

LLNE Survey

In an effort to better meet the educational needs of LLNE members we are taking this brief survey. Please assist us by taking a few moments to share your views with us. Please return completed surveys to Joan Shear, Boston College Law Library, 885 Centre Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, or email to joan.shear@bc.edu, by **April 17**, 2001.

Part 1: What you are looking for in professional meetings?

Please rank the following aspects of a professional meeting in terms of its importance to you. 1) very important, 2) important, 3) somewhat import, 4) not very important, 5) not relevant at all.

Very important --- not important at all

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| 1) Educational topics relating to librarianship | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2) Educational topics relating to legal issues | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3) Hands-on training in work-related areas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4) Opportunity to network with other librarians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5) Opportunity to hear entertaining speakers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6) Opportunity to talk with vendors and see new products | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7) Opportunity to see other library facilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8) Other – Please list: | | | | | |

Part 2: What prevents you from attending professional meetings?

Please rate the following possible reasons for not attending professional meetings according to the following scale: 1) likely to keep me away, 2) discourages me slightly, 3) might discourage me, 4) might go anyway, 5) doesn't influence my decisions at all.

Likely to keep me away---doesn't influence my decision at all

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| 9) Topic not relevant to my job | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10) Topic not interesting to me | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11) Educational needs met by attending other workshops or seminars | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12) Time spent away from work – too busy to spare the time | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13) Time spent in traveling encroaches on personal time | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14) Cost | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15) Conflicts with my schedule | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16) Too many meetings to choose from | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17) Location | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18) Weather, e.g. winter driving conditions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19) Other – Please list: | | | | | |

Part 3: Opinions about continuing professional education

Please rate the following statements about continuing professional education according to the following scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) agree, 3) agree somewhat, 4) disagree, 5) strongly disagree.

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| | Strongly agree ---strongly disagree |
| 20) I would like to attend more LLNE programs. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 21) I feel that my continuing educational needs are currently met by the conglomeration of professional organizations I belong to. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 22) I feel that there are sufficient professional development opportunities available to me outside of my professional organizations. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 23) I feel that my current employer provides me with a sufficient number of in-house training opportunities. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 24) I would attend more LLNE meetings if they related more to my work. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 25) I would like to have more opportunities for meaningful professional education through LLNE. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 26) I feel time spent on professional continuing education is time well spent. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 27) I am willing to be more involved in planning LLNE meetings. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

Part 4: Information about You and Your Library

Please circle all that apply.

28) Type of library

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|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Academic | Corporate | Law Firm | Membership |
| Government - Court | Government - Legislative | Government - Other | Other |

29) Number of employees in your library

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|---|---|-----|------|-------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3-5 | 6-10 | 10-20 | over 20 |
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30) State your library is located in.

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| CT | ME | MA | NH | NY | RI | VT | other |
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31) Location of your library

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| Major Metropolis | Moderate Size City | Suburban Area | Rural Area |
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32) Which professional organizations are you a member of?

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| LLNE | AALL | ALA | SLA | SNELLA | ABLL | Bar Organization |
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33) What professional meetings have you attended in the past two years?