to be long and substantial, but reviews provided aren't very helpful. Consider shortening length of proposals necessary AND encouraging more non graduate students to review.</p>	12/17/2015 12:01 PM
139	<p>Rethink/redesign the Town Hall. It represented the antithesis of dialogue and engagement. People talking over, past, around one another. And an awful dynamic playing out on Today's Meet. Stop hosting it at resorts an hour from the nearest airport. This seemed to be the one thing that kind of came together at the Town Hall, and was definitely a conversation among my colleagues/friends. I like the idea of Detroit or Baltimore. All of the alternative sessions I attended were paper sessions in disguise. Perhaps expectations need to be clearer about what these need to look like, or reviewers need better direction about how to read/evaluate the proposals. It also felt like there were too many things happening at once. I realize that keeping the number of presentations/roundtables/etc. up ensures that people will attend, but my sessions had 1 or 2 attendees because I'm not a big name in the field. While it was great to have a conversation with those folks, or my co-presenters, California's an awful long way to come for that. Organizing and running a conference is a huge affair and generally things ran smoothly, which is no small feat. The whole 'air' of the conference felt off, though. Conversations with my friends-colleagues often focused on how good the conferences were a few years ago and don't seem to be the same now. We questioned whether we'd come back, or if we'd stay for the whole thing. I don't exactly know of a solution, but this feeling of being off is present and will affect my decisions about whether to continue attending.</p>	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
140	<p>I really found it disconcerting to be attending a conference about requisite in the middle of a place of white privilege and wealth.</p>	12/17/2015 11:57 AM
141	<p>Gather data that asks how to tinker with current structures rather than either/or questions. I like all the structures, but I think they can always be tinkered with.</p>	12/17/2015 11:54 AM
142	<p>More focused agenda at Town Hall Meeting. This year's town hall meeting was unpleasant and made me feel that I will no longer attend it.</p>	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
143	<p>Select conference locations that are accessible by public transportation (e.g., in San Diego, not Carlsbad) and that have multiple hotel and food options at a range of price points. Also, I tried going cheaper on lunch options with the bag lunches, but there were no vegetarian options the two days I tried. Some attention to dietary needs (I'm sure others must be vegetarians, kosher etc., too) would be nice.</p>	12/17/2015 11:45 AM
144	<p>The "outdoor" format/layout at Carlsbad was fantastic. Being able to walk and spend a couple of minutes in the sun between sessions was wonderful. I'm also particularly impressed by the range of study groups offered and love the lunchtime scheduling. Most years the study groups are my favorite part of LRA and this year was no exception! Sorry - these aren't suggestions for improvement, are they!</p>	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
145	<p>Stop choosing the isolated locations. Downtown hotel/convention centers are better in terms of cost and convenience.</p>	12/17/2015 11:41 AM

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146	I think that the SCHED mobile app needs to be more robust, with the ability to see roundtable table numbers, and discussants' names, if we are going to eliminate the printed program. Also, I very much appreciated the paired roundtables - I think we could move to a model in which all roundtables are paired, but I wouldn't go more than pairs (ala AERA's new model with 4-5 papers at a roundtable - that's too chaotic!). I think we need to bring back discussants to all sessions, or at the very least assign a chair to each paper session. I presented in a session with neither, and it was a bit haphazard. I would also like to see us rotate the days that awards are presented. The current fixed schedule means that nearly everyone sees the Wednesday award presentations, but many never see the Lifetime achievement award winner on Saturday, which is a shame. Just set up a rotation. And, if a powerhouse like Gloria Ladson Billings is going to give an address, can that be scheduled when NO OTHER presentations are going on. It was a shame to be double-booked against her. Thanks for all of the hard work that the committees do to make this conference, and organization, great!	12/17/2015 11:34 AM
147	select hotels in urban settings	12/17/2015 11:32 AM
148	I felt this was one of the worst venues ever. It was remote. One needed a car to get anywhere, and the hotel prices were high & choices were limited. Our room was not worth the money. Most importantly, I was really embarrassed when I came into this ritzy, isolated, self-pampering place. It is a golf resort. Not that I don't like self-pampering, but I would never come to a place like this. It was challenging to get to the ocean-- where I do find renewal. It felt out of context for this conference. I felt I was entering the ivory tower, when we give lip service as an organization to the education for all people, especially children who struggle with learning and/or live in poverty. I am sure that the planners meant well, but this place was too unreal for me.	12/17/2015 11:30 AM
149	Need lower-cost food and drink options. A glass of wine at the Omni was \$17. Yikes.	12/17/2015 11:29 AM
150	I really disliked the venue this year--fancy hotels and resorts seem to be antithetical when we are focusing on social justice & educational equality themes. I stayed elsewhere--a suite with a kitchen for \$85 per night, where I could make my own food since I eat so healthily--since I could drive down, and am glad I did NOT have to stay in the "posh" resort. I would not make use of the facilities (I'm here for a conference, not to go golfing), and would prefer a less-expensive venue.	12/17/2015 11:16 AM
151	I found this year's conference to be much more disorganized than in the past. I noted numerous discrepancies between the online and print program, and this caused much confusion. The venue this year was extremely isolating and expensive. For those not staying at the conference hotel, transportation was problematic. A conference of this size needs to be in an urban core area. Surveys like this should be shorter. 48 questions, most of which do not apply to many participants, is way to many in my view.	12/17/2015 11:16 AM
152	The location of this year's conference (La Costa Omni) provided the BEST conference experience I have ever had. They were so prepared with food, drink, etc. Their hospitality was amazing and the space allowed for wonderful conversations with colleagues.	12/17/2015 11:14 AM
153	I really missed having discussants and session chairs this year. I've enjoyed being a discussant and chair in the past, and those are both roles that I take very seriously. I know that the quality of the discussants has been uneven in the past, and it's probably difficult for to find discussants for every session, but I'd encourage the conference organizers to rethink the decision to invite discussants for some sessions but not others, or possibly revise the criteria for selecting discussants. I obviously don't know all sides of the issue, but in general I think that discussants and chairs help the paper sessions run smoothly and bring some important coherence and depth to the discussions across multiple papers. To me, a good discussant is important for bringing some synthesis and intellectual depth to the discussion of individual papers -- helping attendees to think across papers and consider some big ideas and critical questions. Just my two cents :)	12/17/2015 11:13 AM
154	Have it in a city w accessible range of accommodation and restaurants, so it is affordable for grad students and junior faculty. Does not need to be a "resort".	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
155	I did not like the location of this conference. We were so close to San Diego, but it was also too far away! Also, I was not able to get a conference rate at the Omni and there were NO other options close by. I paid the non-conference rate and felt I had no options.	12/17/2015 11:12 AM
156	1. The town hall meeting - I am going to repeat this again: When you set it up like a boxing match and give us popcorn- it does not scream-- hey talk. I think that somewhere along the way people have forgotten what a town hall meeting looks like. I believe the conference organizers should be the ones in the middle, and that people send in questions ahead of time to have them discuss, and then there can also be on the spot questions as well. Look at real town hall meetings-- they always have a person who is in charge up front. don't hide! 2. Location and cost. This is brought up every year and nothing gets done about it. This conference cost me a graduate student over \$1000 to attend. I just don't have that kind of money and it was very financially taxing on many of my friends who were also grad students and assistant professors. 3. You need a hotel large enough to hold everybody-- being off-site made the experience not very social. And I missed that aspect this year and last year. :(12/17/2015 11:08 AM

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157	1. Lose the projected display at the Town Hall. Worthless distraction. Just because we can do that kind of thing doesn't mean we should. 2. We need conversation and debate, not everyone squinting to read the constantly shifting screen over their shoulders. Let's try for intimacy of communication. AND, move the chairs in. There was enough room in the middle for a volleyball game. What's up with that?! 3. We gotta make getting a room at or right next to the hotel less of a crap shoot. Every year it's a mad scramble and folks that are traveling or teaching when the bell rings for taking reservations get shut out. That stinks. 4. \$13 for a glass of wine at a whole-conference reception? Really? We'd be happy with a couple of self-serve kegs and a bunch of boxes of cheap wine. Folks that need fancy can always find that elsewhere. 5. It feels a bit heavy handed, but could we STRONGLY encourage folks that present each day to attend that day's Vital Issues somehow? That event used to be the glue that held the organization together. Now it's ho hum. 6. FINALLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...Thanks so much for all your hard work.	12/17/2015 11:06 AM
158	There should be reasonably priced hotels within walking distance of conference hotel.	12/17/2015 11:05 AM
159	I would like to see LRA become more accessible for students and teachers. Most students and teachers cannot afford to pay \$150+ per night for four days plus a flight to go to a conference. I was only able to attend this year because of outside funding that I received. Would it be possible to negotiate student rates with the conference hotels?	12/17/2015 11:03 AM
160	Needed more efficient transportation from area hotels to conference hotel.	12/17/2015 11:02 AM
161	Stay in warm locations!	12/17/2015 10:59 AM
162	Lower costs! The last two years were at beautiful places but they were hard to get to and very expensive	12/17/2015 10:59 AM
163	I really value the discussion groups and wish I could attend more than one. Not sure that's possible but it's what I most value. Continued opportunities to see/hear more linguistic diversity and issues around urban education by situating the conference in a diverse locale. Afford more opportunities for newer people to present by not limiting the times a person appears in the program as a presenter--whether lead or not. There are some faculty who do a dance of moving names around in the order but their sessions are so similar. I was even in a round table session in which one senior faculty had his name on two different papers occurring simultaneously in the room. Perhaps reexamine what it means for full professors to share their knowledge while mentoring in new faculty.	12/17/2015 10:58 AM
164	Paper sessions are essential to the purpose of LRA, and yet they seemed to fall flat without discussants. As a student presenter in a paper session without a discussant, there was no real feedback on my paper without that role, and the conversation from our audience was dominated by one of the four papers. The discussant provides some equity in questioning and feedback - without that person, I really felt like my work was silenced and it was discouraging. I had the opposite experience in a paper session with a discussant, and would hope that all early faculty or graduate student presenters would be afforded the opportunity for authentic feedback and discussion about their work, so as not to discourage them from applying to present in the future.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
165	Must consider the fiscal case of students and retired folks without support. Listen to what was said by our young generation at the town meeting.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
166	Please focus less on going somewhere warm (which is expensive in December) and more on going somewhere cost effective. Nashville is certainly a better choice than San Diego.	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
167	more reasonable hotel rates more reasonable options for food public transportation easily available	12/17/2015 10:55 AM
168	I wonder if we could provide some sort of way for people to find roommates. The primary cost is the hotel. If you can find a roommate this decreases costs. Many do not know others well enough to find a roommate. Posting to the listserv seems a bit too public. A roommate finder may be helpful.	12/17/2015 10:54 AM
169	Hotel room availability. Schedule the presentations in the afternoon of the 1st day of conference. No one attended our presentation scheduled in the 8:30am the 1st day of the conference. A big disappointment as well.	12/17/2015 10:53 AM
170	Thank you for all that you do! I know this is a lot of work--and many needs that you are working to meet. There was a lot to celebrate with LRA this year--and I hope you know your work is appreciated. It isn't clear how people can get involved --other than review proposals that are not in the "inner circle"--	12/17/2015 10:52 AM
171	Strongly advise against locations (such as this year's conference) where lengthy shuttle rides are necessary and which are distant from a city. The taxi cost to go out to dinner was \$80-90.	12/17/2015 10:51 AM
172	In the past LRA set up a computer room where you could do limited printing. While the computers are not important at this point, access to reasonable printing is. The cost for printing at this year's conference was excessive!	12/17/2015 10:51 AM
173	What happened with the survey that we completed earlier with detailed questions about the acceptance rate, etc?	12/17/2015 10:50 AM
174	The conference app needs major work. I like the venue very much but it was very expensive and it was very hectic to get there with the extra long shuttle ride. For people who live in smaller towns (with no major airports) this was a very long trip.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM

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175	Oscar Causey and Pearson award committee decisions seem to be somewhat limited...Allington yes, but others seem to exclude others who have made historic impact...Newman and Hiebert seem to have achieved fame with govt sponsored reports of questionable influence	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
176	The Board needs to re-think the new rule that they cannot talk at the Town Meeting. It was much better when they did and their silence makes it seem that the organization does not care.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
177	more and cheaper room availability and wifi everywhere	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
178	The conference locations need to be in urban areas with more lodging options and easy /affordable transportation.	12/17/2015 10:45 AM
179	Time and attention to planning town hall meeting. Town hall facilitators with experience guiding large-group discussion on sensitive issues. If these two conditions are not do-able, it would be most appropriate to return Town Hall to it's former lighter tone.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM
180	The SCHED app is not an adequate choice. It did not have session descriptions. It was not searchable. Terrible. I suggest looking into Guidebook. There were also missing and incorrect rooms for sessions this year. We need to make sure those are correct both on and offline.	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
181	No more "resorts." Let's stay in a city.	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
182	get rid of the backchannel! consider ways to improve discussants	12/17/2015 10:43 AM
183	Please don't have the conference sites in resort areas that are difficult to get to and expensive! Yes, they are beautiful, but I'm attending LRA for work (it's fun work, but it's definitely work) and I need someplace that is convenient and inexpensive.	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
184	As a student and now as an assistant professor I really wish that the events would be held somewhere that is reasonably priced. For the last 2 years the locations have been very expensive. I never manage to get a conference room. This year I had to stay in a nearby hotel and rent a car. The hotel was exorbitant price wise - for lunch or coffee. Who does this suit?	12/17/2015 10:42 AM
185	more opportunities to hear long-time scholars	12/17/2015 10:41 AM
186	See my notes about Town Hall	12/17/2015 10:40 AM
187	easier access from airport and more food options	12/17/2015 10:40 AM