

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

One hundred and twenty eight members filled out the survey, representing a 26% response rate for active (368) and life (121) members. The following summarizes the results. These results were discussed at the Board meeting in Atlanta.

Meeting Attendance

35 % attend the annual meeting yearly
24% come every other year
37% attend occasionally

Breast Meeting

10% attend annually
13% attend bi-annually
46% attend occasionally
* overall attendance at the breast meeting has been increasing every year

Reasons for not attending annual meeting

56% because it conflicts with family (children still in school) or work commitments.

Future directions

86% feel membership should grow, but only 61% help with membership recruitment.
Of those who try and recruit 58% say they fail because potential members already belong to too many organizations
87% do not want to add another state to the roster
52% would like to add ABPS Caribbean members who do not have a regional society
62% would like to exchange speakers with other international organizations

Annual meeting organization

89% want to continue meeting at a resort location
78% want more information about the location in the newsletter
58% would like to see the newsletter sent by e-mail
87% want to keep the current meeting length
95% want to continue to include the weekend
The vast majority want the same social and spousal functions.
80% would allow vendors into the scientific meeting
51% do not favor deleting the business meeting and voting on-line
74% would like to continue the farewell luncheon

Member benefits

The vast majority felt that the dues and hotel room rates were reasonable and their should not be a new member discount.

Program organization

71% would like to see didactic courses

52% would be willing to pay extra for those courses

58% would like the courses at a different time from the main meeting

The majority favored the same program length, keynote speaker, problems and pearls session, scientific program, number of panels, and continuing the practice management seminars.

Although the majority wanted to continue ABPS, ASPS updates-most wanted to shorten them.

Board organization

96% felt the board was responsive to the membership

80% felt that they had ample opportunities to be on committees

99% wanted openings on committees to be posted on the web site.

87% felt we should not have our own journal

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