

SPCS UTSAV CONVENTION SURVEY

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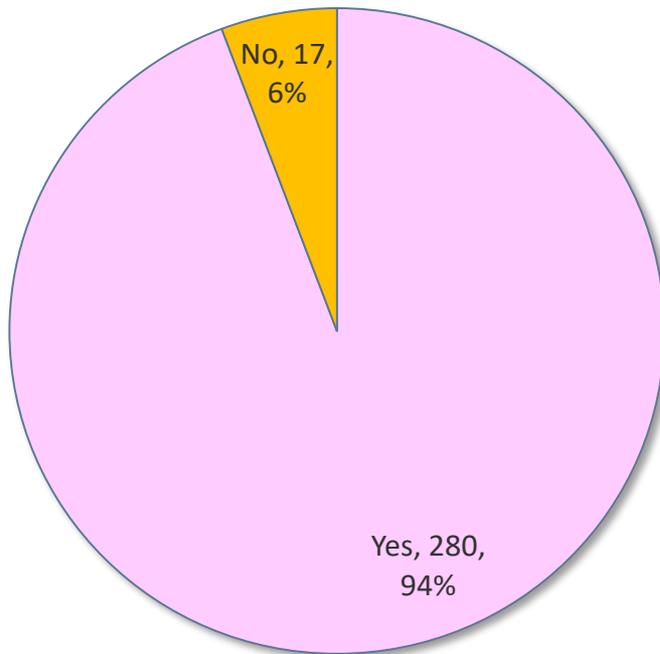


1. Survey Demographics

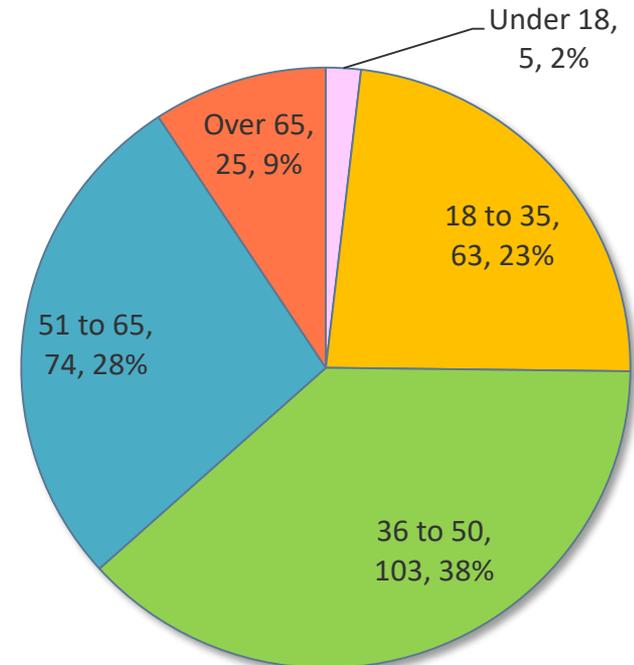
Respondent Population

A total of 297 members responded to the survey (233 complete, 64 partial)

1. Did you attend the Convention?



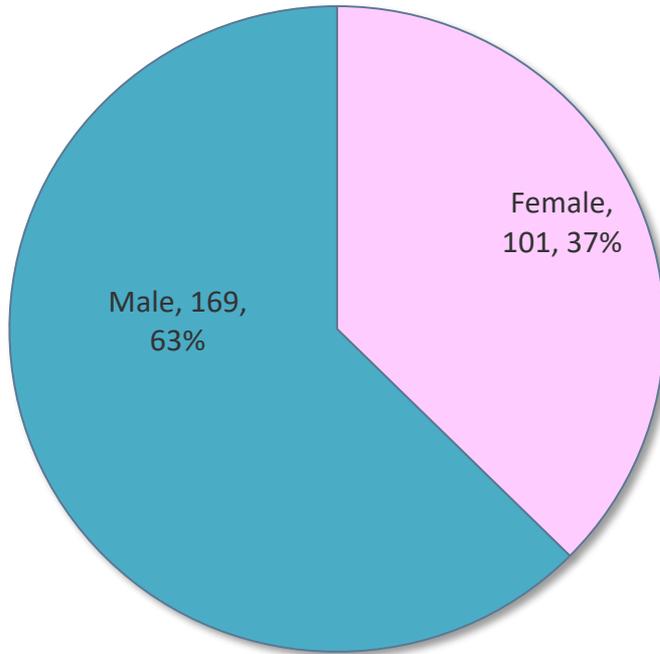
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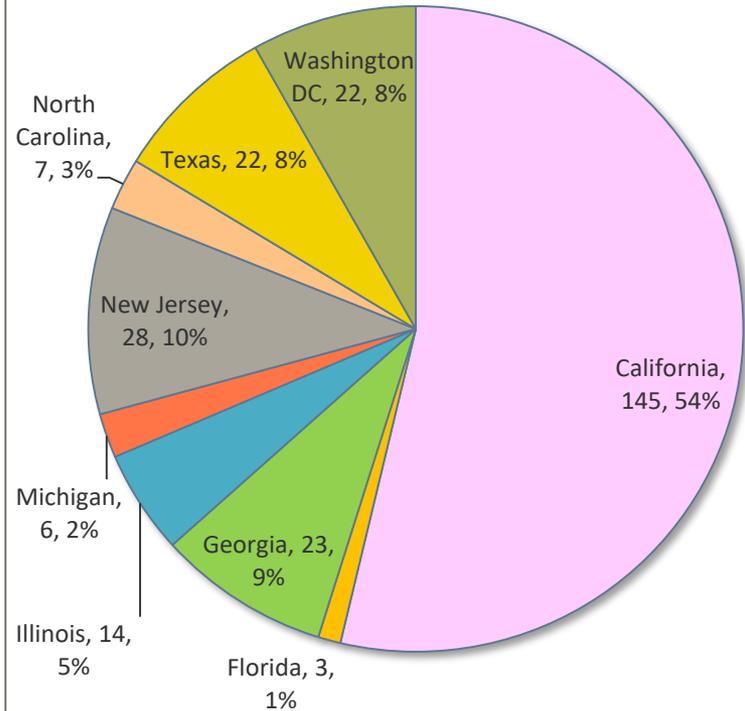
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3. What is your gender?



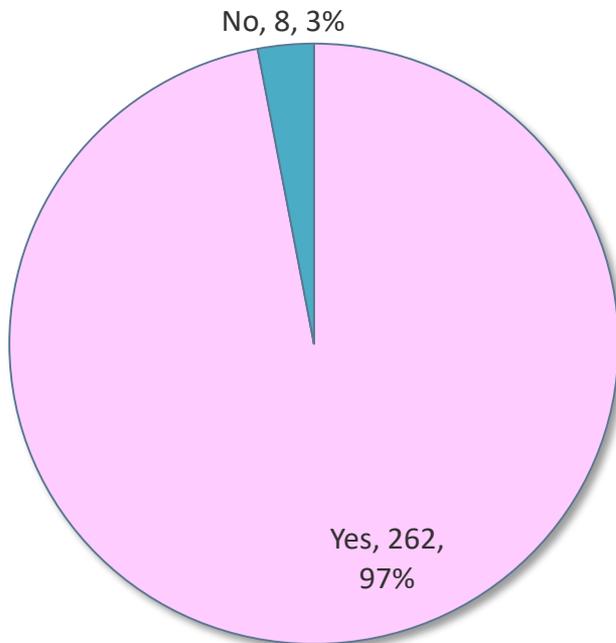
4. What Chapter do you represent?



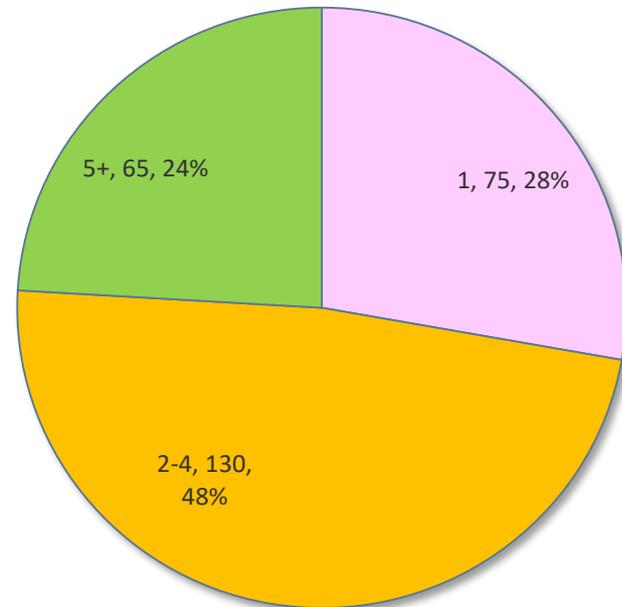
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5. Did you attend all 3 days of Convention?



6. How many Conventions have you attended?





2. Responses to Common Questions

Common Questions:

Registration and Communication

#	Area	Responses
7.	The overall registration process (web or paper process).	4.80
8.	Help/assistance from the Registration Committee during the Convention.	4.80
9.	Technology (e.g., mobile app, bar code scanning) used in the registration process.	4.73
10.	Usefulness and information on the SPCS USA web site.	4.52
11.	Communication (e.g., newsletters, Facebook page, etc.) before the Convention.	4.51

California	145	
All Other Chapters	125	



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4 Stars



5 Stars

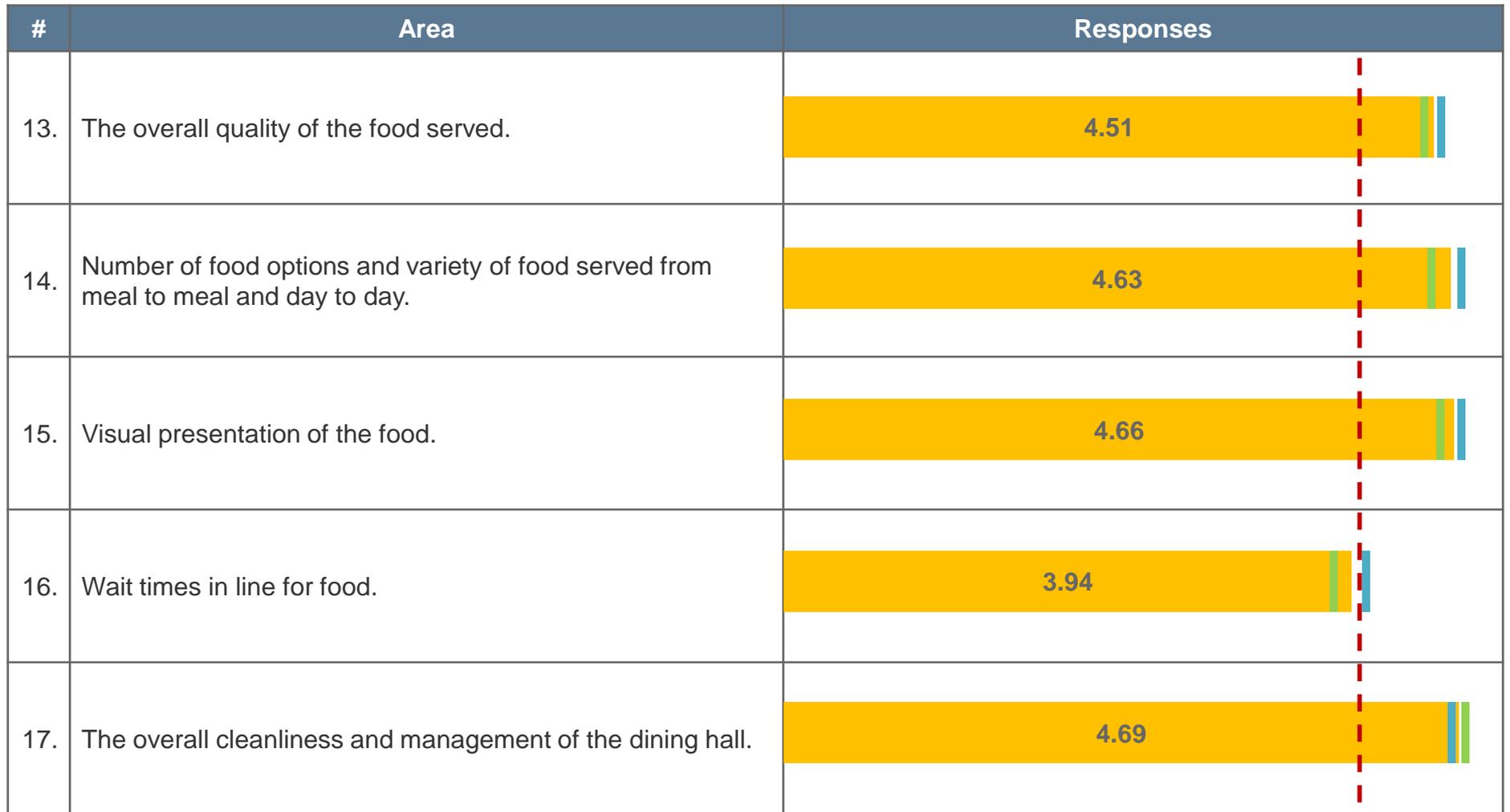
Common Questions:

Registration and Communication Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Registration Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beyond expectation. In future other chapters should seek help or guidance from this team. 2. One of the most advanced and quick registration ever! 3. Registration department did excellent job. 4. Registration process was very smooth and streamlined both online as well as onsite. 5. Registration process was smooth and up to the mark! Many congratulations to team responsible for it! 6. It went smooth. Many booths helped to keep the line short. Job well done! 7. The app would have been more helpful if it did not require internet access to get the schedule of events.
Communication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent job from the communications team. The best among all conventions. 2. Registration was great overall, but we needed better communication between youth group and women's forum for the outings. Also, the app was great, but a lot of people did not know about it. I think it was mostly the older people that were not aware. Next time put youth events in the booklet with the overall program so parents know where their kids should be. 3. Communication overall was good, however, I do feel that a bit more frequent communication towards the end would have been good. 4. It was great that there was a Facebook page dedicated for the 2018 Convention, however did not know about it until after the convention. Perhaps market better that there is a facebook page so people can be updated better.
Program Schedule	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The program guide / agenda should've been published much sooner than it had. I'm a Convention Committee member and even I didn't know what the program guide was till right before the convention. It is understood that the program guide can change but it needs to be published much earlier in the process. 2. The agenda for the convention needs to be provided months ahead so people can plan accordingly. Don't wait till last minute. Only one person in household is getting emails. Man is not the only head of household anymore so anyone with email in that house should be getting the emails: example wife, parents etc. 3. Communication prior to Convention was very poor. Very few details were provided up until the Convention date. People were dying to get Convention program Schedule. Early details of the Convention are must. 4. Wish we got the schedule, dress code, and information sooner. 5. Schedule was sent last minute. It would be nice to have it a week or 2 in advance.

76 total comments

Common Questions: Food and Kitchen



California	145	
All Other Chapters	125	


1 Star


4 Stars


5 Stars

Common Questions:

Food and Kitchen Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Menu Selection and Quality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All food taste was good and volunteer service was great. 2. Great food menu and great taste. Well done !!! One the best convention I ever had. 3. So many varieties of the food and excellent services! 4. Next time have more variety of foods for kids and keep the times longer. Did not see any stalls for 24 hours. 5. Food was great + process for food committee was awesome, 100% marks. 6. Overall quality of the food and options were great; though it would have been better to have some late night snacks instead of ice cream only at 11. 7. Loved the way food was presented. Wide variety food gave choice to everyone in family. 8. There is no way to complain about the food. This is the best food quality and management ever I have witnessed any other places or meetings that I have been to.
Dining Hall Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special thanks to all food committee and volunteers. 2. Food committee did work hard and we can tell ...the way everything was managed , despite of over 2100 people...the dining area was clean and well managed ..thanks to the volunteer ..and special thanks to dipakbhai for managing it so well !! 3. Lines only when there was event- it would have been a good idea to continue some entertainment going to keep the audience entertained while other people ate their meals. 4. The meal line process should have been anticipated with the large attendees. Elders and small children families should have been given priorities with a more structured process. 5. There should have been seating arrangements for elderly during wait time, perhaps they could have seated in separate room and escorted to dining hall when their turn comes. 6. One suggestion for food line would be to manage it like it is done in cruise ship. Early seating or late seating option during registration. This should reduce the line as people will come to dinning area during there allocated time slot.
Food Wastage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food was good but people should understand to that don't take to much food n then waste that food. 2. Just my thought is that there was too much food, variety and frequency of meals. Observed a lot of wastage of food unfortunately...Maybe keep less food items for the future and more healthy light packaged snacks in between meals?

112 total comments

Food and Kitchen Additional Comments

Area	Comment
<p>Non-vegetarian Options</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food was amazing! Lots of options, fresh and worth it. Appreciated the meat- everyone eats but yet they complain they don't so it was good to see us catching up to modern times. 2. Hats off to food committee and volunteer for excellent food choice. knowing that people will criticize to have non-veg food and you kept it. All I want to say that people have tenderness to criticize when they see the changes so ignore the negative thought. 3. The variety and quality of was excellent! Branching out to include non-vegetarian options was terrific. However, the non-veg food should've been setup on its own station with clear markings. 4. Thank you for offering non-veg food for youth. IL chapter youth loved it a lot. Usually they end up hating food and ordering room service. 5. It was awesome to have meat dishes. I would in the future probably refrain from dishes containing fish. It's an atypical dish we as Indians eat, especially prepared with in an Indian way. I would recommend having a meat station past the normal food stations. Away from desserts, and away from salads. 6. Also, would have moved non-veg choices from the middle (by desert) to it's own station either as one of the numbered stations or along the wall to be separated from main area (to avoid pushback from all the people who were negative on having non-veg option). I am appreciative of the non-veg option, which reflects who we are today and what we eat (all ages). 7. Meat items should have been on a completely separate table in a different area of the hall, not on the same table as salads (x3) 8. Very disappointed with options that non vegetarian. We are root of Spcs and that means we 100% vegetarian people. Had argued that in Town hall meetings with this. But responds was not acceptable for the food. Definitely culture starts from home but huge generation gap made it here. There lots other things we can do to bring youth back to spcs. Serving nonveg is not a option. Individual people have there own choice for that but not in SPCS. Answer was in town hall meetings from BOT and convention chairs personal members is not acceptable or satisfied. 9. Had I known meat is part of a meal I would not have donated my hard earn money or joined the event. I don't know how seriously my feedback will be taken but I highly suggest DO NOT include meat or Alcohol as part of the meal at any future SPCS event. 10. If this is the cultural event then nonveg is not our culture, make this group as social group , You should have inform that there will be non veg, I bet you half of the ppl would not show up.. (x10+) 11. We should not serve Non veg food as so many elderly people eat by mistake

Common Questions:

Entertainment and Program Schedule / Mela and Garba

#	Area	Responses
19.	The overall quality of entertainment performances.	4.42
20.	Number of entertainment performances and variety between the performances (e.g., not too many similar performances).	4.20
21.	The entertainment value of the performances.	4.25
23.	The overall spirit and liveliness of the Mela on Day 1.	4.25
24.	The overall quality of the Garba.	4.30
25.	Performance of the Garba singers and band (Priyanka Kher and Group).	4.39

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All Other Chapters	125	



1 Star



4 Stars



5 Stars

Common Questions:

Entertainment and Program Schedule Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Entertainment Variety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over all entertainment was fantastic. Great choreography for all dance. 2. There were too many performances and too many similar performances. The first night had one performance after another that was a "traditional garba" performance. Please limit the number of performances and scrutinize the entries more. The Entertainment Committee should act as a filter to screen out similar performances. 3. It was too many programs and some was boring...Instead of 5-6 hours entertainment keep shorter and Twice a day may be 4. Too many garbas first day! All too similar. Please combine. Not everyone needs to participate! Variety is important. Programs were too long. Need to have variety like dance night, comedian etc. Not just stage performances where we sit for hours! Entertainment was poor. Boring and repetitive. Needs to change. 5. Too many stage performances; and many of them were similar. It would have been better to stop performances by 10 at the latest and give people chance to mingle more. 6. If you are to have a rule that states there must be a certain number of people in a group to be able to dance on stage, then it should apply to EVERY SINGLE PERSON REGARDLESS OF WHAT CHAPTER THEY ARE IN. I know people across SEVERAL chapters who wanted to a dance with their siblings, friends, relatives, etc but they could not because of the # of people in their group, which was fine as long as they didn't see a dance performance with less than that many people. The fact that there was a dance performance with only TWO PEOPLE in it from CALIFORNIA chapter says some bias and unfair advantage. If that rule was sent out to everyone it should have been applied to ALL REGARDLESS OF WHAT CHAPTER THEY ARE DANCING FROM. That was probably the most disrespectful thing that could have happened. 7. 1. Some filtering of cultural programs should have been enforced. 2. Speeches needs to be cut down significantly 3. PM Modi was hit and gave every member some pride that Prime Minister of India participated same convention as they did and seemed he cared. 8. Also many people were doing multiple dances. I think it would have been great to just see those individuals do one amazing dance, instead of three great dances. 9. All three days performance was too much!! If it could have been one day spcs performance, one day DJ night/diario/outside performer, and garba night then more fun. It's too much dance and performance. 10. May have been better to have seminars for the younger generation and discussions between the old and young generations about what they are facing and how the older generation can help them. Are they facing bullying, social media harassment, etc? Should have had sessions on the richness of the Indian Culture and meaning behind the practices e.g. why we have idol worship, meaning behind the marriage ceremony etc.

96 total comments

Common Questions:

Entertainment and Program Schedule Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Time Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For drama don't give more than 10 minutes2. It was too long to watch performances. Some was ok. We were in hall from 5pm to 11:30 almost 123. It was way too long of time we were in hall from 5 to 12 was too much for people.4. some program was too long and boring, program should be no longer then 5-8 minute. short and sweet5. The program was too long each day even though the performances were good. It was just too much! We need to add more programs that we gain knowledge from and reduce to the entertainment portion a little bit.6. Some performances went on far longer than they should have7. Please take audition before approval of performance. There should be max. time limit for each performance.

96 total comments

Common Questions:

Mela and Garba Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Mela	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mela was very good platform for mingle and meet and greet.2. The "Mela" was a mela in name only; there was no real mela atmosphere. We should stop exaggerating things. Priyanka Kher and Group were awesome!3. What mela?, people don't know that that was mela. I was also looking for mela, than find out that sing chana is the mela.4. Mela was very good platform for mingle and meet and greet.
Garba	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wow.. Mela its bring my old memories from our gam mela...great performance by Priyanka Kher. That was great idea to let our own singer or performer to perform in our convention.2. Priyanka Kher and group was awesomeeeeeee! We need to hire them all the time! They kept energy and momentum going.3. Flash mob: dont call it a flash mob if its not actually a flash mob...its a dance performance. There was Be Taali, food break, and then 75% of the public disappeared for tran taali, and then back up for raas. Just keep the food going on starting midway of Round 1 of garba that way the hall stays packed and not ALL of the public rushes to the dining hall. Singers were great with good songs!4. For both events space was too small! That means we had good attendance!5. Priyanka Kher group made it so special.6. Priyanka Kher and group was excellent.

57 total comments

Common Questions:

Audio, Video and Photo / Creativity and Decoration

#	Area	Responses
27.	Clarity and volume of audio during performances.	4.52
28.	Clarity and volume of audio during seminars / panels.	4.40
29.	Size and picture quality of the video screens in the main hall.	4.69
31.	The overall quality of the decoration throughout the Convention Center.	4.60
32.	Number and variety of decorations.	4.54
33.	Use of creativity and decorations to highlight our Indian heritage and culture.	4.55

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All Other Chapters	125	



1 Star



4 Stars



5 Stars

Common Questions:

Audio, Video and Photo / Creativity and Decoration Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Video	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During performances, background screens/visuals were amazing. Technology used was great! Audio for seminars were good. 2. Background screen concept was great with garba song and other songs 3. Video and lights were awesome 4. Video on side screens was only focused on left side of stage. Should have shown ENTIRE stage of performers. 5. Great idea to have the widescreen in the back of performances; very unique. Also, great job to those that chose the according images to go with the performances. 6. Great audio/video, the visuals on the screen were awesome during performance, great creativity, it made a huge difference! Songs selections were fabulous! 7. Video, lighting and sound system were very good for first time in all Convention. Salute to Committee.
Audio	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seminar audio was terrible. Some places audio wasted valuable time. 2. In Dinning area Sound system totally fail. 3. In Dining hall it should not be any live program. There was nothing but echo in hall. 4. Beautiful use of colors, projectors, and audio. On occasion, the mics were not working as needed, however overall pretty great considering that was probably the most advanced technologically that the convention has ever been.
Decoration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The decor was great - the minimalist but classical approach was terrific. 2. Well done team decorations. All photos booths are well set. GAMDU looks like real. 3. LOVED that you kept decorations to a minimum on the stage and used the screen in back of stage to enhance each performance. Outside decorations were great. Again, minimal. 4. Decorations were just right. Not too gaudy or not too less. 5. The best of all convention. The pictures of Indian history were excellent. 6. Very thoughtful decor. love the backdrops, you could see a lot of time and energy was put in to making this very unique. Very creative displays. 7. Decorations were really nice! It looked really festive and lively as well as lovely! 8. I am glad that you didn't spend to much money on decorations and instead focused on the food. 9. Loved that the schedule was on the pop ups all over the center - really helpful

Common Questions:

Facility and Security / Directory and Souvenir Book

#	Area	Responses
35.	The overall spaciousness and quality of the Convention Center.	4.61
36.	Level of comfort in the Convention Center.	4.15
37.	Staff and security at the Convention Center.	4.61
39.	The overall quality and value of the souvenir book (given as part of the backpack during registration).	4.30
40.	Usefulness of the Utsav photo frame (given as part of the backpack during registration).	3.81
41.	Value of the hard-copy SPCS Directory (to be mailed out shortly).	4.27

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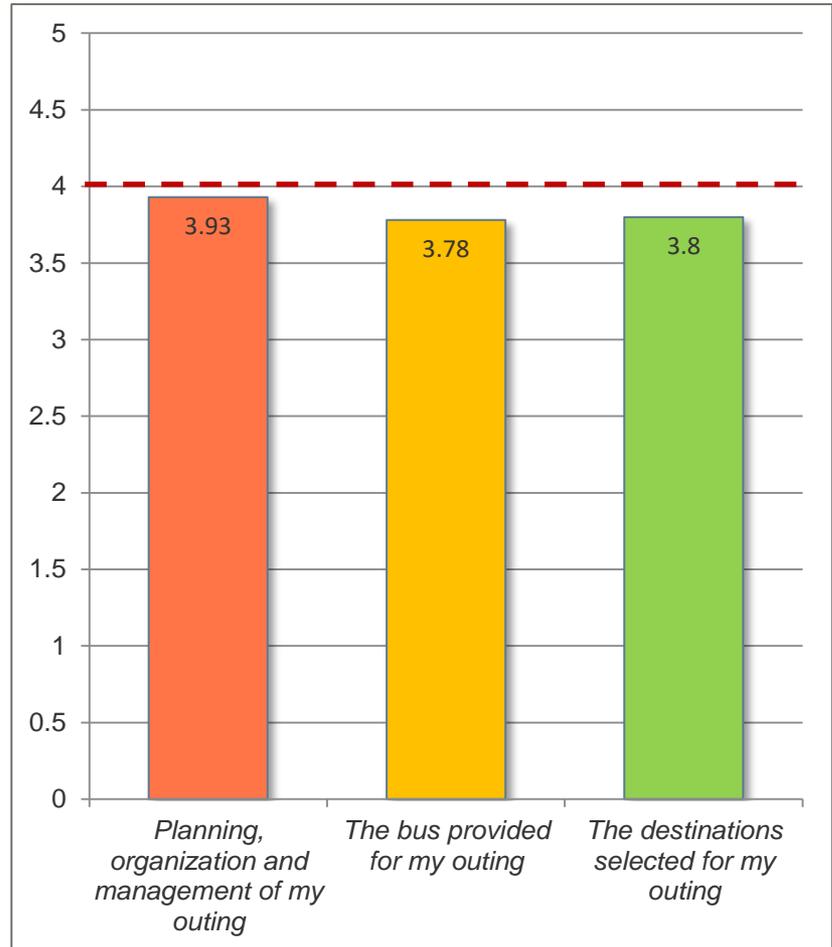
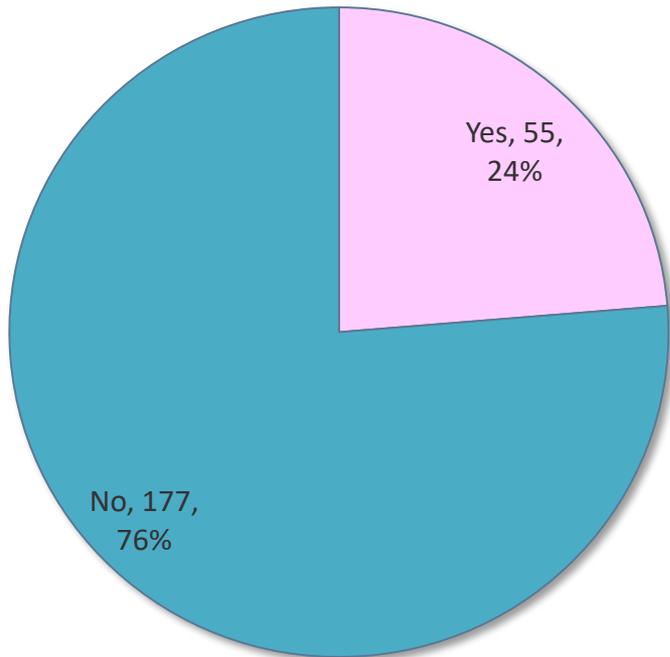
Area	Comment
Facility and Security	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obviously, the A/C issue at the Convention Center was a major problem. Hope SPCS can get some money back from the Convention Center for that (x10+) 2. All was great, except unfortunately the day the A/C was off. Staff was great, especially since they had to handle hundreds of us gujjus :) 3. Minus the AC breaking down, the convention center provided great amenities.
Directory and Souvenirs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A hard-copy of the directory in this day and age is a waste of time and money. We really need to come into the digital age. 2. Utsav photo frame...I don't think so people going to use it..don't waste money on that. 3. Not very good quality of photo frame (x5). 4. Souvenir book had a lot of typos. It should have been proofread. 5. While I can see the good intentions behind the souvenir book, it was not put together in a professional way that reflects well on the Samaj. There were some helpful articles in it, but approximately 1/3 of the articles were written by one person. More than half the articles in the souvenir book were opinion and not fact-based or evidence-based. It should be clearly stated that it is opinion and the opinions should be in a separate section on their own if they are to be included in a publication. I am very upset by some of the things that were published in the souvenir book. The Utsav frame is nicely put together, but I honestly won't use it. It is overly large. I find the directories obsolete; this information should be easily available on the website with a search function. This would also help save on paper and the publishing costs of an item that is very often not used. It should be an option to pay for a hard copy for the directory while everyone receives free access online. 6. I am not sure that we need to provide directory to attendees/Life Members. Data changes a lot over 3 year period. We should concentrate energy on getting members to update online. Perhaps a different type of booklet can be produced as a handout at the convention, thus allowing SPCS to sell ads for sponsorship. Alternatively, sponsorship benefits are modified to reflect the digital age. 7. Most people will throw away the utsav photo frame. The hard copy should be changed to digital copy in next convention. 8. The SPCS directory should be online and an electronic copy should be enough....maybe there should be an "opt-out" option for getting hard copy mails so there's less paper waste....almost everyone has access to online information.



3. Responses to Experience Questions

Outings on Day 2 of Convention

43. Did you go on any outings during Day 2 of the Convention?



Experience Questions:

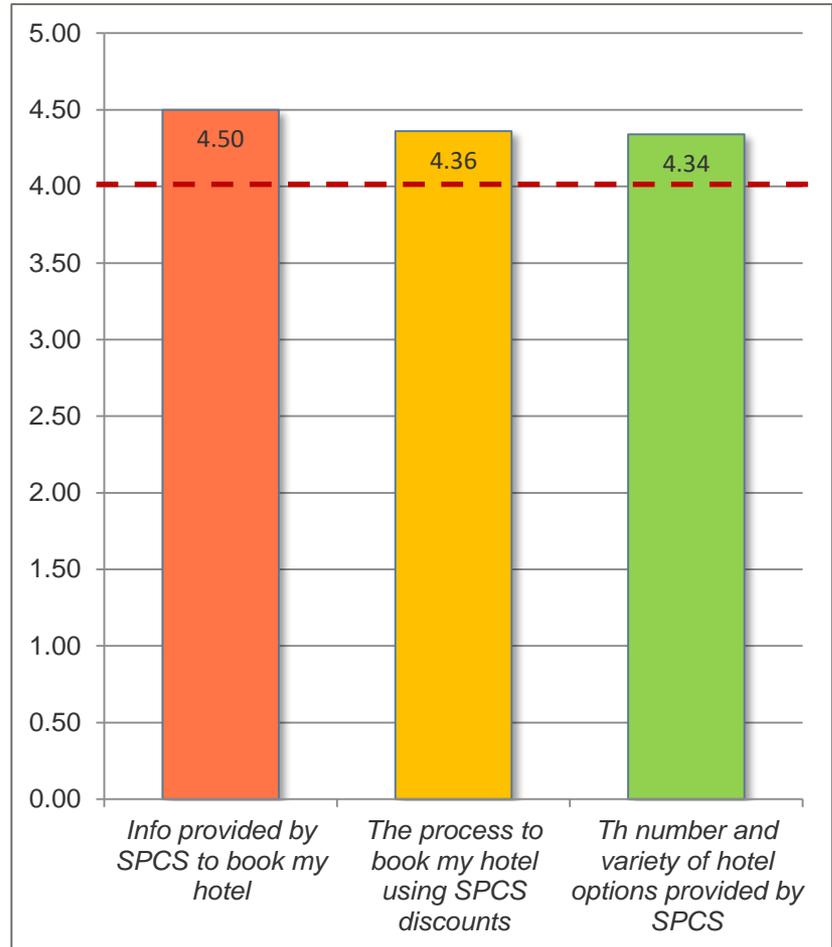
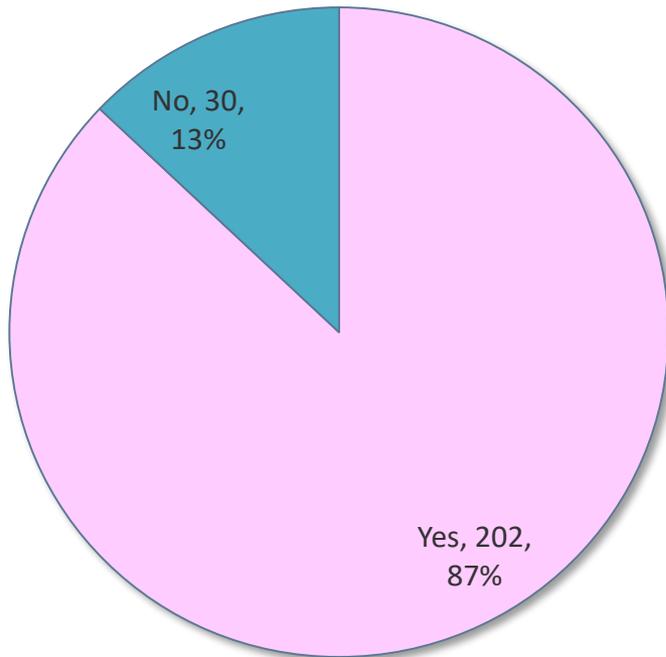
Outings on Day 2 Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Overall Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We spent too much time for 2 hour boat ride. It was hot at the pier and spent so long of time there without shelter in hot sun. Next convention we may need to rethink about outing. Outing did say spend time at the beach and go for 2 hour whale watching. There was no beach..... We got on the boat and vote did not go out of canal. We did enjoy company of one chapter riding with us on the bus. We could have enjoyed more on the premises with some game and other fun time with all the chapter ladies.2. It was too hot and we had to wait for almost two hours in heat. It was waste of time. Spent about 6-7 hours in bus, 1-2 hours eating sandwiches and waiting for clearance on Reservation and two hours in actual cruise. at the end we did enjoy on our own in the Boat-Cruise. We missed out on all the great sessions and workshops on the day.3. The spirit was really high! But It was 115 degree, only one bottle of water was provided, AC in bus did not work so it became exhausting towards the end. Next time, no need for outing, people miss out activities arranged in the hall. If people want to go somewhere, they can go on their own. There is not much control on traffic, weather etc, so it's better not to have outing.4. Bus air condition didn't work. We had only two case of water in extremely hot weather. Many ladies had severe headache because of dehydration. It could be taken care in advance. As a ladies outing attendant I would prefer staying at convention center next time and enjoy indoor activities.5. Bus was bad. A/C not working. No feed back from tour organizer.6. Bus AC wasn't working and no water was provided7. A better location could have been chosen than a winery, one with more activities. I feel like the outing should be used to help people socialize, and more support should be given to make that happen, since not everyone knows everyone.8. Asked us to meet by 7:15 and didn't depart till past 9am.

20 total comments

Hotel Stay During Convention

48. Did you stay at a hotel near the Convention Center?



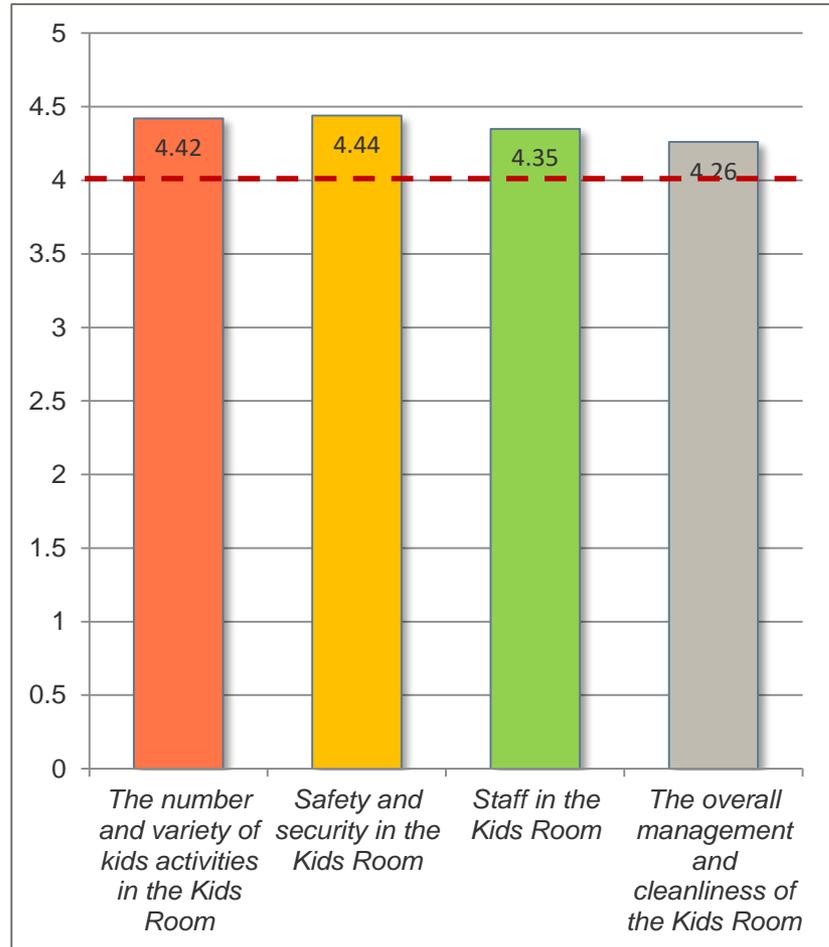
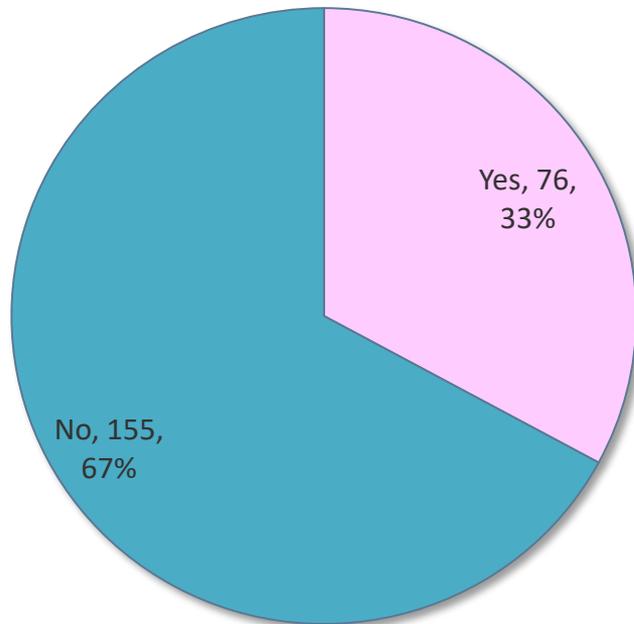
Hotel Stay During Convention Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Hotel Selection	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Gateway Hotel was very poor. I am glad I did not have to spend much time in my room, otherwise I definitely would have left. It was a place close to convention for me to store my things and sleep and get ready.2. Gateway was disaster for us. Not good services at all.3. The Gateway Ontario Hotel that we had stayed in seemed worse than ones we stayed in Africa, inspite of it being a Third World. Country.4. Ontario Gateway is junk hotel.5. Ontario Gateway Hotel should not be in SPCS List at all. It is one of third quality hotel ever i seen. It is shame to SPCS that our international guest stayed in that hotel.6. Ontario Gateway hotel suckkkked. Get some money back from them.7. Why was Ontario Gateway even an OPTION to book as a Convention hotel?? There was a residence inn, holiday inn right next to the convention center and would have been 5000 times better than that UTTER piece of GARBAGE. It was an embarrassment to have Ontario Gateway as a convention hotel for such a high quality convention center.8. gateway hotel was very poor quality and dirty. Hotels were poor quality Why not Marriott next to convention center was part of our hotel choices?9. Would have been good to know where everyone was staying and what age groups were where. I didn't know most youngsters were at gateway.10. Gateway motel had worst quality of rooms in rear building with same price as front building. Many complaints were not addressed by manager or owner. Rooms were smelly, lacked refrigerator, drinking water and basic needs. I plan to take action for refund of my money.

39 total comments

Kids Room Activities

53. Do you have kids that participated in activities in the Kids Room during the Convention?



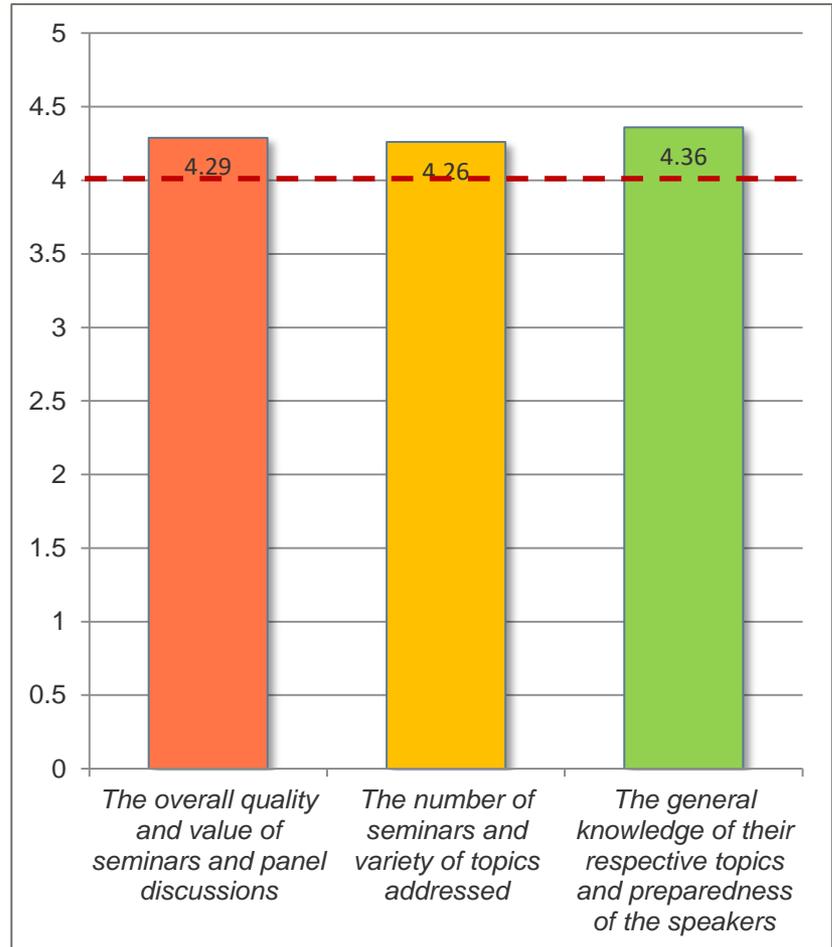
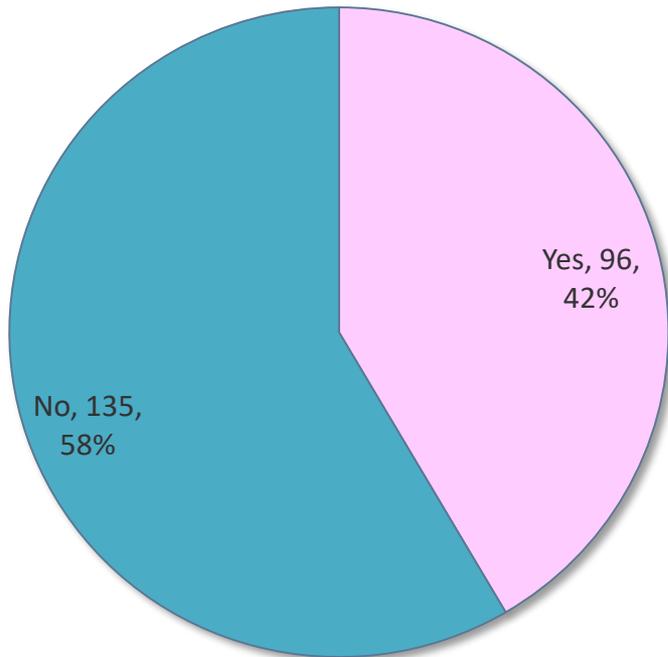
Kids Room Activities Additional Comments

Area	Comment
Overall Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It was incredible to see so many different types of activities for kids. It would have been even better if there were some rotating items, or additional items during heavier days, such as Friday and Saturday. Overall it was wonderful that we didn't have this for the kids. They truly enjoyed it.2. Good idea to have this Kids room. Very helpful when kids where getting bored.3. There was no security in the room; communication prior to the Convention mentioned that there would be strict ID check in the kids room. That was never happening. Overall, the kids room was a good idea but executed poorly. It was severely short-staffed and my wife and I never felt comfortable leaving our kids alone in there. So someone from our family had to be there watching over the kids. Just like any other Committee, the kids room needed a proper Committee with a full set of volunteers.4. Email said kids would be checked in and out with id! Nowhere was that happening. Not once was id asked! Room was not secure so younger kids couldn't be left alone to play. That's why parents had to stay in there. Whole point of kids room is to have adequate staff to watch and interact with kids while parents attend other events!

12 total comments

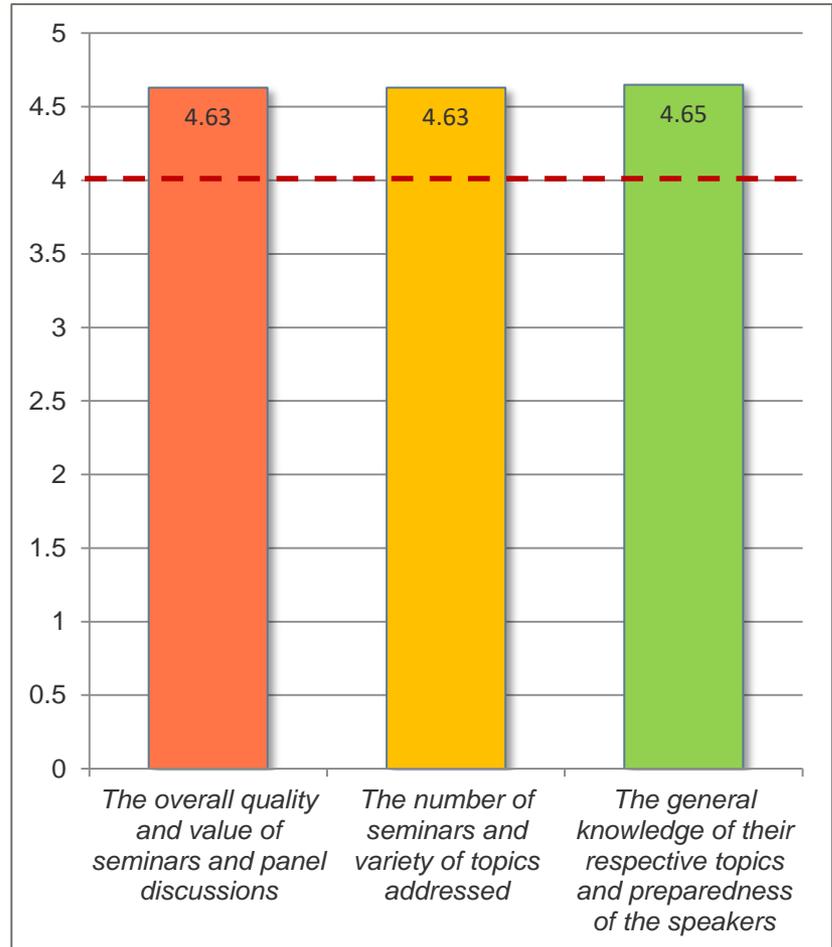
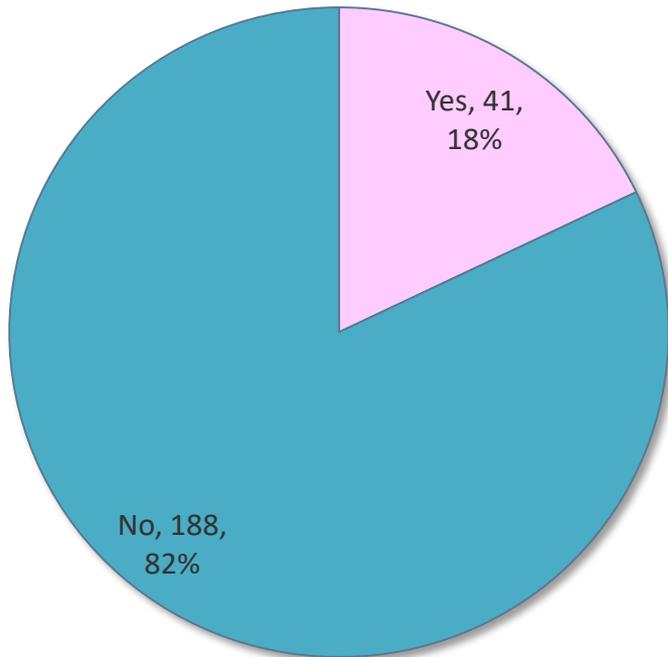
Young Professionals Seminars

59. Did you attend any of the Young Professionals seminars?



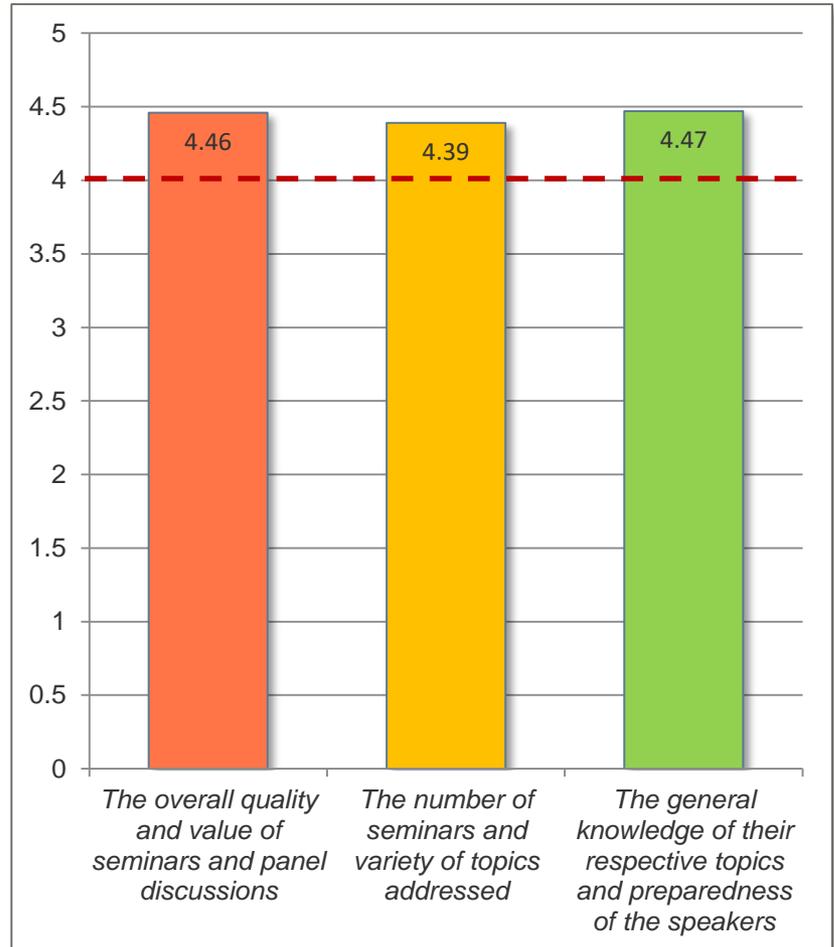
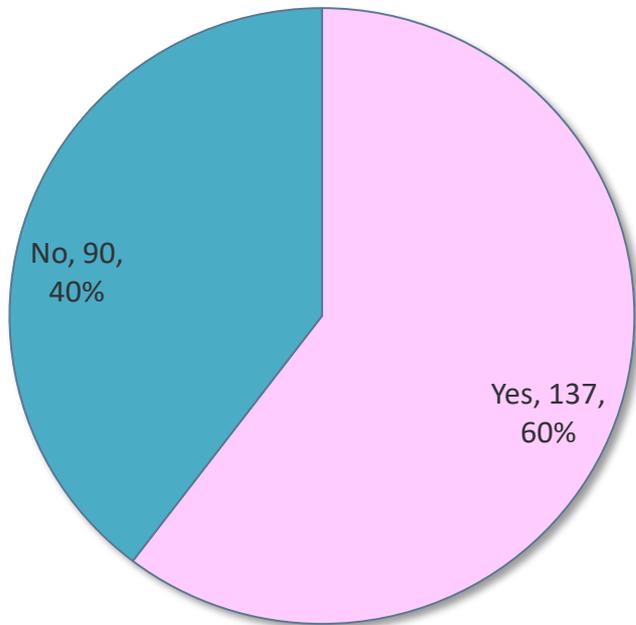
Physicians CME Seminars

64. Did you attend any Physicians CME seminars?



Other Seminars

69. Did you attend any other seminars (e.g., investment-related, mental happiness, etc)?



Seminars Additional Comments

Area	Comment
<p>Young Professionals</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All parents should attend this type of Seminar, even though their kids are very young. We all face the different issues with our grown-up kids and than start to join in such a seminar. To avoid problem building, one should know how to talk, treat, act, be friend with kids all that when they young. 2. I wished there was a larger turnout to these seminars as they provided very deep and interesting topics needed to be discussed. Its not like parents were running these sessions, it was people the age of the YPs handling these discussions so you could be more open. 3. Need more of these for the younger generation. Great presentation by Roopali and the Panel Discussion with the youngsters was great. 4. TedTalk or a comedian would be cool. 5. I attended the bridging the generational gap seminar. It was great, but the people that should have been in there were not. This seminar should really have been advertised more or even conducted in the main hall during one of the bigger events. This seminar takes place at every convention, and it is not reaching enough ears. 6. The seminars was a good start but the breadth and depth of the topics was barely scratching the surface. A lot of the topics were basic and didn't really push the envelope. Topics that are relevant today could've included bullying, how to accept people for who they are, etc.
<p>CME</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent CME seminars VeryGood initiative, need to keep physician program going. More participation from physicians is very necessary for Samaj and for youth as mentor. Overall excellent program. 2. CME gave a new direction to samaj. Hope our kids will join and take an advantages of our Medical professional & wish they will guide them properly

17 and 11 total comments

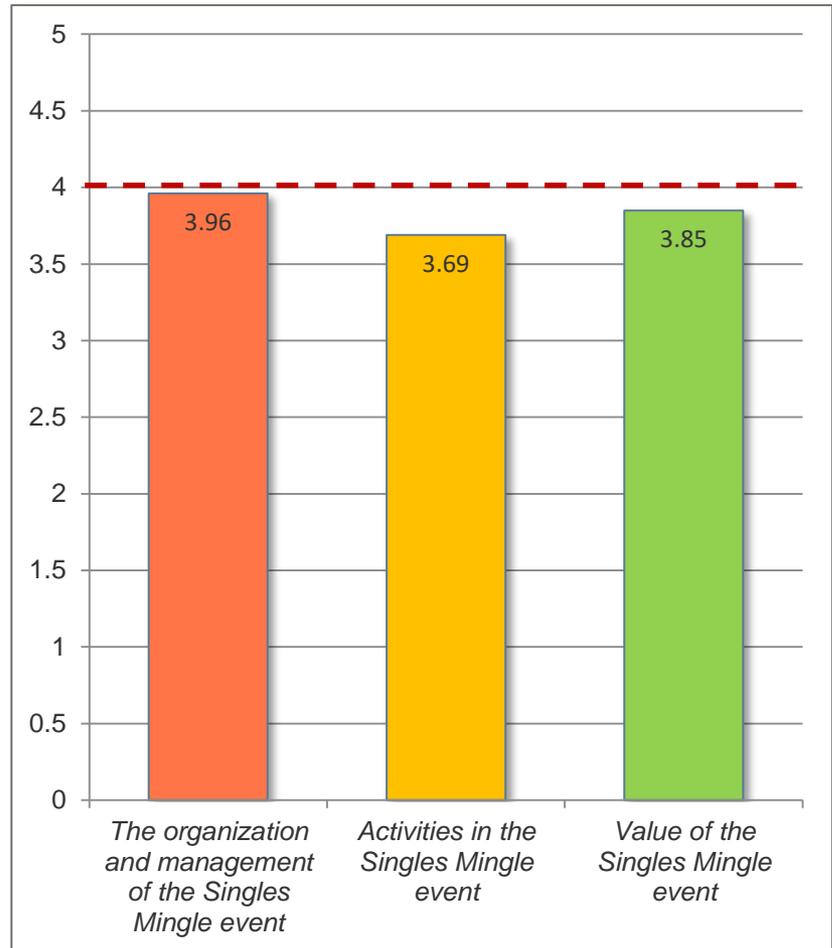
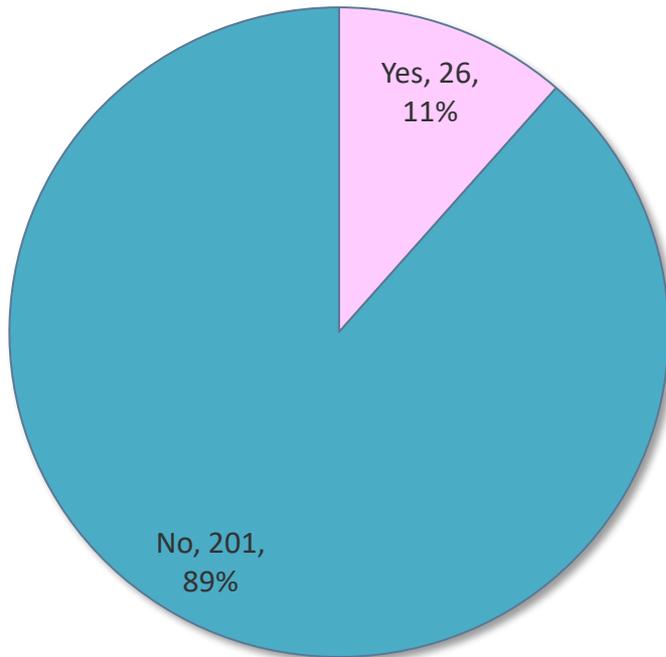
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Others	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="355 247 1615 275">1. The how I did it and learning about the businesses and help was excellent and helpful.<li data-bbox="355 289 1566 318">2. Seminars have given something's to take home and bring improvements in members life.<li data-bbox="355 332 1151 361">3. Himani's seminars were best. Balar's talk was also great.<li data-bbox="355 375 1846 546">4. We should plan more variety of seminars in next events. I really propose some modern technology related seminars and its impact on our lives and on upcoming generations. Here are few areas we can cover in our next events. 1) Science and technology 2) Agriculture 3) Political Science 4) International trade. We had seminars about investments (Real estate and Stocks), Physical health and mental health so we should keep it bring more variety.<li data-bbox="355 561 1831 689">5. Again, a good start holding seminars but they just scratched the surface. The next convention should build on this start and continue to push the envelope more. More focus should be put on seminars and less on dance performances. Seminars stimulate conversation, advance our Samaj as a whole, and raise awareness.<li data-bbox="355 704 1850 803">6. The seminars and topics were good but Scheduling was not good. Most of them were overlapping with other program and there was no time management, they were running late. There were no volunteers to guide the people about timing. Could not attend many important seminars.

24 total comments

Experience Questions: Singles Mingle Event

74. Did you attend the Singles Mingle event on Day 1?



Singles Mingle Event Additional Comments

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Singles Mingle Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wish there was more time!2. Wasn't organized very well, unequal number of girls to guys, did not get to mingle with other people because was stuck in speed dating activity3. Was expecting a lot more than just speed dating. The ice breaker was a interesting way to know how much other people are just like you. Easier to meet people throughout the weekend because of the singles mingles but maybe a little more thought into it would have helped.4. May help to have a similar event for some of the older people who may have lost partners or been divorced etc.? My nieces who are in the 30s did not see any men in that age group so it was not helpful for them.5. They should have also managed the time better, and they should have also added a time at the end for people to exchange contact info. I think that it should be a general mingle event instead of a singles mingle one (where people 21+ can all meet each other), so a "speed dating" that isn't really speed dating but rather for people to meet others in their age group should be done, with ppl meeting ppl of the same gender as well. People should have category cards with certain areas of interest to help make the process of finding people with common interests and activities much more easily (like a bingo sheet with interests in the boxes?). I think this event had tons of potential but was poorly executed.6. Too much time was spent on the "ice-breaker". Great idea, but poorly executed as the 21-27 age group was very large and the 28+ was very small.7. Why did you have people fill out the google doc beforehand if you weren't going to use that info at the event? The ice breaker game seemed kind of useless. The speed dating section wasn't bad.

12 total comments



4. Other Suggestions from Survey Respondents

What were the best highlights from the Convention?

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1. Overall this is best convention I ever attended. Well organized by California team.
2. Big participation. Management and smooth registration.
3. **Unity, team work and coordination Performances, particularly from California Food**
4. **The hospitality from the California chapter and the hard work they put in!**
5. **Well organized Dedicated volunteers.**
6. **Enthusiasm of people attending the convention. Effort of Volunteers and committee members to managed such a large scale beautiful event**
7. CA chapter's warm welcome on -day 1 July 4th.
8. **1. Unity of CA chapter. 2. Very good Food 3. Best registration process onsite as well as online**
9. Excellent Planning and Execution
10. PM Modi addressing the crowd (x10)

What were some areas that could have been improved upon in the Convention?

1. **Manage people during lunch/dinner could be improved. People can be assigned numbers or alphabets series. And as per number, turn should be assigned at the lunch/dinner to avoid long waiting in queue and congestion.**
2. **Give special access to avoid long food lines to hard working committee members who should be a given a different color badge. Some committee members were stopped from entering food hall even though they had duties to attend after finishing the dinner faster.**
3. 1. Dinner lines could be reduced by splitting all registrants in 2 groups. e.g. Give half members green band who would have dinner time of 6:30, others with yellow band would have dinner time of 7:30. After 8:30 no enforcement of band colors. That would have helped reduce the lines outside in the hallway.
4. **Reducing appreciation/thank-you speeches or keeping them short. As someone who is in the youth age group, I wish that there were more events with the youth.** Something like single and mingle only so many people will go to. If SPCS created an event that was something like an ice breaker for all the people in that age group, it would allow people to just get to know other people in their samaj that are the same age. Georgia Convention had something like this.

Summary Scores



California	145	
All Other Chapters	125	



1 Star



4 Stars



5 Stars