

# 1999 Convention Survey Results

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This survey was distributed in convention kits to all registrants. A box was provided in the registration desk for surveys to be returned. Total attendance was 926. The return rate was very low: these results are based on N = 36.

## 1. What airline company do you prefer?

24 Air Canada 9 Canadian Airlines 2 Canada 2000

## 2. a) Did you rent a car?

35 no 1 yes

## b) What car rental company do you prefer?

3 Budget 1 Discount 1 National 1 Hertz

## 3. Where do you want CPA convention to be held?

14 Major Hotels 12 Univ. Campus 9 Either

## 4. What type of accommodation do you prefer?

18 Major Hotels 10 Univ. Campus 3 Either  
3 Hotels with reasonable prices 3 Bed and Breakfast

## 5. What type of social event do you prefer?

29 Section Networking  
15 Formal Dinner  
11 Dinner & Dance  
5 No other social event besides the presidential reception  
2 Other  
1 Luncheon  
(Something specific to the area.)  
(Fun event)

**6. How many years have you been a CPA member?**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>1 person</b> | Less than a year |
| <b>2</b>        | 1year            |
| <b>1</b>        | 1.5years         |
| <b>4</b>        | 2years           |
| <b>1</b>        | 3years           |
| <b>2</b>        | 4years           |
| <b>1</b>        | 7years           |
| <b>1</b>        | 8years           |
| <b>2</b>        | 9years           |
| <b>2</b>        | 10years          |
| <b>3</b>        | 12years          |
| <b>5</b>        | 15years          |
| <b>1</b>        | 16years          |
| <b>2</b>        | 20years          |
| <b>2</b>        | 23years          |
| <b>1</b>        | 27years          |
| <b>3</b>        | 30years          |
| <b>1</b>        | 36years          |
| <b>1</b>        | 40years          |

**7. How many conventions have you attended?**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 3 people attended | 1 convention |
| 6                 | 2            |
| 3                 | 3            |
| 3                 | 4            |
| <b>1</b>          | 5            |
| 1                 | 6            |
| 1                 | 6 - 10       |
| 1                 | 7            |
| 1                 | 8            |
| 3                 | 9            |
| 3                 | 10           |
| 1                 | 10 - 12      |
| 1                 | 10 -15       |
| 2                 | 12           |
| 1                 | 15           |
| 1                 | 17           |
| 1                 | 20           |
| 1                 | 30           |

8. **What were the strengths of this year's convention?**

- Our particular presentations by Josie Geller on eating disorders
- Swap Institute
- quiet rooms
- Strong Clinical programme - some novel talks /Symposium (NASA)
- Quality of presentations
- Central location - good sound equipment
- Don Michenbaum's talk
- Location
- Invited Talks
- Presidential reception was held in a room of sufficient size that it was comfortable for once
- Excellent arrangements for committee & section work; Division 12 speakers
- Pre-convention workshops
- Strong and varied keynote/Invited Speakers
- Good conference centre
- Well organized & helpful staff
- Networking- new issues
- Friendly staff
- Although expensive to get to from Western Cnd, Halifax was a great City
- Variety in terms of context
- Location and Program

9. **What would you like changed?**

- As a clinician, I find personally more useful lengthier, more in-depth presentations
- The diversity of topics at '99 conference made for a scattered conference, with disappointingly few sessions of interest to me.
- Perhaps conventions organised around a theme would be more successful
- If there is a need for a forum for graduate students research presentations (which there is, undoubtedly) then perhaps a national conference such as this one is well suited. There were indeed many dissertation/thesis projects presented. Undoubtedly for a long-term practitioner, although some are relevant, many are not, due to the often esoteric nature of such work
- General physical organization was of, but there should always be refreshments included, this was quite annoying!
- A maters during meal times would allow people not to miss presentation. Perhaps an Invited guest Speaker at a Luncheon - This works well at other conferences
- More Canadian content! More CND Invited Speakers, Lees emphasis on American concerns like managed care & APA concerns like empirically validated treatments.
- Availability of in house refreshments and snacks (maybe there are but I haven't found them yet)
- I'd like to see more grad students presenting research - if this means reverting to Univ. Campuses to be more affordable, let's do it!
- Add time for lunch
- Impossible but - things that I want to attend being scheduled at the same time
- Coffee on site
- seating outside meeting rooms for networking/informal conversations
- more space in aisles between posters not enough room for reading/conversing to presenters

- More social convention opportunities
- better availability of coffee and especially water, not available at all on Thursday, also not scheduled to be available Saturday morning
- more room in aisles between posters
- Reduced fees for faculty and students - practitioners's can afford more plus it's a write off – not so for academics
- There needs to be a coffee/snack/meeting area centrally located. A big gap at this convention. Needs to have tables, chairs a place to visit
- No CPA convention in long weekends please, try keep to same time each year so we know when to expect it, try keep to late May or early June so airfares still @ low season rates
- re-unite with BBCS, or meet with the Learneds
- Food & drinks must be available at the convention centre (like in Edmonton - excellent set-up there... conducive to interaction)
- cheaper digs
- more efforts to invite speakers for their published accomplishments
- no overlap between keynotes and paper/symposia
- Move to University setting
- Held at univ. campus
- lower costs so program can be time lengths they request rather than cutting everything to be shorter than they should
- No questions after the Presidential Address. It is a well deserved opportunity to leave a unique inspirational message. It should not be diminished to the level of a dissertation orals
- Not on a long weekend and not in July or August.
- Lower registration fees
- Provide food for sale
- University versus convention centre setting
- Less costly housing and registration
- I would like the posters in numerical rather than random order ( it improved as the sessions went on)
- Allow a clear mid-day break

#### 10. **Other comments**

- More space between aisles for poster sessions would be good, not enough room for reading
- Hold meeting in smaller more intimate spaces where you can run into people. convention centres are often too big.
- Timing of this year's convention was off. Generally, I prefer CPA in June - not on a long weekend.
- Good Job - enjoyed the meetings
- WTCC a terrible facility
- Weak programme offerings, very poor attendance at sessions - lack of central communication area
- more mini workshops
- Costs of attending - especially if one is not from central Canada - are prohibitive... well over \$ 2.000 to attend this convention is what is's costing me, out of my own pocket, for instance.

- Convention services very poor no seating, expensive audio visual, no catering, unattractive decor - I have nothing positive to say about Halifax Convention Centre
- Convention centre services very minimal - outrageous cost for video rental \$ 200 0 !! Cut the corporate welfare - switch to univ. campuses!!
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- \$ 5.00 extra fee as conference rate in the university dorms was problematic and made no sense
- The conference as well managed
- squeaky conference room doors - very distracting (bring a can of WD40?)