

1. How much does conference location affect your decision to attend?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	This is the most important factor for me. Even if the meeting meets all my needs, if it is too far away I can't attend		10	24%
2	If the programs are good, I will travel. If I'm not excited, I stay home.		19	46%
3	I will travel anywhere. Location is not a factor.		9	22%
4	Other		3	7%
Total			41	

Other
Within 3-4 hours drive & good programming
Usually it has been other obligations that have kept me from attending as long as I have travel funds traveling does not bother me.
If the conference dates & location work, I will travel.

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.12
Variance	0.76
Standard Deviation	0.87
Total Responses	41

2. Which statement best fits your past conference attendance pattern?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	I attend most meetings hosted in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will counties		8	22%
2	I attend most meetings south of I-80. Rockford is iffy.		7	19%
3	I attend anywhere and everywhere		22	59%
Total			37	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.38
Variance	0.69
Standard Deviation	0.83
Total Responses	37

3. I attend CE sessions because...(check all that apply)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	I want to learn new information I can use at my job		31	79%
2	I want to gain new perspectives		26	67%
3	CE is explicitly required by my employer		6	15%
4	CE is required to maintain a certification my employer requires me to have		2	5%
5	CE attendance is considered when I am evaluated		7	18%
6	other		2	5%

other
 I like to wrack up the CEs cause I am an overachiever.

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	39

4. How important is MLA certification of CE for you?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Required in some way		7	17%
2	Nice to have because I know the session's content has been reviewed		15	37%
3	I don't care. Teach me stuff I need to know regardless of MLA approval		19	46%
Total			41	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.29
Variance	0.56
Standard Deviation	0.75
Total Responses	41

5. Do you prefer to submit your registration and payment on a paper form by US mail or electronically with a credit card?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Paper via postal mail, pay by check		16	50%
2	Electronic, pay with credit card		16	50%
	Total		32	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.50
Variance	0.26
Standard Deviation	0.51
Total Responses	32

6. HSLI has to pay an outside vendor to be able to accept credit card payments for conference registration. How do you feel about the following options for covering this expense?

#	Question	Very Inappropriate	Inappropriate	Somewhat Inappropriate	Neutral	Somewhat Appropriate	Appropriate	Very Appropriate	Total Responses	Mean
1	Convenience fee of \$6.00 for credit card registration	3	3	1	10	2	7	4	30	4.40
2	Discount for registering by check of \$6.00	2	3	1	11	2	6	6	31	4.61
3	Raise registration cost across the board to cover credit card transaction fees	2	1	3	10	4	5	5	30	4.60

Statistic	Convenience fee of \$6.00 for credit card registration	Discount for registering by check of \$6.00	Raise registration cost across the board to cover credit card transaction fees
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	7	7	7
Mean	4.40	4.61	4.60
Variance	3.49	3.31	2.87
Standard Deviation	1.87	1.82	1.69
Total Responses	30	31	30

7. What is your favorite thing about HSLI conferences?

Text Response	
Talking with co-workers	
all-inclusive pricing, time to network with people I see only once a year	
important CE activities; networking with colleagues; chance to become professionally involved in helping the event to occur	
CE classes and networking	
I like the opportunity to network with others in similar situations. I have moved from Hospital based to Academic and continue to find value in participating. Was not sure I would get another choice to say something so concerning the discount for paying by check - I think that will make it a headache/nightmare for the registration and accounting end.	
Seeing Illinois health sciences librarians. Getting CE without having to pay a fortune and travel to a national or regional meeting	
I like the chance to network with colleagues and learn new things. Mary Ellen Bates was a breath of fresh air.	
CE sessions and time away from the office to mix with other librarians.	
Getting new ideas or different slants on existing ideas/programs/software etc	
networking; engaging speakers; talks and breakout sessions	
Educational programs and networking	
Networking	
Meeting and greeting other HSLI members.	
Networking and local perspective	
Networking with vendors and other library professionals. Also, attending CE classes, especially on technology.	
This was my first one. The networking was so important.	
Meeting people I only "see" by email!	
see other librarians	
Size	
Talking with other librarian and see new products.	
Networking, CEs	
Networking Learning opportunities Nancy's reception Often the keynote speaker	
I learned a lot of good stuff and met many people.	
Networking and the people	
Networking	
CEs, netowrking	
My favorite part of attending HSLI conferences is going to sessions that give me the knowledge and perspective necessary for viewing everyday library issues in a new light. Even though I do not work in a medical library per se (I do interact with a significant number of nursing students), I still find the information imparted in the conference sessions to be very helpful, since it is not tailored to a specific type of library. More importantly, it is clear from the presenters' examples that the ideas discussed can actually be applied in the real world and are not just abstract concepts; this has often not been so clear in sessions at other conferences that I have attended.	

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	27

8. What can HSLI do to help you reach your goals?

Text Response	
<p>I'd like HSLI to consider sponsoring training throughout the year, such as access to archival MLA webinars provide an avenue for professional involvement below the national level</p> <p>Continue to help keep members relevant and current through education, even if it is through cooperation with other groups.</p> <p>Being on the board has given me a sense of responsibility and gaining leadership qualities(hopefully) while keeping the organization vibrant and meeting the needs of our members. Being a part of the conference planning committee has given me the goal of making the conferences the best they can be and offering different choices of CEs so we can hopefully meet the needs of a majority of our members.</p> <p>workshop, webinar, etc for transitioning to electronic resources from print. My library is going down this road and it seems a scary road indeed to me.</p> <p>Continue to offer CEs</p> <p>Keep us informed; development opportunities</p> <p>HSLI is a great resoure and help! Biggest problem I have is getting the time from work to attend/travel to annual conference. Don't mind spending my own money to attend if I can get there easily.</p> <p>Not sure what to say, but just glad to be a part of HSLI</p> <p>Local. Mix of academics and local hospital librarians, many who don't get to go to larger national meetings. We need that mix. They need HSLI. I belong because I choose to, but also belong to regional and national health sciences library organizations.</p> <p>Offer CE classes several times during the year instead of just at the conference-maybe the same class in several locations about the state.</p> <p>Continue the directory and the conference.</p> <p>Introduce more technology.</p> <p>The other factor in attending is hotel cost as I pay for it myself.</p> <p>Provide opportunities to learn new and practical ways of providing better health care library services and provide opportunities to learn from my colleagues.</p> <p>Be open and supportive of questions.</p> <p>I am retired and will only attend if the topics are of interest to me.</p> <p>HSLI already gives me a significant amount of help in reaching my professional goals, both by granting me opportunities to enhance my knowledge of the profession through attending conference sessions, and by allowing me to gain experience serving on committees. I think that additional networking opportunities during the conference, however, would be an opportunity for me to build even more on the relationships I have already established. There are already opportunities for this during Nancy's Reception, but it might be helpful to have an additional event the evening before the conference (after the Board meeting) or at the very end of the conference.</p>	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	18