

Spring BOM Attendee Survey

There were 27 survey forms turned in at BOM sessions. They are compiled the answers and have listed the raw score then when calculated, the percentages are listed for that answer against total answers for that question. Interpretations of the data is *in blue/italicized* text/

*Please check the appropriate box for your feedback.
1 = Poor/Strongly Disagree, 5 = Excellent/Strongly Agree*

Attendee Information

Question 1: Are you a first time attendee?

Yes= 2

No = 25

Expected ratio.

BOM Agenda & Schedule

Question 2: How appropriate was this BOM agenda to your needs?

1- 0/0%;

2 -1/3.7%,

3- 5 / 18.52%

4 -15 / 55.56%

5 -6 / 22.22%

Answers of 4 and 5 total 77.78% which suggests that almost 4 out of 5 compatriots get what they expect

Question 3: How well do you agree with this statement: "I feel that the BOM meetings could be all day Friday & end Saturday p.m.?"

[To accommodate additional workshop sessions or other events.]

1 - 4 / 14.81%

2 - 3 / 11.11%

3 - 8 / 29.63%

4 - 5 / 18.52%

5 - 6 / 22.22%

Almost 41% are amenable to having Friday – Saturday (2 full days) of BOM. 30% are apparently ambivalent towards 2 full days, while 26% don't like it.

Question 4: Do you or your chapter members want additional sessions? If 'Yes', list them in '**Follow-up**.'

Yes - 4 / 14.81%

No - 17 / 62.96%

A clear majority actually don't want additional sessions in the BOM meetings. Yet when asked to provide topics for additional sessions, 8 of those saying 'No' gave topics. Thirteen compatriots made suggestions – almost half of the respondents.

Question 5: In which BOM activities did you participate? *Check all that apply.*

Genealogy Workshop - 15 / 55.6%

Web Workshop - 11 / 40.7%

Color Guard - 9 / 33.3%

Executive Committee Mtg - 14 / 51.9%

RVP Meeting - 9 / 33.3%

Friday Banquet - 26 / 96.3%

Friday BOM - 26 / 96.3%

Saturday BOM - 26 / 96.3%

Annual Meeting - 25 / 92.6%

Saturday Banquet - 23 / 85.2%

Everyone attended almost all of the BOM sessions. A third were Color Guard participants. A third attended the RVP meeting while half attended the Executive Committee meeting. This suggests that those who come are significantly interested in what the 'leadership' does. Workshops are well received sessions. The genealogy workshop seems to be a regular favorite especially when this answer is combined with the answers in Q10.

Question 6: Rank the following in order of importance to you in attending, or not, a BOM; 1 = most important, 10 least important. Use each number once. *14 compatriots understood the need to categorize each selection in descending order of importance and use each number only once. One compatriot did not rank the selections at all. The rest gave the same numerical value to multiple selections. The values were totaled and divided by the number of surveys returned (27) thus giving an average value for the selections. This value is given and ranked accordingly (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc) in order of importance, from most important to least important.*

BOM Session - 2.148 / 1st
Camaraderie - 2.8148 / 2nd
Workshops - 3.8515 / 3rd
Number of BOM Meetings/yr - 4.05 / tie 5th
RVP session - 4.07 / tie 5th
Meal quality - 4.33 / 6th
Networking, - 4.44 / 7th
Hotel Experience - 4.8518 / 8th
Hotel Room Price - 5.4814 / 9th
Gas prices - 5.518 / 10th

Relatively intuitive for the first three: that's why they're coming. One interesting result is that the cost of the room is ranked next to last in importance – in contrast to the stated belief that the room rate will keep compatriots from attending if we go to a higher priced hotel. Perhaps it should be asked:

Which of these hotels would you support by attending

- 1. Hotel A where the food is average, the rooms are fair, the staff support is only fair, and the room rate is cheap (<\$100 / night).*
- 2. Hotel B where the food is good, the rooms are well-kept, the staff support is good-excellent, and the room rate is \$100-\$120 / night.*

Question 7: Give your preference of the number of BOM sessions per year.

2 per year - 5 / 18.52%
3 per year - 16 / 59.26%
4 per year - 7 / 25.93%

Once again, the overwhelming response is for less than 4 meetings per year. Now it's 78%. Adding the percentages doesn't equal 100%. One compatriot voted for the 2 and 3 meetings per year choices. The selection of 2 meetings has crept up to 20% from the first survey (15%). This just lends support and impetus to the drive to change the meeting schedules.

Question 8: Should Banquet seating be – *check only one*

Open - 8 / 29.63%
Reserve on registration form - 4 / 14.81%
Reserve at Registration Table - 15 / 55.56%

Compatriots have gotten use to signing up for a table when they check in. Still, a significant number like just walking in and finding a table to sit at.

Facilities

Question 9: How appropriate was it to the BOM and your stay?

1 - 1
2 - 2
3 - 10
4 - 9
5 - 3

It's probably about time to stop asking this question. Most answers were in the middle which might indicate that most feel the Ramada is only a so-so place.

Follow-up

Question 10: What subject matter would you want to have presented in a seminar/workshop at a future BOM?

As a generality, it seems that popular subjects revolve around presenting topics on what 'we' need to do and how to do it: Office positions

Response 1 - Genealogy forum vs 1 presenter. Specific topics per then discussion

Response 2 - Uniforms & Color Guard procedures

Response 3 - Secretary & registrar duties

Response 4 - Duties of officers

Response 5 -
1. membership symposium - getting & retaining new members; ideas from other chapters.
2. There needs to be a new officers symp for newly elected chapt officers; esp. Pres & Sec.
3. Genealogy WS should continue.
4. One time a year closest to officer change-over dates.

Response 6 - Need for new technology at all levels

Response 7 -
1. Youth programs
2. Chapter Challenge,
3. Training for national / state officers

Response 8 - Newsletter editor

Response 9 - Calendar of due dates of activity reports to committee chairs

Response 10 - 1 or 2 sessions could be affected on one day two day are too much per meeting

Response 11 - how to get the keyhole to History CDs placed & to whom

Response 12 - 1. Genealogy. 2. Duty of officers

Response 13 - ways to free our representatives from outside influences (party, special interests) do they can represent the people.

Comments Please use this block to provide feedback on the BOM, the hotel, or any other appropriate issues.

Response 1 - 4 pm check in time and 10 am checkout for a group that meets there is often as we do is ridiculous!

Response 2 - This hotel o.k. in all respects except for noon meal

Response 3 - Location should be changed to Orlando

Response 4 - Hotel did not have suite room I reserved on 3/8. Only regular room. Check in desk is slow & chaotic. Food is mediocre. Time for better hotel even if cost is more.

Response 5 -
1. Hotel food is abysmal, variety could be greatly improved, as could quality.
2. Need for online membership directory info; could be passworded with user ID for security.

Response 6 - Hotel has improved check in service

Response 7 - Be sure that the people's names are printed LARGE on the badges

Response 8 - Like the general location Hotel is o.k. but not the greatest. Please - 3 or less BOMs a year!

Response 9 - The food needs improvement

Response 10 - Pool not heated

Response 11 - Good facilities