



SCIPping Along

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ANNUAL SCIP MEETING

The FY2016 SCIP Annual Meeting at CONSTRUCT 2015 will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in St. Louis, MO.

This year the annual meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, a few minutes' walk from the Convention Center. Although the starting and ending times will be similar to previous years, with the business meeting, meals, and breaks, the program portion will consist of a Workshop that is actively in the planning stages. We anticipate that Arkema will sponsor a special event in the evening as in past years, but it will not be confirmed until early September.

As a bonus this year, Hager Companies will host a tour of their hardware testing facility and dinner following the tour. The tour will start at 3:30 PM Monday, September 28th. CEU credit will be given for the tour. Guests and spouses are welcome to attend. Transportation will be provided.

Go ahead and make your travel arrangements to arrive about noon on Monday so you don't miss the tour, as well as the business meeting with the announcements, awards, discussions, and networking Tuesday morning, the noontime luncheon, the official group photo, and the Workshop on Tuesday afternoon. Meeting hotel Information:

<http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/missouri/embassy-suites-st-louis-downtown-STLWAES/index.html>

NOTE: The all-important RSVP for the SCIP meeting is in the form of a survey. The link to access the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYMLCQR>. The RSVP is open until the

end of July. Food will be ordered based on those responding that they are attending the meeting and workshop. No response – no food! So please respond to the survey ASAP.

To give you an idea of the responses so far, some screen shots are attached at the end of this newsletter.

CSI CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM: Recently the Board of Directors chose to take advantage of a CSI offer for SCIP to become a CSI Corporate Partner. This is in response to the Specifier Academy funding and instructor support SCIP offers annually to CSI. The benefit to SCIP members is a \$60 discount on CSI membership dues and additional discounts on CSI member services and products. The net advantage to you: SCIP dues \$50, CSI discount \$60. Put \$10 in your pocket. This may be a good marketing advantage to help promote SCIP membership.

For now, the Corporate Partner program comes with one disadvantage. To get the program discounts you must renew your CSI membership and purchase services and products through Shannon Pennington at CSI headquarters' office. This may be changed in the future when the CSI member database and e-store are configured to accept multiple price points for each item.

If calling CSI is too inconvenient, you may choose to opt out of the program. This will eliminate the \$60 dues discount, though.

Please look below for a message from Susan Konohia, who runs the CSI Corporate Partner program, explaining this in a bit more detail.

And finally, here's a friendly reminder to send your SCIP dues to Treasurer Stephen Falk. The Dues Invoice is attached.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

John Carter, CSI, CDT, RA, NCARB



THE SPECIFIER'S WORK PROCESS – Reprised from February 2015

At the next SCIP Membership Meeting (in St. Louis, September 29, 2015), the SCIP board is planning a members participatory "Workshop" intended to identify and document the typical specifier's work process on a typical construction project.

Most of the SCIP specifiers are involved, day-to-day, with specific tasks and steps that we perform to create and coordinate specifications for construction projects. This upcoming

Workshop will explore this “work process” and try to document the process, specific steps, milestones, and activities that we specifiers typically use in providing our services to our clients.

This Workshop will not explore the technical aspects of writing specifications, and will not dig into the business aspects, but instead it will focus on the day-to-day activities required to produce and coordinate our work with the rest of the construction documents team. Maybe some of us vary our methods a little, but we probably have more similar methods than different ones. The goal of this Workshop is to study and document how we produce quality specifications, then share this information with the specifier community at large.

The SCIP board is hopeful that this first workshop will be a pilot program that leads the way for future workshop ideas to benefit the membership and the construction community. Since we have an experienced group of specifiers, retired and actively working, including independent specifiers and affiliate specifiers, this workshop concept can help SCIP to collect our knowledge and experience and to share it with the construction community. Please join us in St. Louis.

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MESSAGE FROM CSI ABOUT CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM

SCIP has joined CSI’s Corporate Partner Program! This means SCIP members get better pricing and concierge service through CSI’s Corporate Partner Team.

To ensure you receive discounts on Institute membership renewals and support through SCIP’s Corporate Membership please contact Shannon Pennington spennington@csinet.org whenever you’re ready to:

- Renew your Institute and chapter membership
- Register for a webinar
- Purchase CSI products and services

To renew your CSI certification, please visit <https://portal.csinet.org/>, enter your CSI login credentials and proceed to the “renew certification” section of the web portal.

To register for CONSTRUCT, please visit: www.constructshow.com.

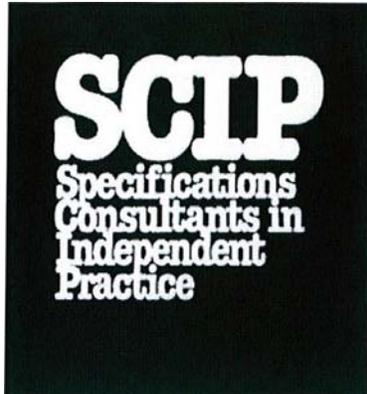
If you do not want to receive the special discounts and would like to opt out of SCIP’s Corporate Partner Program, please feel free to email me with your request. You will go back into the general membership pool and will have the ability to make all your purchases through the web portal.

We look forward to working with you and please feel free to contact me or Shannon Pennington spennington@csinet.org should you have any questions.

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CSI Corporate Partners (SCIP to be added soon):





Dues Invoice

SCIP MEMBERSHIP - July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

- Member (full year dues) \$50.00
- Member (after January 1)..... \$25.00
- Affiliate (full year dues) \$50.00
- Affiliate (after January 1)..... \$25.00

[Initial dues for members joining in the last half of the fiscal year are one-half annual dues.]

Mail your dues payment made out to SCIP to:

Stephen H. Falk, emeritus aia, ccs, csi, scip
Falk Associates, Inc.
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falk@falkassociates.com
tel: 516-466-9660/fax: 516-829-4278/cell: 516-647-8645
Treasurer 2015-16 SCIP

Membership includes newsletters as they may be published during the year, and includes a listing in the online SCIP Membership Roster.

If you have membership questions or comments, contact the SCIP Treasurer at [Email: treasurer@scip.com](mailto:treasurer@scip.com) or the phone number above

SCIP Annual Meeting - Tuesday, S...

Summary Design Survey Collect Responses Analyze Results

CURRENT VIEW

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FILTER: 2015 Member Survey

SAVED VIEWS (1)

Original View (No rules applied) Revert

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EXPORTS

SHARED DATA

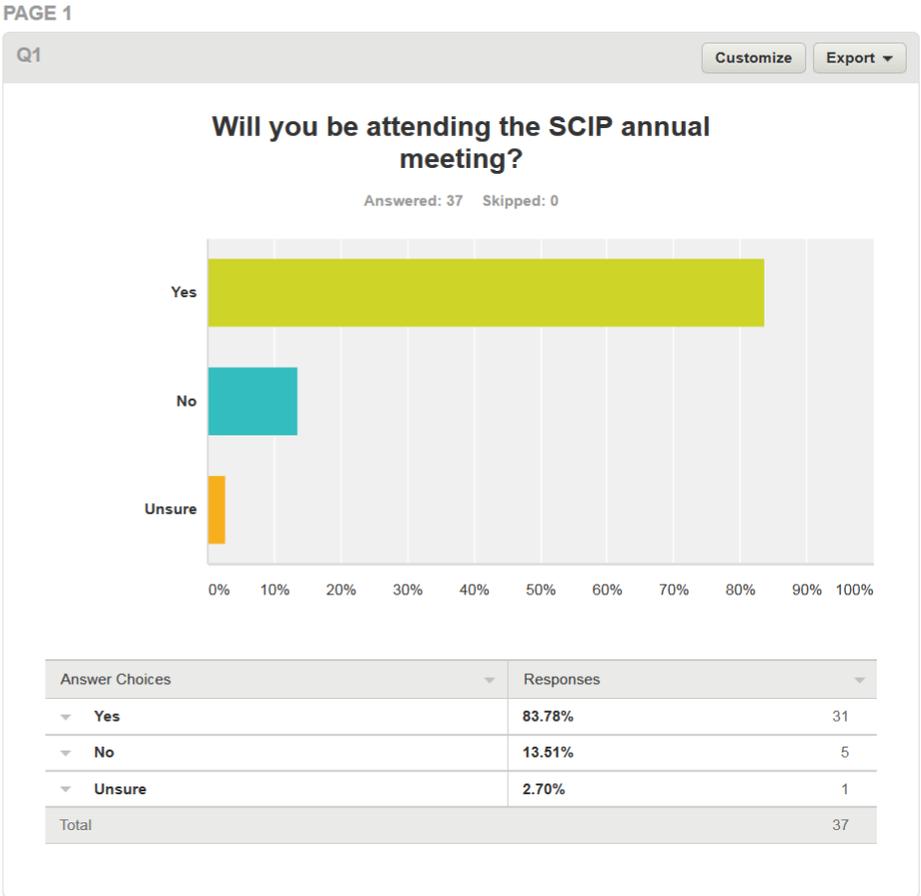
No shared data

Sharing allows you to share your survey results with others. You can share all data, a saved view, or a single question summary. [Learn more](#)

Share All

FILTERED: 37 of 41 respondents Export All Share All

Question Summaries Data Trends Individual Responses



Q2 Export

If you will not be attending this year, we'd appreciate your feedback telling us why.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 29

Responses (8) Text Analysis My Categories (0)

Categorize as... Filter by Category Search responses

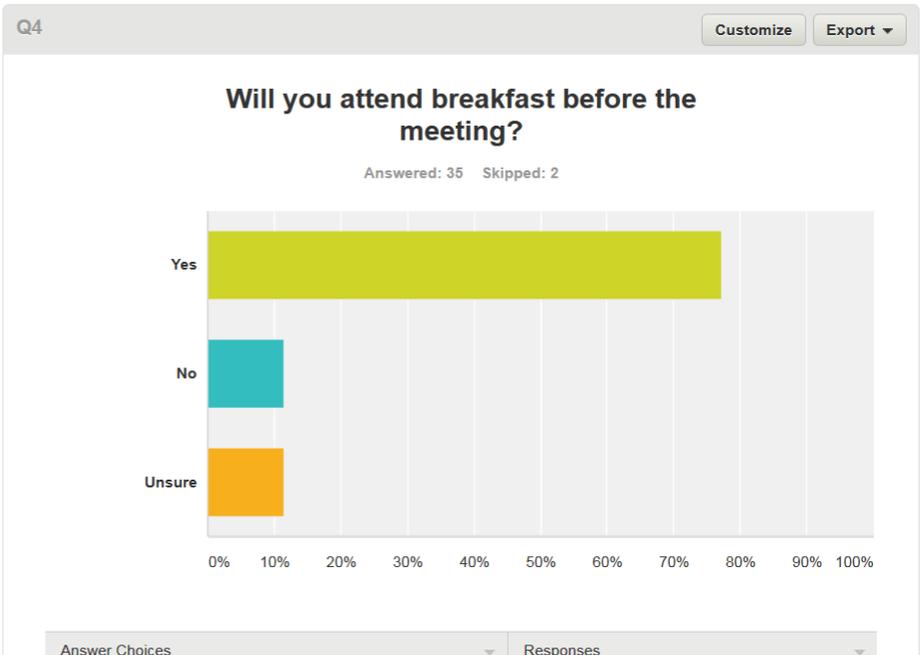
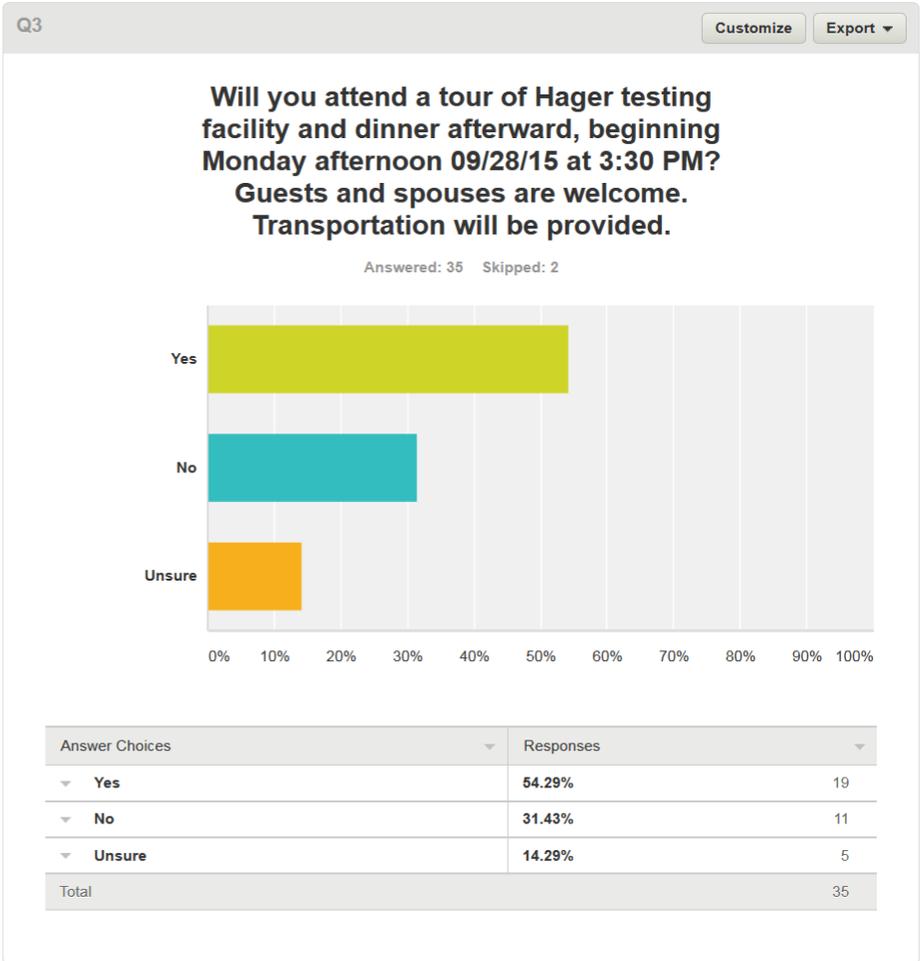
Showing 8 responses

- N/A 6/29/2015 3:22 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)
- I will be flying in that morning so I probably will not be able to make the full annual meeting 6/12/2015 11:06 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)
- New member, want to get to know the community 6/11/2015 8:50 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)

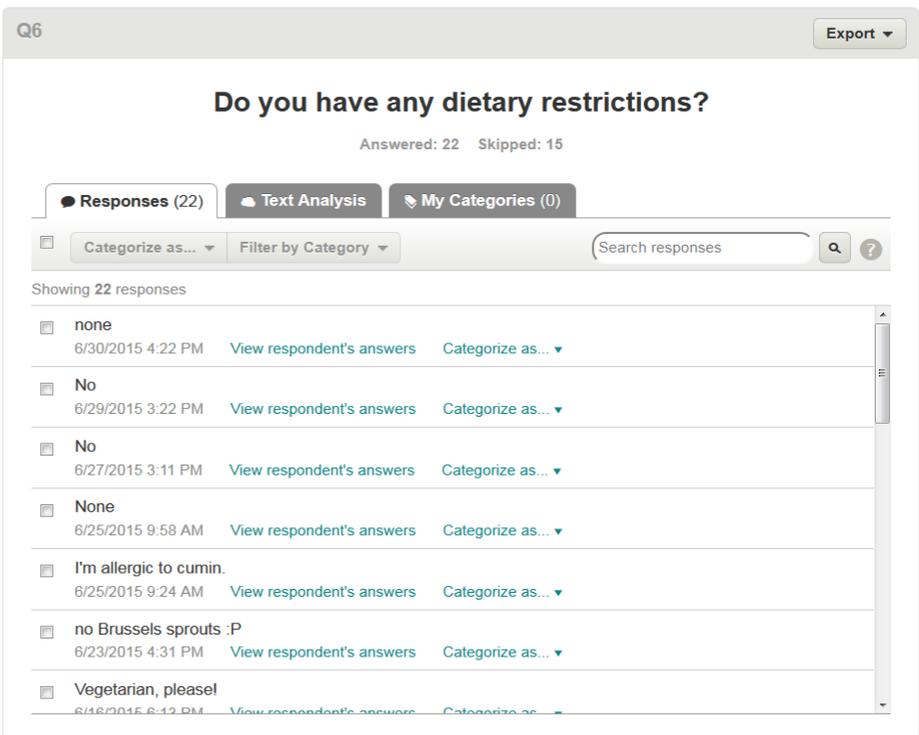
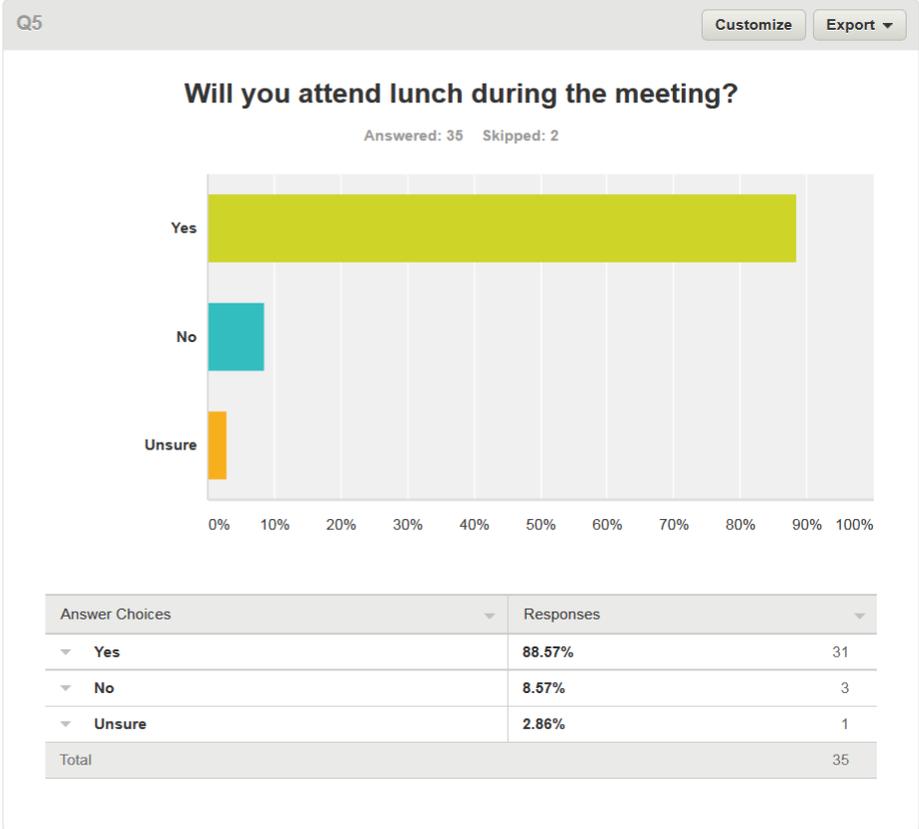
- N/A
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- I have too many other out-of-town meetings to attend this one as well - committee and Board commitments. also my husband will be out of town that week and I have to stay home with the kids.
 6/8/2015 1:13 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)

- My schedule is not allowing my attendance for the SCIP meeting or Construct. This looks like it will be a great SCIP meeting. I am sorry I cannot attend.
 6/8/2015 1:12 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)

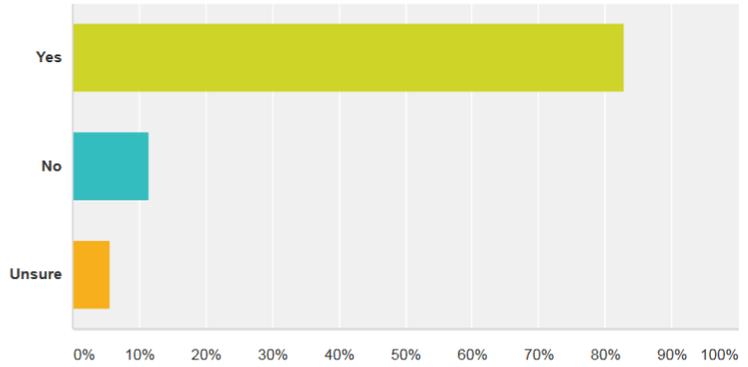


▼ Yes	77.14%	27
▼ No	11.43%	4
▼ Unsure	11.43%	4
Total		35



Will you participate in the Specifications Practices afternoon workshop?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	82.86% 29
No	11.43% 4
Unsure	5.71% 2
Total	35

Q8

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What topics would you most like to discuss during the member open forum?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 22

Responses (15)

Text Analysis

My Categories (0)

Categorize as...

Filter by Category

Search responses

Showing 15 responses

- How others have transformed form one person to hiring your first employee - if it is an appropriate topic?
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- Indemnification clauses in specification consultants' contracts with their clients, for architect (or owner) direction with which the specifier has a reasonable objection
 6/23/2015 4:31 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)
- unsure
 6/16/2015 6:13 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)
- I have nothing to add to the agenda - there are always many topics that come forth that I find interesting and informative.
 6/15/2015 9:17 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)
- SCIP Best Practices: lunch and learn presentations for specifiers to take to their clients, potential or actual.
 6/11/2015 1:14 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)
- Collaboration with CSI and others to advance integration of OmniClass, UniFormat, and MasterFormat. Updating SectionFormat and PageFormat for digital versus print.
 6/11/2015 8:50 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#)

Q9

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What SCIP business do you wish to be addressed during the business meeting?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 24

Responses (13)

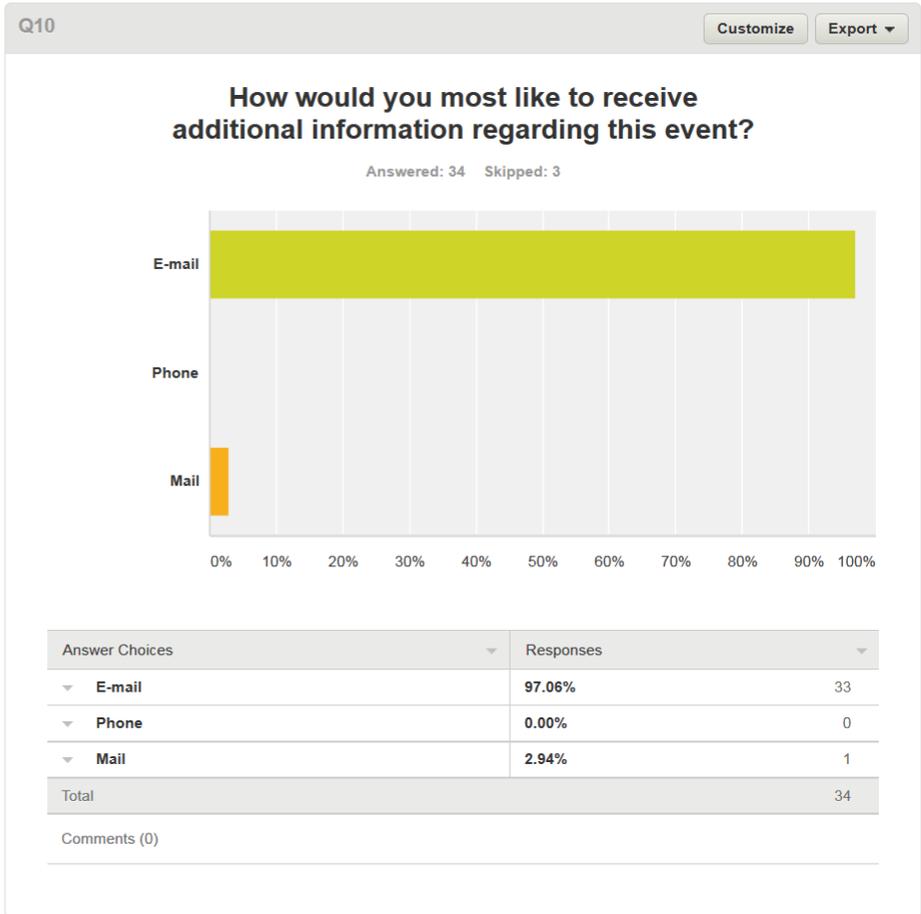
Text Analysis

My Categories (0)

Categorize as... Filter by Category (Search responses)

Showing 13 responses

<input type="checkbox"/>	Switching SCIP Group on LinkedIn from Closed (SCIP members only) to Open	6/16/2015 6:13 PM	View respondent's answers	Categorize as...
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am pleased that SCIP has split away from CSI for our meeting this year. I have always believed that we should be more independent. Hopefully this will be a step in that direction.	6/15/2015 9:17 AM	View respondent's answers	Categorize as...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	6/11/2015 8:50 AM	View respondent's answers	Categorize as...
<input type="checkbox"/>	7180 W. Surrey Ave.	6/9/2015 12:49 PM	View respondent's answers	Categorize as...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopting the revised bylaws.	6/9/2015 9:44 AM	View respondent's answers	Categorize as...
<input type="checkbox"/>	scip PR handouts	6/8/2015 3:14 PM	View respondent's answers	Categorize as...
<input type="checkbox"/>	404 Indian Hill Drive			



Q11 Export

Please identify yourself so we may send additional information when it is available.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Name:	Responses 100.00% 37
Company:	Responses 91.89% 34
Address:	Responses 94.59% 35
Address 2:	Responses 16.22% 6
City/Town:	Responses 94.59% 35

State:	Responses	94.59%	35
ZIP:	Responses	94.59%	35
Country:	Responses	89.19%	33
Email Address:	Responses	100.00%	37
Phone Number:	Responses	94.59%	35

Q12 Export ▾

If a guest or spouse will be with you, what is their name?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 23

Responses (14)
Text Analysis
My Categories (0)

Showing 14 responses

- Guest: Laurie Boehm, Wife
 6/29/2015 3:22 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- none
 6/27/2015 3:11 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- Katherine Baldwin
 6/25/2015 9:58 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- Unsure if I will bring a guest
 6/16/2015 6:13 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- none attending
 6/15/2015 9:17 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- N/A
 6/12/2015 11:06 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- n/a
 6/10/2015 10:52 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾

Q13 Export ▾

What suggestions do you want to make to the Board for planning the meeting?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 30

Responses (7)
Text Analysis
My Categories (0)

Showing 7 responses

- Online RSVP, Online Dues Payment
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- same response as to No. 9 above
 6/15/2015 9:17 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- Provide good A/V system
 6/9/2015 9:44 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- u r doing a great job, it is appreciated
 6/8/2015 3:14 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- I have not been to one for several years so am just looking forward to being there again!
 6/8/2015 12:20 PM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- Circulate items people want to discuss a week or so before the meeting.
 6/8/2015 11:51 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾
- Focus on the attendees and the needs of the independent spec writer, not the business of running SCIP.
 6/8/2015 11:22 AM [View respondent's answers](#) [Categorize as...](#) ▾