

The B. W. Harris Episcopal School Alumni Association-USA, Inc.

2016 Post-Convention Survey Report

The total number of persons who accessed the survey were 42 respondents. All respondents did not complete all categories and this was not expected because the survey asked respondents to address only what they had attended.

2016 Convention Overall

Overall, half of the 42 respondents (21 or 50%) rated the 2016 Convention as "Excellent." There were 20 respondents (47.62%) who termed it "Very Good" or "Good." One respondent (2.38%) found the 2016 Convention to be "Fair." No respondent selected the "Poor" Category.

Welcome Party

A total of 40 respondents addressed the Welcome Party. Overall, the Welcome Party was seen as "Excellent" by 57.5% (23 respondents), "Very Good" or "Good" by 35% (14 respondents), and "Fair" by 7.5% (3 respondents). No respondent called it "Poor" overall.

A total of 65% (26 respondents) considered the "Venue" of the Welcome Party to be "Excellent," with 11 respondents or 27.5% placing the "Venue" in the "Very Good" or "Good" category. There were 7.5% of respondents (3) who classified it as "Fair" or "Poor."

The "Ambience" of the Welcome Party was considered "Excellent" by 55% or 22 respondents, with 40% (16 respondents) viewing the "Ambience" as the "Very Good" or "Good." There were 5 respondents (5%) who termed it "Fair." None considered it "Poor."

The "Location," "Accessibility," and "Parking" of the Welcome Party were deemed "Excellent" by 80% (32 respondents), 20% or 8 respondents considered them "Very Good" or "Good." No one selected "Fair" or "Poor."

Convention Meeting

There were 34 respondents who addressed the Convention Meeting overall. Overall, 29.41% (10 respondents) considered the Convention Meeting to be "Excellent"; 58.83% (20 respondents) termed it as "Very Good" or "Good"; and 4 respondents or 11.76% said it was "Fair." No respondent indicated it was "Poor" overall.

Regarding the details of the Convention, a total of 37 respondents answered.

The meeting "Venue" was viewed as "Excellent" by 38.24% (13 respondents); "Very Good" or "Good" by 50% (17 respondents); "Fair" by 3 respondents (8.5%) and "Poor" by one respondent (2.94%).

The "Location," "Accessibility," and "Parking" of the Convention Meeting were deemed "Excellent" by 57.58% (19 respondents), 42.42% or 14 respondents considered them "Very Good" or "Good." No respondent selected "Fair" or "Poor."

Respondents who considered the "Conduct of the Meeting" to be "Excellent" were 36.36% (12 respondents), while 48.48% viewed it as "Very Good" or "Good"; and 15.15% (5 respondents) believed it was "Fair." No respondent selected "Poor" for this category. No respondent selected "Fair" or "Poor."

For 38.24% (13 respondents), the "Presentations" were "Excellent." In the "Very Good" or "Good" category was 50% (17 respondents); 3 respondents (8.82%) saw the "Presentations" as "Fair" and one respondent (2.94%) believed they were "Poor."

Regarding the "System for Distribution of Conventional Packages," 10 respondents (27.78%) said it was "Excellent." For 19 respondents (52.77%), it was "Very Good" or "Good." For 13.89% (5 respondents), the presentations were "Fair" and 2 respondents (5.56%) considered them to be "Poor."

For 5 respondents (14.29%), the "Lunch Served by Host Chapter" was "Excellent." A total of 18 respondents (51.42%) viewed lunch as "Very Good" or "Good," while 7 respondents (20%) rated it to be "Fair" and 14.29% (5 respondents) considered it to be "Poor."

For 50% (18 respondents) the "Convention Souvenir Program" was "Excellent," while 14 respondents (38.89%) considered it to be "Very Good" or "Good"; and for 2 respondents (5.56%) respectively, the "Convention Souvenir Program" was "Fair" or "Poor"

Regarding the "Convention T-Shirt," 51.35% (19 respondents) viewed it as "Excellent" and 17 respondents (45.94%) considered them to be "Very Good" or "Good"; one respondent (2.7%) categorized the "T-Shirt" as "Fair." No respondent selected the "Poor" category.

Chairman's Renaissance Ball

A total of 38 respondents participated regarding "Chairman's Renaissance Ball." For 22 respondents (56.41%), the "Chairman's Renaissance Ball" was "Excellent" overall. There were 16 respondents (41.02%) who considered it to be "Very Good" or "Good" overall and one respondent (2.56%) in the "Fair" category. No respondent selected the "Poor" category.

Concerning the "Chairman's Renaissance Ball Venue," 65.79% (25 respondents) considered it to be "Excellent." A total of 12 respondents (31.58%) placed it in the "Very Good" or "Good" categories, one respondent (2.63%) viewing it as "Poor." No respondent selected the "Fair" category.

There were 26 respondents (68.42%) who believed that the "Décor and Settings" for the Chairman's Renaissance Ball were "Excellent." For 12 respondents, the "Décor and Settings" were "Very Good" or "Good." None of the respondents selected the "Fair" or "Poor" categories.

Regarding the "Location, Accessibility and Parking" for the Chairman's Renaissance Ball, 78.95% (30 respondents) deemed it "Excellent." In the "Very Good" or "Good" categories were eight respondents (21.05%), with respondents selecting the "Fair" or "Poor" categories.

In evaluating the "Hors D'oeuvres and Dinner," 47.37% (18 respondents) consider them to be "Excellent." For 16 respondents (42.11%) the "Hors D'oeuvres and Dinner" were "Very Good" or "Good." One respondent (2.63%) believed they were "Fair" and three respondents (7.89%) believed them to be "Poor."

A total of 60.53% (23 respondents) described the "Chairman's Renaissance Ball's Program" as "Excellent," with 31.58% of respondents (12) calling it "Very Good" or "Good." There were 5 respondents (7.89%) who believed the Program at the Ball was "Fair."

Picnic

There were 33 respondents who completed this category. Overall, 16 respondents (48.48%) considered the Picnic to be “Excellent.” There were 15 respondents (45.45%) who found the Picnic to be “Very Good” or “Good.” The number of respondents who deem the Picnic to be “Fair” overall was 2 (6.06%).

The “Venue” was seen as “Excellent” by 53.13% (17 respondents), with 13 respondents (40.63%) found it to be “Very Good” or “Good.” One respondent each (3.13%) found the “Venue” to be “Fair” or “Poor.”

Regarding “Picnic Activities,” 39.39% (13 respondents) found them to be “Excellent.” In the “Very Good” or “Good” categories were 14 respondents (42.42%), with 4 respondents (12.12%) believing it was “Fair” and 2 respondents (6.06%) considering them to be “Poor.”

In assessing the “Picnic Location, Accessibility and Parking,” 16 respondents (48.48%) found them to be “Excellent.” There were 13 respondents (40.63%) who selected “Very Good” or “Good” category, with two respondents each (6.06%) selecting “Fair” or “Poor.”

Farewell Party

A total of 40 respondents addressed the Farewell Party, which was rated “Excellent” by 53.85% (21 respondents) overall, with 18 respondents (46.15%) selecting “Very Good” or “Good.” No respondent rated it “Fair” or “Poor.”

The “Venue” of the Farewell Party was considered “Excellent” by 60% (24 respondents) and 15 respondents (37.5%) picked “Very Good” or “Good.” One (2.5%) respondent deemed it “Poor,” while none considered it “Fair.”

The “Ambience” of the Farewell Party was viewed as “Excellent” 19 respondents (47.5%), and “Very Good” or “Good” by 20 respondents (50%). One respondent (2.5%) thought the “Ambience” was “Fair,” while none considered it “Poor.”

The “Location, Accessibility and Parking” for the Farewell Party were deemed “Excellent” by 67.5% (27 respondents), while 32.5% (13 respondents) considered them “Very Good” or “Good.” No respondent rated it “Fair” or “Poor.”

DJ and Music

Forty-two respondents rated the DJ and music overall with 71.43% (30 respondents) rating the DJ and music as “Excellent” and 12 respondents (28.58%) considered them to be “Very Good” or “Good.” No respondent rated it “Fair” or “Poor.”

Suggestions for Next Year's Convention?

The responses have been summarized and the responses indicated here represent responses and not individuals since one respondent may address multiple issues.

The response that next year's Convention should be the same as 2016 was indicated by two responses. Six responses recommended a shortened Renaissance Ball program, were pleased with the program length for 2016 or suggested that recognition activities also occur other nights.

There were 10 responses that addressed food, suggesting better food, different food, more food at lunch, and a brunch on Sunday.

There were two responses that indicated that dinner and appetizers should be served together.

One response suggested that the mail box should be checked before Convention and another response was to have separate table for pre-registrants to check in at Convention.

Two responses indicated that person conducting meetings or making presentations should be respectful, responsive and not condescending. Two responses raised concern about the behavior of the MC and one response raised the Class of 1983 matter from the 2015 Convention.

One response proposed that the Convention meeting should start on time. One response wanted a PA system for the Convention meeting.

Three responses indicated that the entrance for the Welcome and Farewell parties should be less than currently. Two responses suggested that members follow the themes of events.

One response was that the National leadership should be always available to resolve issues. One response stated that the host chapter should check with members about what drinks they want for events.

Two responses indicated that the host chapter should not get halls that close before 2:00am.

One response proposed that registrants be given name tags.

One respondent to do different things including drilling, marching with school flag, comedy hour, photo booth, etc.

One respondent wants to keep the DJ.

Comments and Suggestions for Future Conventions

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One response indicated all future social events must end at 2:00am earliest.

Lifetime members need more recognition and should march alone into the hall was supported by two responses.

One response stated that participation in general meeting should be limited to members who pay chapter dues and register.

One response suggested that a concerted effort should be made to encourage younger members to come on board.

Five responses indicated that the 2016 Convention should be a model for future Conventions.

One response proposed improvement in package distribution.

There was one response suggesting the appetizers should be served as attendees enter the hall.

Six responses suggested more order during the General Meeting, and more cordiality and respect by persons presiding or presenting.

There was one response that stated the Association should make more effort to get inactive members involved.

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