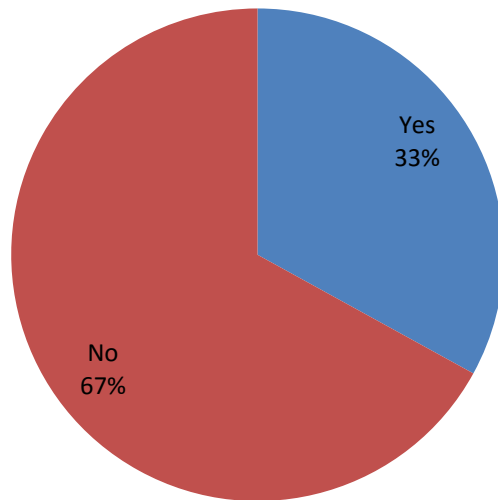


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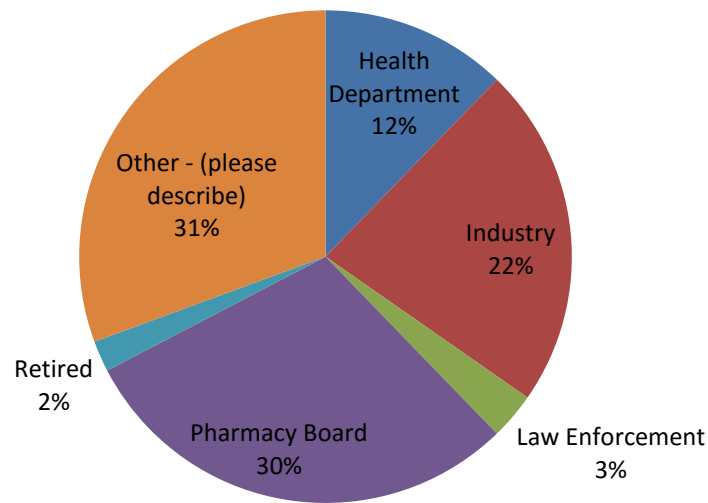
Final Survey Report - November 27, 2015

1. Was this the first time you have attended a NASCOSA Conference?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	33.0%	29
No	67.1%	59
Total		88

2. Where are you employed? (please choose best match)



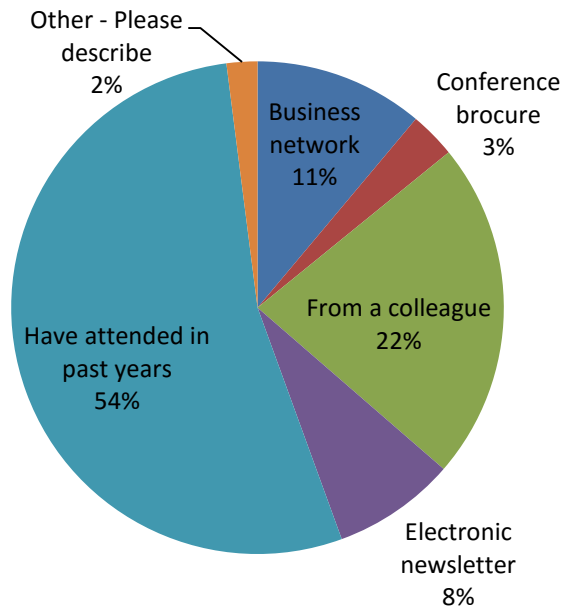
Value	Percent	Count
Federal Agency	0.0%	0
Health Department	12.4%	11
Industry	22.5%	20
Law Enforcement	3.4%	3
Pharmacy Board	29.2%	26
Retired	2.3%	2
Other - (please describe)	30.3%	27
Total		89

Responses"Other - (please describe)"	Count

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Compliance/Law Firm	1
Consultant	1
Consulting firm	1
Department of Consumer Protection	1
Dept of Health Professions	1
Distributor	1
Drug Testing	1
Healthcare institution	1
Independent	1
Medical Board	1
Member	1
Non Profit	1
Non-Profit	2
Nursing Regulation	1
Office of Controlled substances	1
Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	1
PMP vendor	1

Pharmaceutical Distributor	1
Regulatory Compliance - Drug Wholesaler	1
Retail Chain	1
State Agency	1
State Licensing Agency	1
consultant	2
non-profit organization	1

3. How did you learn about our Conference?



Value	Percent	Count
Business network	11.2%	10
Conference brocure	3.4%	3
From a colleague	22.5%	20
Electronic newsletter	7.9%	7
Have attended in past years	52.8%	47
Other - Please describe	2.3%	2
Total		89

Responses"Other - Please describe"	Count
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Company Sponsor	1
Initially assigned by Manager; have attended in past years.	1

4. Please rate the following criteria concerning topics presented at the Conference

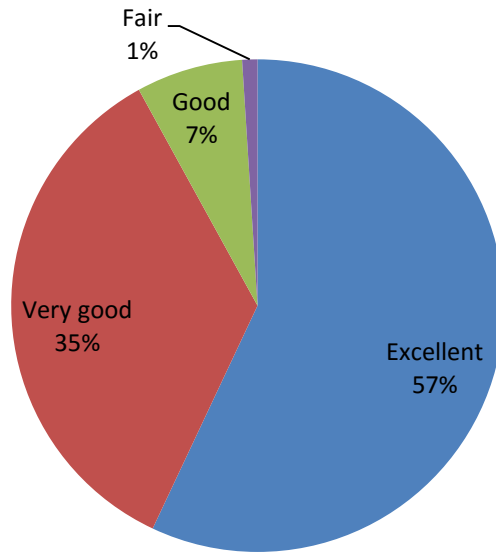
	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Responses
Overall timeliness of topics	59.1 % 52	36.4 % 32	3.4 % 3	1.1 % 1	0.0 % 0	88
Overall usefulness of topics	47.1 % 41	42.5 % 37	10.3 % 9	0.0 % 0	0.0 % 0	87
Presentation of topics	48.3 % 42	42.5 % 37	8.0 % 7	0.0 % 0	1.1 % 1	87
Topics were interesting	47.1 % 41	43.7 % 38	6.9 % 6	2.3 % 2	0.0 % 0	87

Comments

Count	Response
1	Excellent speakers and choice of topics
1	Professional and informative presentations
1	Really enjoyed all the lectures specifically the GW and Designed Drug presentations
1	The programs this year were the best in the 5 - 6 times I have attended.
1	Very relevant and interesting - Good pace and on time!
1	Very well organized.
1	great conference!
1	It seemed that several of the agencies reported or showed the same information. Government waste doing the same thing with not much actual progress.
1	Some presenters have alot of slides and go throught them very quickly. It makes it difficult to take notes. It would be helpful to have presentation slides ahead of time so we can print copies and then just make notes onto our printed copies. This would allow us to better pay attention.
1	Years past the topics seemed to provide better information. Did not like the start to the meeting with the PMP presentation, no powerpoint, hard to follow. NASCSA can really play a huge role with the PMP's and I think the content was not very good. I really like what NASCSA stands for and would really like to see the conference elevated, with open forums. I liked the multiple

	<p>tracks, but we needed more time for each one. I like the comparative marijuana presentation for each state, learned a lot of good ideas</p>
1	<p>The topics were very interesting but some seemed to be irrelevant to the purpose of the conference.</p>
1	<p>I have to say that this was one of the best conferences I've ever attended. I was given updated information and things that pertained to me and my organization. We had those breakout sessions and I was pleasantly surprised by all the participation. Excellent Conference!</p>
1	<p>Mary Lou Leary, ONDCP, presented stale statistics, no new info, and was "preaching to the choir." She did not know her audience. On the other hand, Alice Mead was extremely informative. Most presentations were very good.</p>

5. What is your overall rating of the Conference facility?

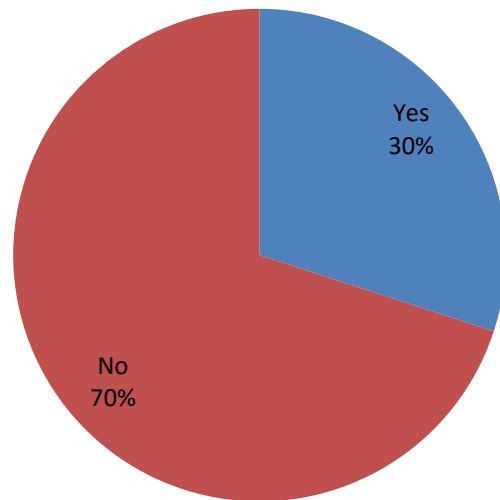


Value	Percent	Count
Excellent	57.3%	51
Very good	34.8%	31
Good	6.7%	6
Fair	1.1%	1
Poor	0.0%	0
Total		89

Comments

Count	Response
1	Great facility and location
1	Great locations and updated facility!
1	It should not be moved from Scottsdale, AZ!
1	Loved the Valley Ho... would stay there again in a heartbeat.
1	Loved the retro look, meeting rooms and meals.
1	Please hold the conference at this location again in the near future.
1	beautiful venue
1	The hotel rooms were outrageously priced and I, personally, did not like the concrete ceilings and style of the room. I have been in 50's type retro places that I liked in the past -- but not this one. In terms of the conference facility, the cinderblock building we were in did not feel very professional. Additionally, the speakers podium was immediately across the room from the only set of entry/exit doors which was very disruptive.
1	The only change in the venue would be to add more space between rows. It was so tight to walk behind others. I even saw 4 glasses break because people were bumping into them.
1	Obviously the un-predicted rain did not work with the outdoor set up. Tables in conference room felt too close together.

6. Do you have suggestions for changing the meeting format? (e.g. interactive sessions, breakout session etc) If yes, please indicate how we can do better.



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	29.9%	26
No	70.1%	61
Total		87

Comments

Count	Response
1	Additional interactive sessions.
1	Break out sessions with better signing and closer locations for ease in changing groups.
1	Combination of formats work best
1	I like the break out sessions focused on more finite issues of interest.
1	I thought there was a good combination of full and breakout sessions
1	Just a bit too grueling; maybe an afternoon off to catch one's breath would be in order!
1	Larger breakout rooms for PMP in general
1	Loved it
1	More breakout sessions involving PMP issues with more PMP administrators
1	More breakout sessions/workshops
1	More direct interaction
1	More interaction and breakout sessions.
1	This conference was the right blend of speakers and breakout sessions.

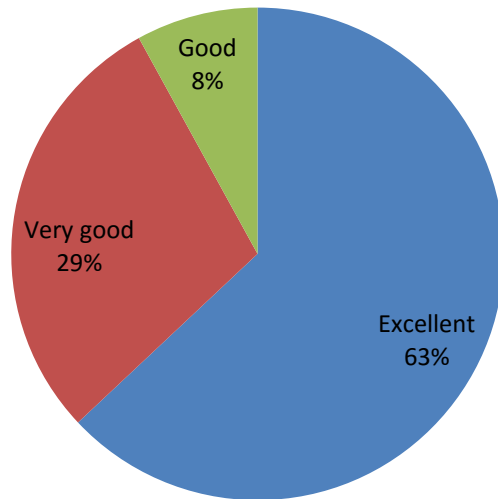
1	Well done
1	be nice to revamp Business meeting timeslots and structure
1	keeps getting better every year
1	break-out sessions with structured moderators were great. thought it was productive to create small group opportunities for PMP administrators to discuss priorities.
1	I work for a Distributor and it is difficult to keep up on 50 different state regulations. So, we are interested in not only hearing what is happening in a particular state but also seeing a summary of what other states require by statute...or not.
1	I find breakout sessions problematic because I may want to attend more than one and if they are at the same time I end up missing on topic I wanted more information about. I would keep them to a minimum.
1	I personally don't have any suggestions, but it was suggested to me that it was nice to have the states meet early and give a brief description on what they were doing in their state before the presentations started every day. It also gave the PMP administrators and others more networking material to discuss.
1	The break out sessions were a great way to mix people throughout the industry to find what works and opportunities that can be improved upon.
1	Multiple tracks are nice, would like to see more time dedicated to those. Open forums with experts, Maybe Q&A sessions.
1	Content and format is very strong. Possibly more drug diversion prevention training within medical facilities. Hospitals, LTC, Hospice, other

1	Need to allow enough time for folks to move between sessions. Speakers need to hold their talks to 45 minutes. I liked the Thursday format that allowed individuals to hear 2 out of 3 of the topics.
1	About the only comment I have is that it could probably be a little shorter. Although all the topics are interesting, the equivalent of three full days out of the office, essentially a week when you include travel, is quite a bit of time.
1	I appreciated the conversation during the facilitated work groups on Thursday morning. These sessions were done well.
1	long time to be out of the office, we need talks on lessons learned from pushing PMP into EHR/Pharmacy systems.
1	If possible, I would like to switch last Tuesday early morning to the late afternoon. I didn't think it was a good starting of the conference.
1	More break out sessions would be nice, but perhaps 30 minute breaks would be even better. More time to network
1	The first breakout session on Tuesday was not helpful and seemed to take too much time for very little benefit. I also felt the business meeting sections were too long.
1	I would recommend shortening the 45 minute or hour-long presentations and including more time for interactive sessions with panelists/presenters.
1	Business meetings should go first in the morning. Then have substantive presentations after. Or have the business meeting on Friday so there is not a half empty conference room for the final presentations on Friday morning.

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A lot of information and a very long week. It would be nice for a mid week break iwith opps. for tours or just down time.

7. How do you rate the attendee's opportunity to have asked questions of the Conference speakers?

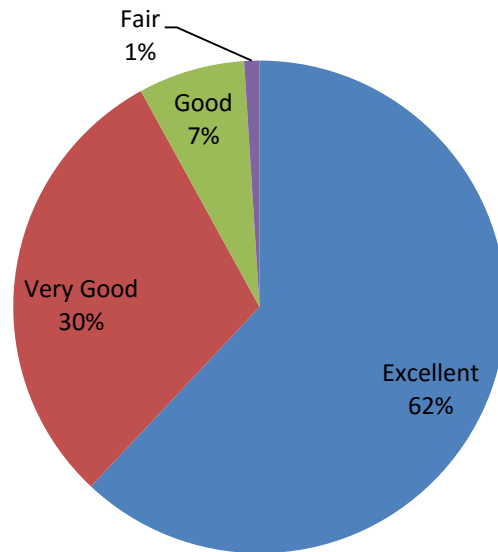


Value	Percent	Count
Excellent	62.9%	56
Very good	29.2%	26
Good	7.9%	7
Fair	0.0%	0
Poor	0.0%	0
Total		89

Comments

Count	Response
1	Plenty of time by each presenter for questions...
1	Q&A with cross sections of experts is always good
1	Your conferences are always very conducive to asking questions which is what it's all about!
1	Having microphones for attendees asking questions allowed everyone to participate and clearly hear questions being asked
1	DEA did not answer questions we all wanted to know the answers. I believe there was one other speaker as well that did answered questions one on one but usually we all need to know the answer to the question.

8. How do you rate the attendee's opportunities for networking during the Conference?

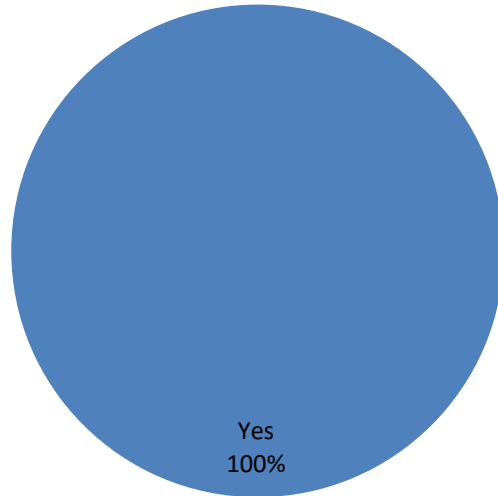


Value	Percent	Count
Excellent	61.8%	55
Very Good	30.3%	27
Good	6.7%	6
Fair	1.1%	1
Poor	0.0%	0
Total		89

Comments

Count	Response
1	Great opportunities for networking all throughout the week! Thank you!!
1	break out group timeframes were sufficient
1	This conference provided attendees good opportunities for networking by providing luncheon and lunch presentation.
1	Reception and lunch both provided good opportunities for networking as did setup of Conference hall with tables and seating directly outside meeting area

9. Did you find the Conference to be of benefit to you in your professional career?

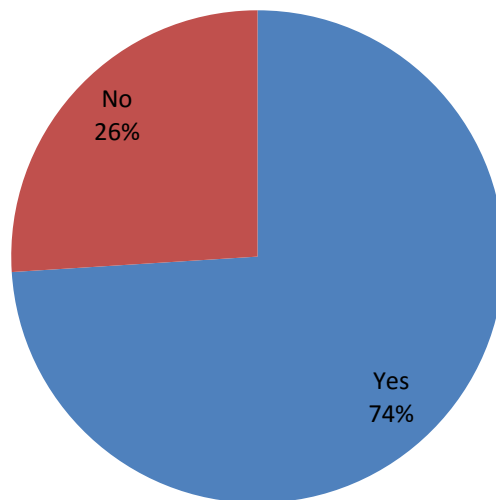


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	100.0%	88
No	0.0%	0
Total		88

Comments

Count	Response
1	Absolutely!
1	Absolutely... very timely information.
1	Always good to network and continue your professional development.
1	Very good networking and able to ask key questions which added clarity
1	You are always covering new topics and new regulatory challenges!
1	new contacts; updates of issues
1	And I benefit on a personal level. The information is generally very interesting and sometimes it is amazing as to what is happening in our society.
1	Somewhat, Veterinary Medicine is a multi-billion dollar industry and uses large amounts of controlled substances. I would like to see state board of pharmacies get more involved to make some veterinary requirements more clear.
1	I am new to the PMP. It was great to meet with individuals that have the same goals and the different levels of progression.

10. At the 2015 Conference, NASCSA opened the hospitality suite for one and one-half hours immediately following meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. In past years it had been opened from 8pm to 10pm. Did you like this change in time?



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Yes	73.7%	56
No	26.3%	20
Total		76

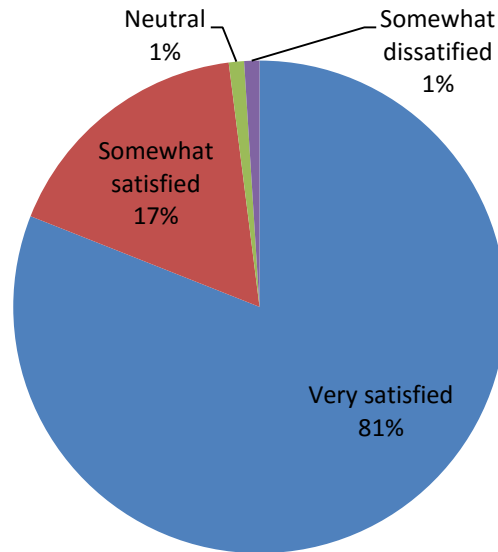
Comments

Count	Response
1	8pm to 10pm is too late for those adjusting to time change.
1	Don't know, didn't attend previously, but liked this happy-hour timeframe.
1	I definately prefer this earlier rather than later.
1	I did not use it.
1	I do not generally attend hospitality suites
1	I do not go and really have not interest.
1	I have not attended before, the time seemed appropriate.
1	It didn't matter to me.
1	Much better for that time between meeting and dinner.
1	Much better timing and it appeared that the turnout was much greater under the new hours!
1	No comment as I hadn't previously attended.
1	Preferred evening
1	did not use
1	didn't attend
1	nice to have cocktails before dinner

1	no matter
1	I did not participate. I ventured to see some local sites. Hospitality suite was closed by the time I returned.
1	I wish we could have it after the fact. I personally like to collect my notes, transfer them into workable data, send and answer emails and go workout or walk after sitting all day. I don't want to stand and talk immediately following the meetings.
1	Did not attend the hospitality suite this year but the new time of immediately following the meetings was appreciated, 8 pm to 10 pm is too late for me
1	There were not as many people present so it was not as valuable for networking. However, the location was much better than what has been available in many of the hotels.
1	Enjoyed this change. I was able to speak to peoattendees, have dinner and not have to watch the clock in order to make a late night activity.
1	The later time (previous years) seemed to attract a larger crowd which allowed for greater networking
1	The later hours provide people the opportunity to refresh and regroup, and eat before resuming more networking.
1	opening 30 minutes after the last presentation for 2 hours would be fine, but there were many of us that returned after dinner and wished there was somewhere to gather rather than the bar.
1	I think the 8 to 10 gives people more opportunity to network, but the early time is not bad but not as many people attended.
1	I like the hospitality suite better at night. People were more

	inclined to hang out rather than run out for dinner.
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11. What was your overall level of satisfaction with the 2015 Conference?



Value	Percent	Count
Very satisfied	80.9%	72
Somewhat satisfied	16.9%	15
Neutral	1.1%	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	1.1%	1
Very dissatisfied	0.0%	0
Total		89

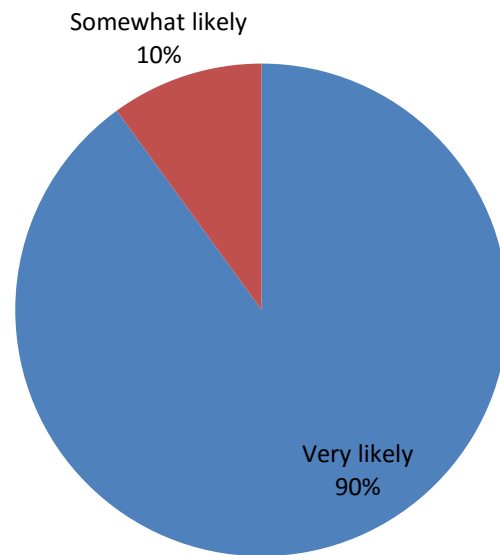
12. Please rate the importance of the factors below concerning your attendance at NASCSA Conferences

	Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Unimportant	Responses
Geographic Location	33.0 % 29	28.4 % 25	28.4 % 25	5.7 % 5	4.5 % 4	88
Ease of transportation and parking	35.2 % 31	33.0 % 29	23.9 % 21	1.1 % 1	6.8 % 6	88
Length of event	35.2 % 31	43.2 % 38	19.3 % 17	1.1 % 1	1.1 % 1	88
Topics and speakers	84.1 % 74	11.4 % 10	3.4 % 3	1.1 % 1	0.0 % 0	88
Profile of other attendees	33.0 % 29	39.8 % 35	22.7 % 20	2.3 % 2	2.3 % 2	88

Comments

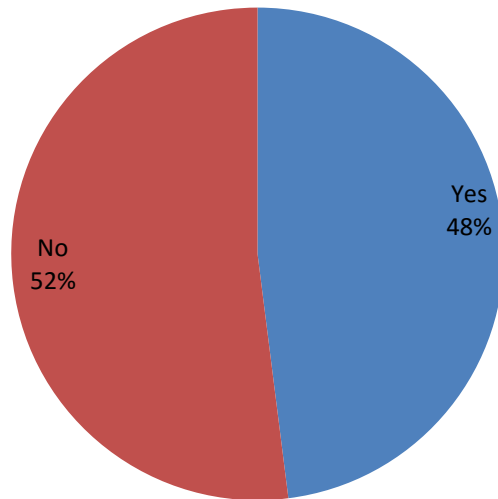
Count	Response
1	The conference seemed too long, 1 day shorter would have been perfect.
1	Your book provided upon registration was outstanding!
1	Suggest reducing meeting length by one day. Can always extend days out slightly. Hard to get away for that length of time. Found several came in late, or had to leave early for other meetings.
1	Geographic location is a factor as my agency and state may not send me to future conferences, so cost is a factor.

13. Based on your experience at this year's Conference how likely are you to attend in the future?



Value	Percent	Count
Very likely	89.9%	80
Somewhat likely	10.1%	9
Unlikely	0.0%	0
Total		89

14. Were there topics presented at this Conference that you would liked to have seen covered more extensively?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	47.6%	40
No	52.4%	44
Total		84

Comments

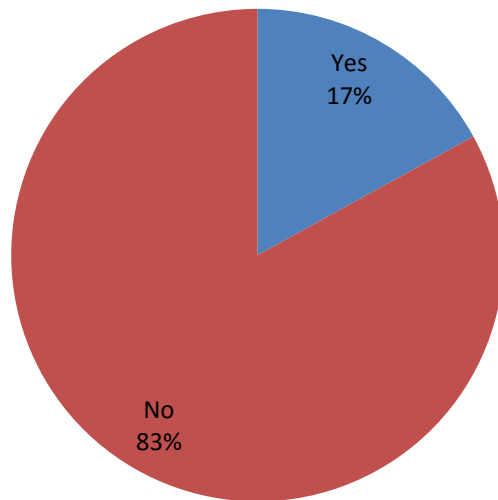
Count	Response
1	Current status in states about use of novel psychoactive substances
1	DEA Updates
1	DEA regulations
1	DQSA,
1	DSCSA
1	Diversion in healthcare institutions
1	Drug Supply chain security Latest PMP trends and whats new
1	Drug diversion training - Medical facilities
1	Emerging Substances Lecture
1	Few more case studies how a CSRS helped bring the case to adjudication.
1	GW and designed drugs
1	I believe there was adequate time for all speakers to present and for Q&A
1	I would like to give DEA more time. Ruth seemed rush to get through her materials.
1	Just the right amount of time was a lotted for each.

1	Medical marijuana
1	Medicare and Medicaid Preclusion requirements for reporting and effects.
1	More states sharing PMP strategies.
1	PMP advances
1	PMP news and updates
1	PMP/EHR LESSONS LEARNED
1	Safe Drug Disposal Programs (CA & WA) DCSCA White Paper on Pseudoephedrine (cancelled?)
1	Specific nationwide trending with regard to specific prescription drug products.
1	State drug scheduling
1	The difficulties each PDMP experienced/ are experiencing and the solutions they had/have.
1	Time and topic were well balanced.
1	emerging issues in substance abuse
1	medication take back programs nationwide & the issues they face
1	need a session on REMS - all the different types of programs and requirements
1	Innovative reporting for PDMPs in each state and how to communicate with pharmacies about errors.

1	A coverage of current state PDMP requirements any upcoming regulations from the states. Additional DEA coverage.
1	Standard of care for chronic pain from a regulatory perspective and how to assist with treatment options for addiction.
1	New regulatory statues and activities. One of the areas that presenters go through the slides very quickly.
1	a 50 state update on the "state of our PMP", like in the old "Alliance" days would be beneficial
1	Abuse Deterrent Formulations. Dr. Throckmorton was excellent, but perhaps we could, in addition, have someone else give an overview of the types of ABD formulations there are and review the science of them in more depth.
1	DEA Regulations in regards to CS and suspicious order. Requirements of pharmacies that dispense CS.
1	We all know there is an opiate abuse epidemic. We all have the same issues. Nothing new or different has been said in 3 years. Let's move on.
1	More discussion regarding PDMP and issues that PDMP administrators are experiencing and how they are resolving those issues. Also, more discussion regarding if states have increased the number of addiction treatment programs and how they were able to fund/increase these treatment programs.
1	Integration of PDMP into workflow. There was a one-hour discussion, but it could have been longer. Also, this meeting started earlier than the scheduled 9am time, so some of the lecture was missed.
1	DEA issues - Specific issues pharmacists face when dealing with

	prescriptions and pmp use and data
1	The speaker who discussed novel psychoactive substances had in depth knowledge of the subject and should be invited back and scheduled as a separate speaker for 1 hour
1	Perhaps some. Focus on PDMP was the main focus but I feel there could have been more with State Regulation on Controlled Substances - things they are looking to schedule, problems within certain states with certain drugs, etc.

15. Would you like to recommend a speaker or topic for the Program Committee to consider for the 2016 NASCSA Conference



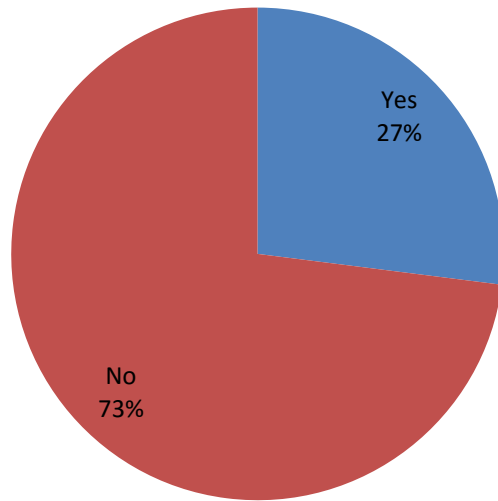
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	16.7%	14
No	83.3%	70
Total		84

Comments

Count	Response
1	Darrell Weaver, Director Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.
1	ER/LA REMS - Haddox and Stanton
1	Forwarded to K Keough
1	Great that there were prominent speakers from DEA, FDA, ONDCP
1	I will think about this.
1	I'll send Kathy some suggestions.
1	Mike Goff of West Virginia on Meth labs etc.
1	Not at this time
1	Not at this time, but will think on this.
1	Reformulated drug products and the workarounds used by abusers.
1	Topic: how the PDMP has grown over the past 8 years and what we need to look for in the future.
1	Upcoming trends on take back programs for prescription drugs.
1	Very much enjoyed Jim Hall. Would love to see him again.
1	I suggest perhaps having a speaker or even a panel on the status of the opioid REMS. Say, someone from FDA, someone from

	industry, a physician that is administering a drug under the REMS and a patient. Could be interesting to hear each perspective.
1	Successful PMP case studies that have effectively reduced over prescribing & Diversion Trends in drug diversion Drug Addiction and the change in culture How we can better work together to save on resources.
1	I met Dave Maness of Catuss it would interesting to hear about his product something very different in drug disposal
1	State positions on reporting Suspicious Orders to the state; State positions on practitioners treating family members with controlled substances and transporting controlled substances for dispensing/administering.

16. Do you have any general suggestion for improving future NASCSA Conferences?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	26.8%	22
No	73.2%	60
Total		82

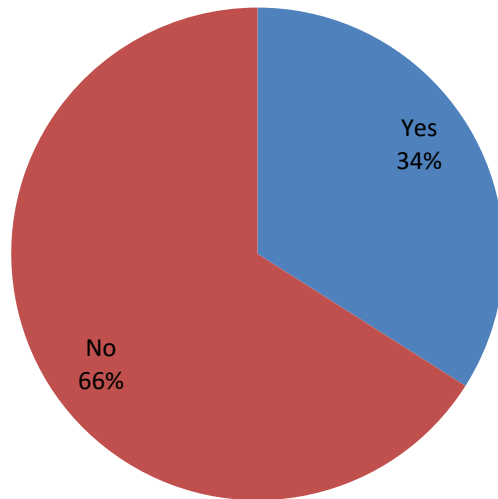
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Count	Response
1	Add some clinical content about pain management for balance.
1	All was very well run!
1	Basically, almost 80% of the week was on only 2 topics: Opiate abuse and PDMPs.
1	Breakout discussion only involving PMP administrators. More PMP presentations.
1	CONSIDER BEST LENGTH FOR THE CONFERENCE.
1	I have always thought that they are very well planned and run.
1	Seemed the break refreshements seemed light this year. Mainly coffee or tea wa sonly available.
1	Would like to see industry folks with more give aways or a raffle.
1	make the deadline for discussion of resolutions and bylaws the day before voting
1	programming is good. like to hear from DEA, FDA, etc which is included
1	see above
1	very good program
1	Either include breakfast or lunch or supper each day, seemed odd some days there was no lunch, it should be spelled out breakfast each morning, lunches on your own etc, dinner on your own, or

	lunches provided, breakfast on your own.
1	It would be nice to have a full day or day and one half, prior to or after the main conference dedicated to PMPs. We have no other venue to gather as a group and discuss issues. I believe the PMP Committee could structure this portion of the conference to ensure all PMPs, not just CSAs would be able to attend.
1	It would be nice if it was held at a hotel that honored government rates. As long as there are other options within walking distance, then it should not be a problem. Perhaps something to consider for future conferences.
1	Small point, but lanyards (combined with "pinned" name tags) had a tendency to flip name tags over and cover up name. Figuring out a better lanyard/nametag combo would be good.
1	Spend less time on products that are not widely utilized in the medical field (ie. medical marijuana).
1	Review presentations for duplicate material. They should overlap, but some had lots of duplicate material/slides.
1	I would like to have more roundtable meetings, so each PDMP has opportunities to exchange information and learn from each others.
1	Would like time in the PMP section (first day) to allow state PMP's to provide updates. For example, law changes that may interest other state PMPs.
1	Need better planning to ensure microphones are available to ask questions. It was hit or miss, especially during business sessions. Use name tags with pin and clip. It's much easier to see someone's name tag near their face. Use name tents. Makes it easier to find someone you don't already know and introduce

	yourself.
1	The business meetings need to be run in a much more professional, businesslike manner. Officers need to know the order of business, have a better grasp how to run the meeting (basic rules of order) and have the resources available to run the meeting. This is a training issue NOT an indictment of the officers. A poorly run business meeting creates a mental reality of a poorly run organization, especially with first time attendees.
1	Consider ending use of door prizes, seems a bit unprofessional. other ways to recognize members should be developed. Consider ending Thursday luncheon
1	See notes earlier on the length. Its a great conference, but just a bit too long and its not possible for me to stay all week, anyway.
1	Definitely in October it's nicer going somewhere warm than somewhere cold. This facility had a very nice fitness center as did KC. I see alot of people there at these conferences. Scottsdale was a bit pricey for meals even in town. Speakers who have gone through personal addiction with Rx meds keep things in perspective as to why this effort is important. You still need to have more microphones all through the room so you can get to questionners quicker.

17. Are there reports, surveys or other forms of data that NASCSA could compile that would be useful to you?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	34.1%	29
No	65.9%	56
Total		85

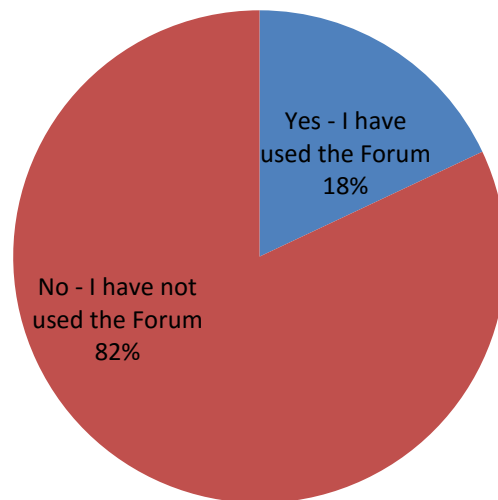
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Count	Response
1	Can't think of anything right now
1	Cannot think of anything at this time
1	DEA ARCOS data
1	How different states send out error notifications to uploaders and positive/negative responses.
1	I like the direction that the PMP Committee is going. I think that will be very useful!
1	I noticed that the presentation were captured on video. Will these videos be made available?
1	I would like the slides from the DEA portion, specifically Ruth Carter.
1	Number of professional licensees criminally convicted by discipline and state.
1	PDMP data interoperability updates
1	PMP and state contacts in a quick searchable format
1	PMP data on what the different states are doing and trends
1	PMP utilization
1	PMP workshopping notes/surveys from the conference
1	Presentations uploaded on NASCSA website are very

	helpful.Thanks very much.
1	Probably - but have not had time to give it a lot of thought.
1	States pdmp information
1	Yes, statues and regulator requirements by states on controlled substance handling.
1	not sure
1	state drug scheduling procedures
1	statistics on states
1	Highly recommend pairing with Bula Law (https://www.bulalaw.com/) to complete 50 state legal surveys.
1	I'd like to see the notes/information from the breakout sessions. I'd also like to see some of the videos recorded so I can go through the presentation I missed while networking.
1	The only reason I'm saying "no" is because I haven't thought of it before this. However, its an intriguing idea so I suggest not letting it drop.
1	A coverage of current state PDMP requirements any upcoming regulations from the states. Additional DEA coverage. State controlled substances.
1	Maybe compiling more readily accessible information regarding states participation in PMP, whether it is mandated, delegates allowed - overall structure broken down by state.
1	As discussed at the PMP Workshop, a report on general state PMP facts, i.e. reporting frequency, prescriber access, delegate

	access, etc.
1	Table showing which states allow Law Enforcement and/or Regulatory entities to make requests to PMP from other states.
1	How state PMPs and state controlled substance authorities interact in different states with different models for where they are housed / legal requirements of each entity, etc.

18. NASCSA has an online interactive forum (<http://forum.nascsa.org>) for posting questions and receiving feedback. Have you ever used this forum? We would appreciate any suggestions to improve this feature or reasons why you have not used it.



Value	Percent	Count
Yes - I have used the Forum	18.0%	16
No - I have not used the Forum	82.0%	73
Total		89

Comments

Count	Response
1	Didn't know it existed!
1	Does not seem to be used by very many members.
1	Excellent sharing opportunity!
1	I did not know about it but will look at it now that I know.
1	I didn't know about it. I'll use it in the future, though.
1	I ever visited the forum but not so often. I will visit there often.
1	I may have heard that it was being created, but didn't realize it was ready to utilize.
1	I was unaware but will use it in the future.
1	I was unaware of this forum and will start using it for questions.
1	I'm very busy. I tend not to use such sites. If I need info I email the person(s) directly.
1	maybe a blast email with a topic for discussion would remind people it is there
1	not sure that I knew it existed
1	not yet.
1	Maybe some of the interesting one could be used as an informal open discussion (short). This may increase discussion, networking, and possibly solutions.