



## Open text comments

Count	Response
6	New to position
2	New to Position
1	Boss couldn't go
1	Did not know about NASCSA and the meeting.
1	Hadn't heard of NASCSA previously
1	I enjoyed all of the sessions. They were very helpful to me as a new PDMP Administrator
1	New position and hadn't heard of NASCSA previously
1	New to PDMP
1	New to position.
1	New to position. Hadn't heard of NASCSA previously
1	New to the position
1	Others from work had been previously.
1	Past budget travel restrictions
1	We are a new PDMP vendor
1	new position
1	new posititon
1	new sponsor member
1	new to position



**Other - Please describe****Count**

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Department of State	1
Health Licensing Umbrella Agency	1
Health system	1
Insurance company	1
NC Dept of Justice / Attorney General's Office	1
Nascsa	1
Office of Inspector General-Drug Enforcement Branch	1
Pharmacy Technology Vendor	1
Product Technology Company	1
State Agency	1
State Licensing Agency	1
State of New Jersey Division of COnsumer Affairs	1
Vendor	1
local health department	1
state PMP	1
Totals	15

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**Other - Please describe****Count**

online

2

approval from director who had been to previous conferences

1

Totals

3

• Please rate the following criteria concerning topics presented at the Conference

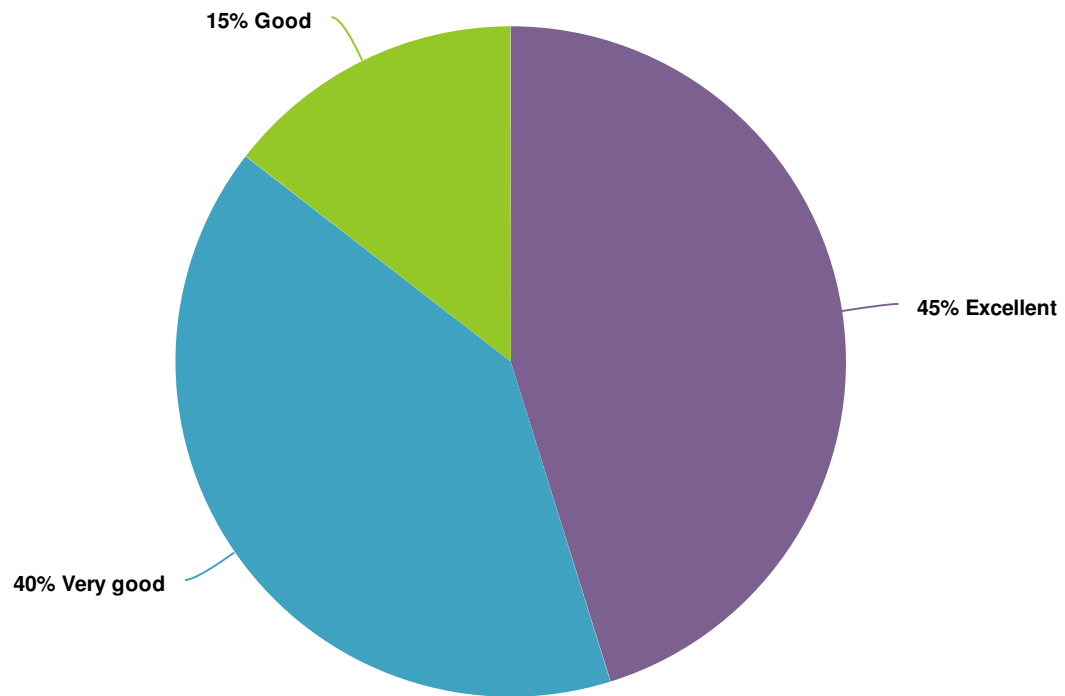
	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Responses
Overall timeliness of topics						
Count	36	20	3	2	0	61
Row %	59.0%	32.8%	4.9%	3.3%	0.0%	
Overall usefulness of topics						
Count	32	18	9	3	0	62
Row %	51.6%	29.0%	14.5%	4.8%	0.0%	
Presentation of topics						
Count	26	32	4	0	0	62
Row %	41.9%	51.6%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	
Topics were interesting						
Count	35	20	5	2	0	62
Row %	56.5%	32.3%	8.1%	3.2%	0.0%	
Totals						
Total Responses						64




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1	Break out sessions were not as useful as could have been.
1	I believe this could have been a Tues-Thurs conference and key members could meet Monday and Friday for business activities.
1	I received a great deal of useful information and the speakers were very well-informed.
1	Really enjoyed the Border Patrol and Marijuana 101 presentations, both presenters were very engaging.
1	The only presentation that I was disappointed in was the marijuana one. I felt that it was very one-sided and I was hoping to get a regulator's perspective of the changes since legalization. Upon researching the presenter, it turns out that his organization is an anti-drug task force (and it was obvious in his presentation that he was against legalization). As a regulator, I would have appreciated an unbiased perspective of how things have changed in CO since the legalization of marijuana. As regulators, it is helpful to learn from other states in an unbiased fashion.
1	Topics were very good and of interest but the meeting was 2 days too long.



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



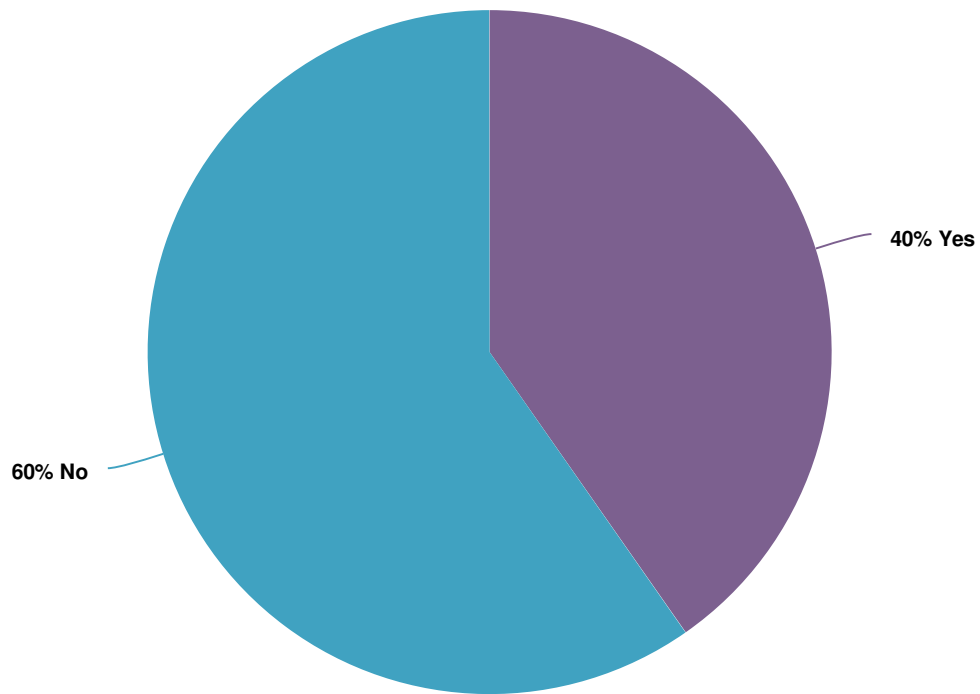
Value		Percent	Responses
Excellent		45.2%	28
Very good		40.3%	25
Good		14.5%	9



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1	Great to be on the River walk.
1	Hotel had no recycling receptacles anywhere. Not environmentally friendly.
1	I really enjoyed the conference. And the location was excellent!!
1	Location was amazing being right downtown on SA riverwalk. The quality of the hotel rooms could have been better.
1	One of the better venues
1	The area in San Antonio downtown was a bit sketchy.
1	This facility was nice and eating locations were within walking distance.
1	meeting room was excellent. good location

## 6. Do you have suggestions for changing the meeting format? (e.g. more breakout sessions / more interactive format etc)



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		40.3%	25
No		59.7%	37
			Totals: 62

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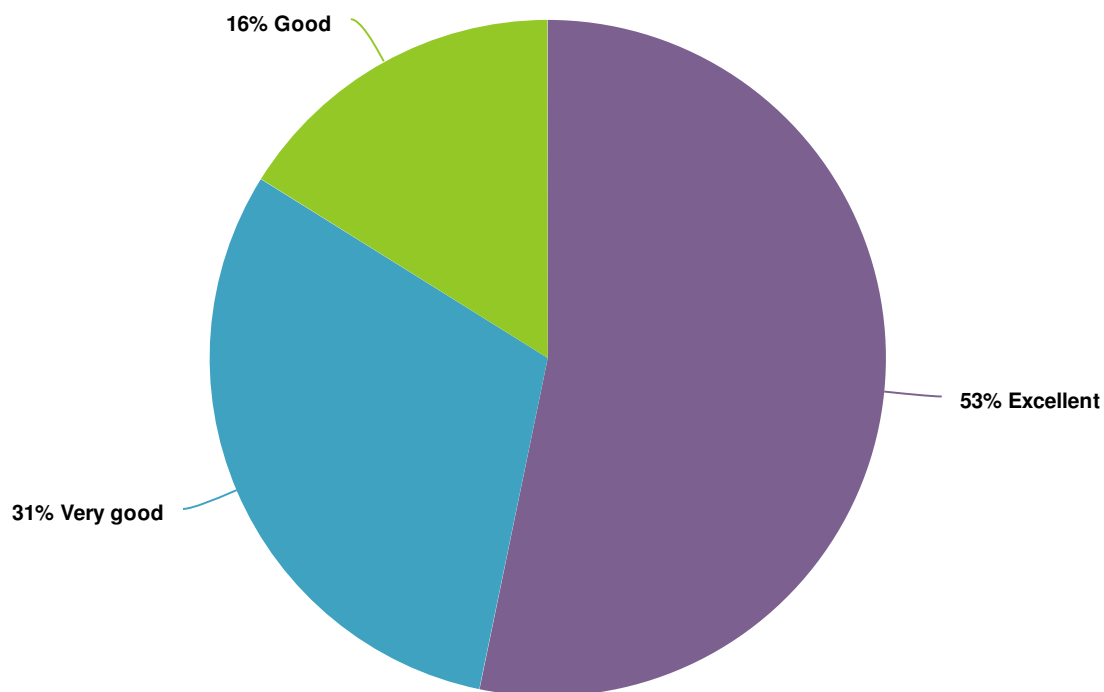
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2	more breakout sessions
1	3 day meeting would be better.
1	A few more breakout sessions would be beneficial. Gathered a lot of info from these sessions.
1	Be great to have breakouts during talks that do not directly impact PMPs, such as border security and veterans (although this talk could have been more geared to PMP administrators), so that PMP admins could be in sessions that are directly related to their work.
1	Can the meeting be condensed into less days, utilizing more full days, so it is not so long?
1	Cut back on the free afternoon to allow for more educational sessions.
1	Extend the final day to a full day so sessions aren't missed due to travel.
1	Have more variety in speakers. Hearing from each state was overkill.
1	I think it is time to go to a 2 1/2 day conference
1	I think the breakouts are very informal and generate good discussions that are from the diversity of the attendees
1	I would suggest to do a break out the first day instead of the last. One of the groups went around and introduced themselves and I was surprised I knew so many of their names thru previous emails/publications. I would have liked to had more time to talk to them but it was last session.
1	\n'd like to see more breakouts with more specific topics.
1	Interactive would be good, but you have complete domination by some individuals.
1	It is difficult to take an entire week off to attend. It would help if the conference was condensed into 2-3 days.
1	Make the PMP initial time slot part of the actual meeting, and not a pre-meeting gathering. Consider putting out a request for presentations to see if there is interest from others who have not spoken in the past. Not just PMP, but CSA presentations too.

## Count Response

1	More Breakout sessions Shorten the Conference to 3 to 4 days
1	More breakout sessions; Sherry Green\'s session could have gone longer and more people share in smaller groups.
1	More interactive format that engages the attendees. I really like the PMP panel session last year in New Orleans as there was a lot of discussion. The updates this year did not create that same type of discussion.
1	More time for questions
1	Seemed a bit long. Maybe do four days instead of five.
1	Shorten the conference to fewer days
1	Some popular Breakout sessions offered multiple times so that we can attend. Sometimes we want to attend two sessions and the time will permit to attend only one.
1	The mixture of breakouts and presentations was perfect
1	We thought the format was great and appreciated that there was clear effort made in the schedule to allow people free time to sightsee in the city and/or tend to work back at the office.
1	Would like to see Keynote speakers have 90 minutes instead of 60 minutes.
1	i thought the sponsors breakout was a good way to meet board members and faciliated good conversations
1	reduce meeting by a day.....with travel need to be out of the office for an entire week and many times difficult to do.

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



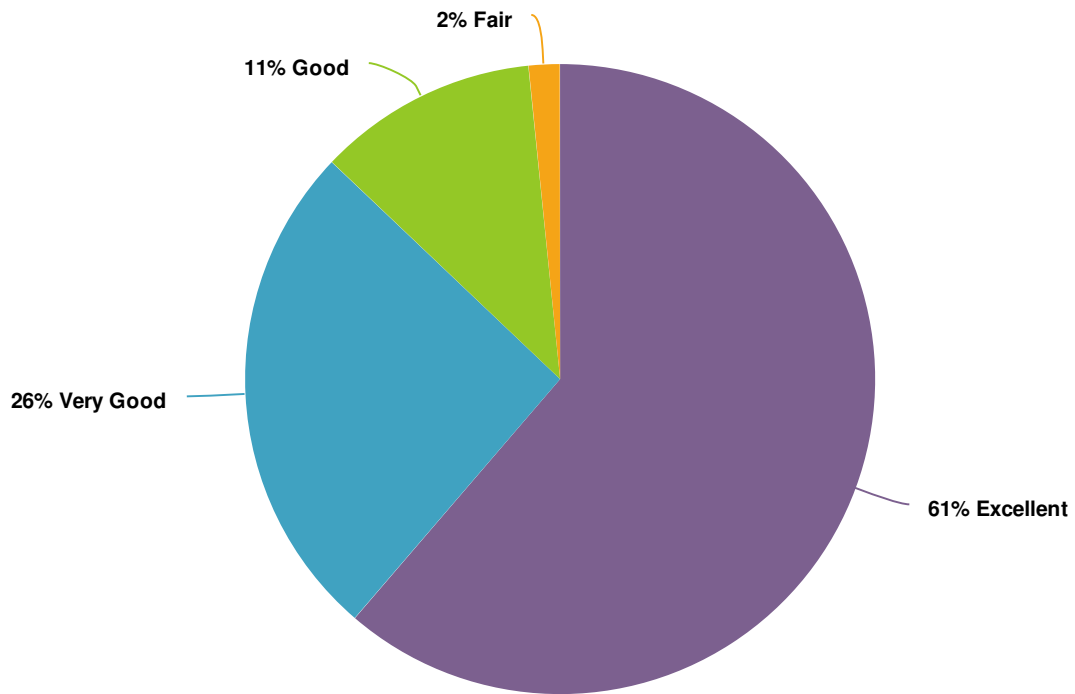
Value	Percent	Responses
Excellent	53.2%	33
Very good	30.6%	19
Good	16.1%	10

Totals: 62

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1	I appreciated the use of microphones by those people asking questions.
1	Needed more time with keynote speakers
1	There was a session or 2 where only 1 person was allowed to ask a question. There was another session where there wasn't any opportunity to ask questions.
1	except for the first day when one speaker took all the time for questions

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



Value		Percent	Responses
Excellent		61.3%	38
Very Good		25.8%	16
Good		11.3%	7
Fair		1.6%	1

Totals: 62



## 14. How do you rate the attendee's opportunities for networking during the Conference? - comments

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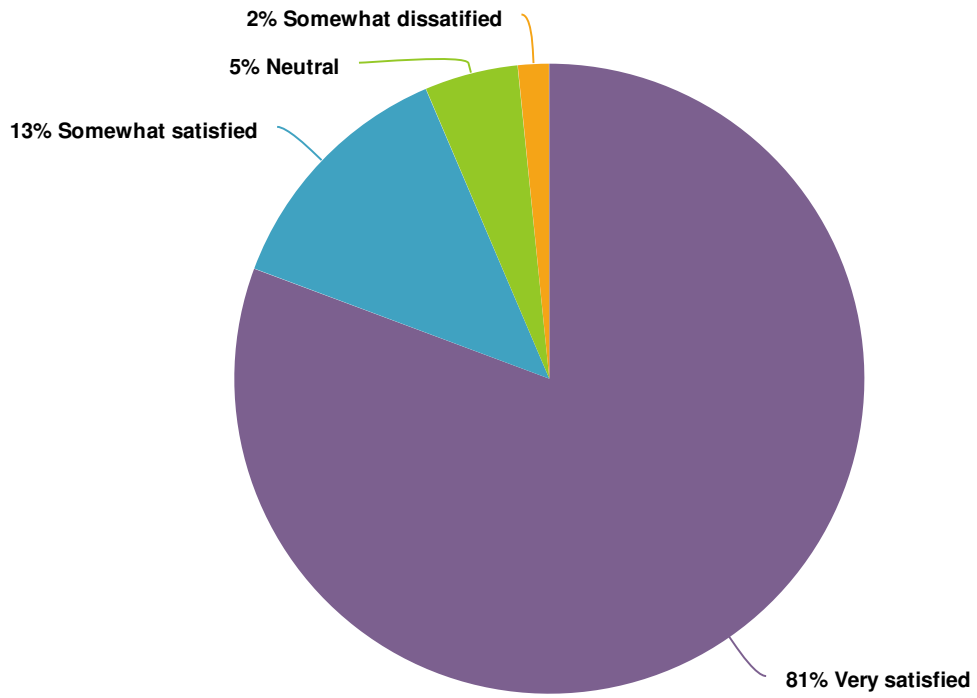
1 Could even be better with more breakout sessions.

1 I was only there for the first day, there were no break out sessions that would encourage networking.

1 The hospitality time after the meetings was great for networking.

1 always a fabulous conference for making new contacts and renewing old.

## 9. What was your overall level of satisfaction with the Conference?



Value		Percent	Responses
Very satisfied		80.6%	50
Somewhat satisfied		12.9%	8
Neutral		4.8%	3
Somewhat dissatisfied		1.6%	1

Totals: 62

## 10. Please rate the importance of the factors below in influencing your attendance at NASCSA Conferences

	Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Unimportant	Responses
Geographic Location Count Row %	20 32.3%	21 33.9%	13 21.0%	4 6.5%	4 6.5%	62
Ease of transportation and parking Count Row %	21 33.9%	16 25.8%	19 30.6%	4 6.5%	2 3.2%	62
Length of event Count Row %	25 40.3%	28 45.2%	8 12.9%	1 1.6%	0 0.0%	62
Topics and speakers Count Row %	52 83.9%	9 14.5%	1 1.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	62
Profile of other attendees Count Row %	18 29.0%	25 40.3%	16 25.8%	3 4.8%	0 0.0%	62
Totals Total Responses						64

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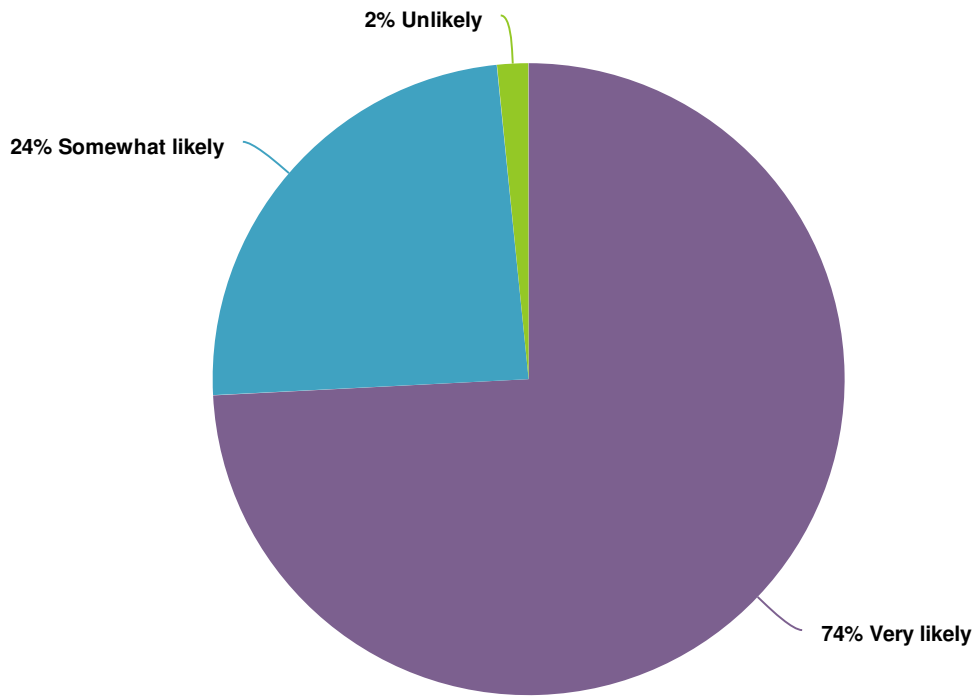
1	Cost is major issue; length and location of event obviously drive cost. By Friday, I felt like the conference should've ended the day before or lasted a complete full day..
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1	Mostly the topics covered.
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1	Perfect location! If you can please not have same time as NADDI that would be great!
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1	There were too many vendors this year!
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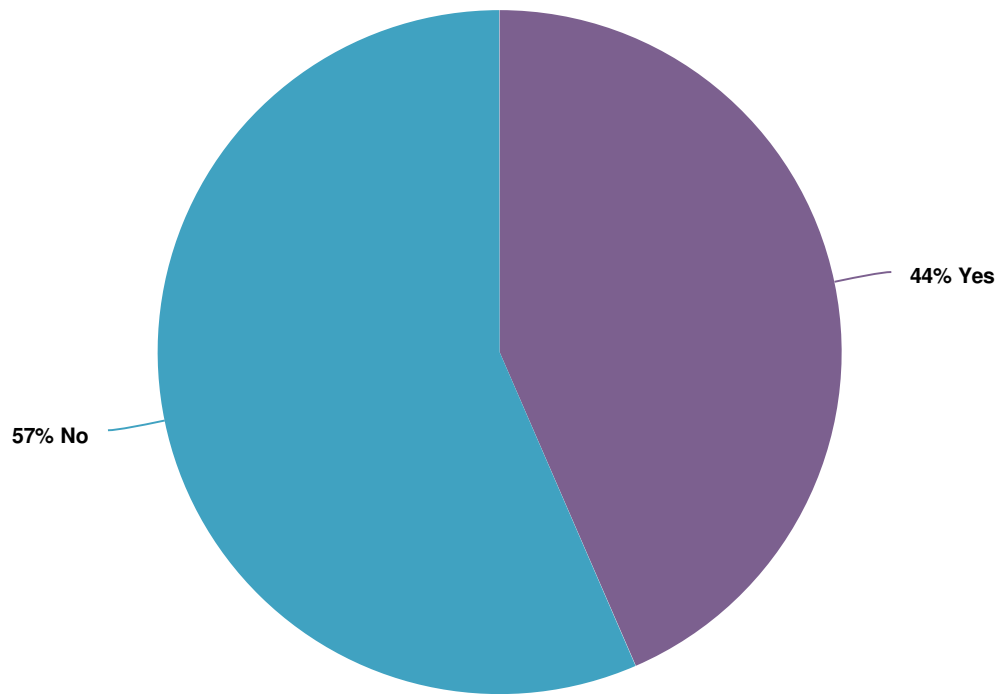
# 11. Based on your experience at this year's Conference, how likely are you to attend in the future?





Value		Percent	Responses
Very likely		74.2%	46
Somewhat likely		24.2%	15
Unlikely		1.6%	1

Totals: 62

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



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		43.5%	27
No		56.5%	35
			Totals: 62

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

Count	Response
1	1. Relation between prescription opioids and heroin 2. Information on other drug besides opioids
1	Additional time with the DEA
1	Although it is a lot of work, having a few states that are undertaking a unique activity to expound on those, rather than multiple states giving an overview of their state. So if a state has launched a particular statistical analysis, compliance, effort, data security effort, etc., these could be the topic rather than an simple overview...
1	Black market diversion, employee diversion, armed robbery and burglary. As we pinch access to prescription narcotics through PMPs, physician education and other methods, drug seekers go to other modes of access. Millions of dollars annually, fatalities and serious injuries.
1	Customs & Border Patrol
1	Drug diversion
1	Emerging drugs of abuse
1	Fascinating information on cases prosecuted, but it would have been nice to have the US Attorney\'s Office speak nationally.
1	I was hoping there was more info on controlled substance authorities (not just PMPs).
1	Law enforcement cases
1	Medical Marijuana PMP - initiatives
1	More discussion around new state requirements on reporting of Suspicious orders or distribution reports into the states.
1	More on the results/effects of marijuana laws, both medical and recreational marijuana.
1	PDMP Roundtable, a little more time on this
1	State processes to expedite the emergency scheduling of synthetic opioids.
1	We all admit there is a problem, what are all these entities proposing to do to help resolve it.

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1            What are we doing about growing heroin use and overdose? Reducing Rx Controlled Substance prescribing may be a good thing. But not if it is driving people to heroin. We pat ourselves on the back about what a great job our PDMPs are doing with the opioid epidemic and ignoring what is really happening.

1            While the opioid epidemic is obviously taking huge precedence right now, it also might have been helpful to see some statistics mentioned briefly around other controlled substances like stimulants, etc...

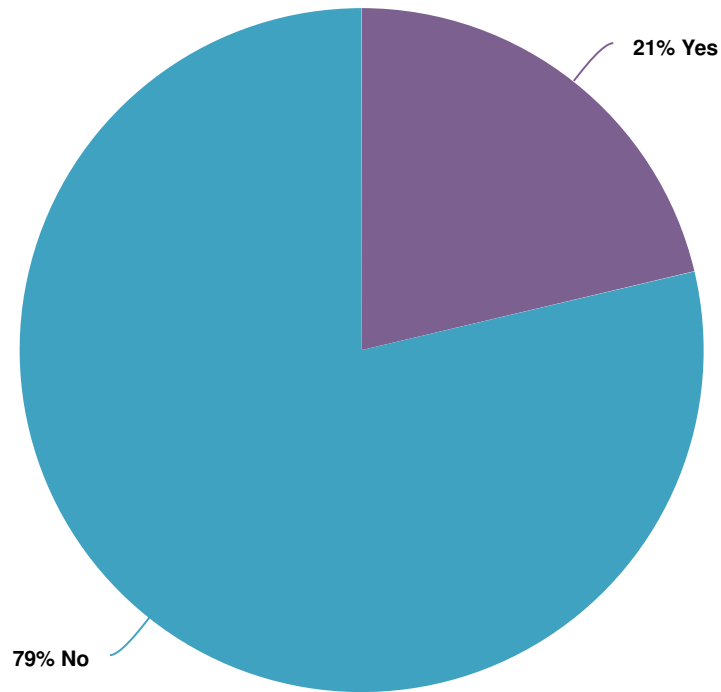
1            Would like to have someone from the DEA who could actually talk to the file that each of the states use to hear the feedback from the states on how to make the file more useful.

1            physical diversion, internal and external

1            state perspective on SOMS. New regulations or pending regulations that may be enacted



21. Would you like to recommend a speaker or topic for the Program Committee to consider for the 2018 NASCSA Conference



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		21.3%	13
No		78.7%	48
			Totals: 61

## 22. Would you like to recommend a speaker or topic for the Program Committee to consider for the 2018 NASCSA Conference - comments

Count	Response
1	Cases regarding inappropriate use of PDMPs. Vendor spotlight---certain level of sponsorship would allow for a 15 minute presentation at the beginning of the day. This would hopefully encourage higher sponsorships.
1	DHSH speaker. What is the State of Texas doing to help with the opioid epidemic.
1	I do not believe the subject of successful PDMPs \"driving\" opioid users to use heroin. Our success with reducing the number of opioid and other CS prescriptions seems to be directly connected to an increase in heroin use. That fact is often recognized but rarely addressed in depth. I do not consider a DEA update as addressing the problem, nor do I see what Dr.Kolodny advocates as properly and thoroughly addressing the growing problem of heroin abuse. It seems as though many people are lumping heroin abuse in with prescription opioid abuse, and that just is not accurate.
1	I would be willing to speak (Mike Warren, Pharmacists Mutual) if it would be of value. Another alternative - short talks (10-15 minutes) from a small panel and discussion.
1	If I hear one, I will send the info at that time.
1	Law enforcement cases presentation
1	Mike Warren, Pharmacists Mutual Chris von Zwehl, Scripps Safe
1	More PMP related topics would be useful
1	Not at this time...will review for future conference
1	Possibly have a large city and small city police chief/sheriff do a talk together taking likes and differences with drug diversion based on the areas they represent.
1	Sam Quinones
1	Ted Parran from Case Western Reserve does an excellent presentation on treatment of opioid use disorder. Saw him at a different conference.
1	The best speaker I have ever heard was Amy Cadwallader, PhD at Aegis Science. She knows everything about drugs.
1	Topic: How states are using the CDC MME conversion factors in their PMP or are other MME conversion factors from other sources being used.

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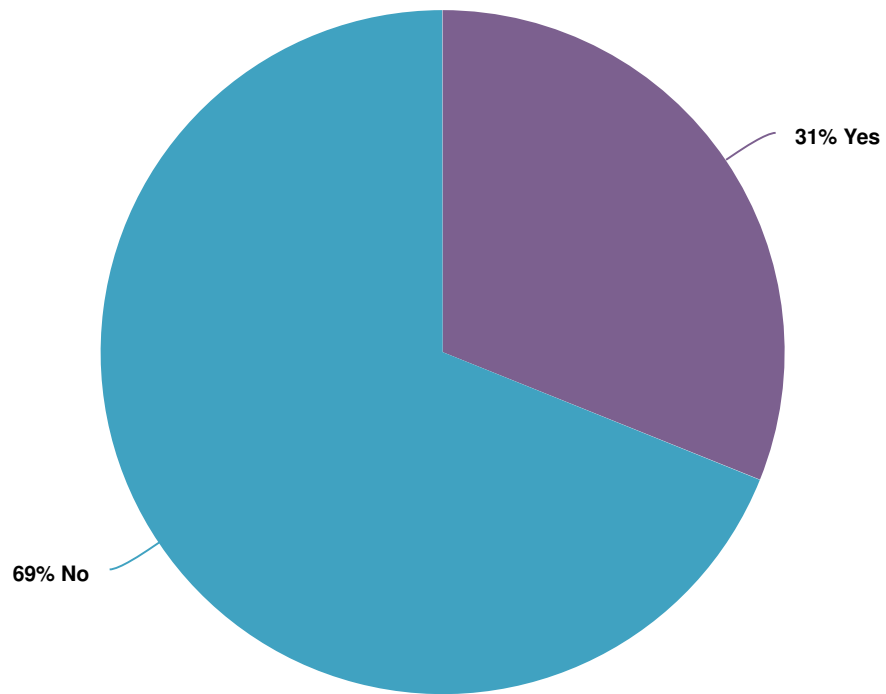
1            Update from Dr. Kolodny

1            but would like to think about it more - would suggest there be another opportunity to offer speakers

1            product demonstration for PDMP during session

1            update on synthetics, new approved controlled substances

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



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		31.1%	19
No		68.9%	42
			Totals: 61

## 24. Do you have any general suggestion for improving future NASCSA Conferences? - comments

Count	Response
1	2 1/2 day conference
1	2-3 day meeting
1	Again, it would be helpful to make the conference 1-2 days shorter.
1	An entire week is a little too long.
1	Cut down to four days instead of five.
1	Discuss changes to the schedule such as start and end times, such as start on Tuesday morning and end Thursday evening with a reception and no free afternoon. Other organizations frequently end with a banquet/dinner to keep attendees present.
1	I thoroughly enjoy this conference and consider one of my favorites of the year that I attend.
1	It dragged out for too many days. Make it at least one day shorter. But overall a great conference -- far exceeded my expectations.
1	It was a little bit long.
1	Keep AV as is
1	Maybe divide one day into tracks- industry, PMPs, law enforcement. Those industry people had a lot to talk about in one of the break out sessions, not sure what they were talking about but they probably needed a 1/2 day to talk to each other. I do provider cases and the speaker was good and would be interesting to those that don't do those cases but would like to learn something new.
1	More presentations relative to PMP activities
1	Reduce the number of days of the conference
1	See immediately above
1	Shorten the conference
1	Shorten the conference to fewer days

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1 The Executive Committee needs to be more visible at all sessions and greet attendees. All thought having the microphones in the aisle, there should be at least one that can be passed around as well.

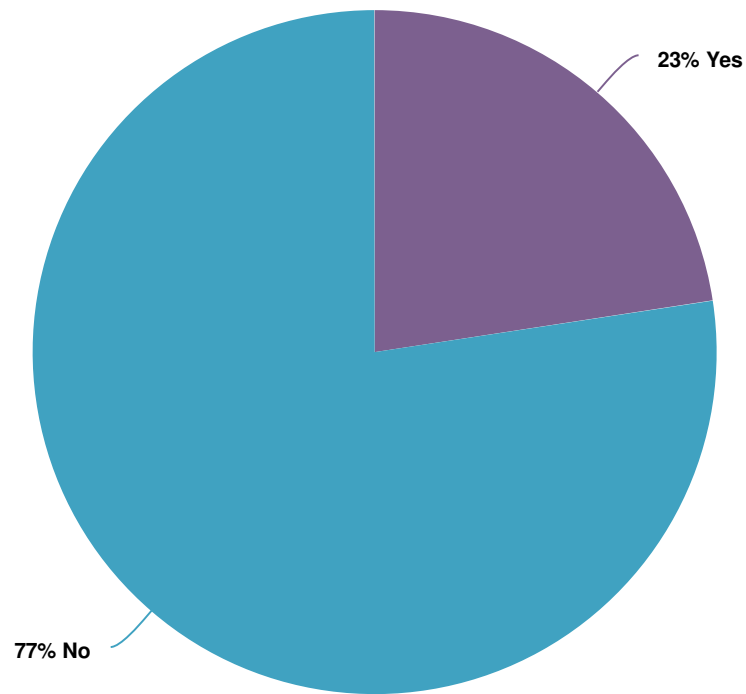
1 The panel featuring the military seemed completely unprepared and didn't seem to know who their audience was or what the conference was about. In the future, presenters should be fully prepped.

1 maybe more of a push to get attendees signed up for committees. there was the presentation of the different members and a report but maybe time where all committees are represented in a designated room at the same time and attendees given an opportunity to visit at individual tables (or something) where they are all present one by one to learn about them and then decide which one they want to participate on. They were mentioned but it's hard to tell which one you want to participate on solely based on name.

1 one or two outside the venue events for networking, etc.

1 would have been nice to hear perspective from manufacturers and distributors. Some presenters were to preaching to the audience or taking up air time to toot their own horns. I don't believe I would support any sponsorship of NASCSA in the future.

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



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		22.6%	14
No		77.4%	48
			Totals: 62

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

Count	Response
1	Any info related to shifts in what is being taken besides narcotics. Summaries regarding the impact PMPs have had country wide.
1	Compare, both on a national level and state-by-state, the reduction in CS prescriptions written with the rise in heroin use and heroin overdose deaths.
1	Contact information for the speakers that presented. (Those not on the attendee list)
1	I cannot think of any at this time.
1	I use the website and do not have any other suggestions
1	More Licensing & Registration info for Industry folks on NASCSA database
1	Overall the first time attending was very positive and I look forward to attending next year.
1	Surveys of practitioners regarding the usefulness of PMPs in their clinical decision-making, surveys of patient alerts.
1	Surveys of state laws/ regs
1	Updated state profiles as when I view the NASCSA web site these profiles are not up to date.
1	Would have liked a program book as in years past.
1	compilation of certain laws/regs that are generally of interest
1	license infractions, penalties, other data of controlled substance practitioners and non-practitioners
1	none i can think of at this time
1	would like visual comparisons on PMP issues in different states across the country. Concise, easy to interpret, useful data and trend tracking.