

Summary of Non-Attendees Survey
USAID Alumni Association Annual General Meeting
November 3, 2017

As a means to gain information about why UAA registrants who live in the DC area (those who receive our emails) did not attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a link to a five question survey was sent to them afterwards by email. Fifteen responses were received.

When asked what would be the most important change that would make the meeting more attractive to the respondents, 6 (40%) did not respond, 5 (33%) indicated that “other” factors¹, and 2 (13%) each indicated that more publicity in advance or a more relevant program would have made the meeting more attractive to them.

Respondents were asked whether their opinion of a series of factors about the meeting was that they strongly agreed, agreed, disagreed, strongly disagreed, or the factor was not applicable. Among those expressing an opinion about the factor, between 29% and 44% strongly agreed or agreed that the date, time, or venue was not convenient; 37% strongly agreed or agreed that the program was not interesting to them; and 75%-80% strongly agreed or agreed that there were personal reasons or other reasons (not to attend). Among the 11 comments provided about why they did not attend, 3 persons indicated medical reasons; 3 personal obligations; 3 the distance they live from DC²; and 2 were out of town although they normally live in/near DC.

Respondents provided three names for possible award nominations, which have been passed to the Awards Committee.

Respondents were asked if there are issues or topics they would like to hear about at a future AGM. There were seven responses, of which 2 corresponded to those mentioned in the AGM Evaluation as being of interest for future AGM meetings:

- Progress or evolution of policy during the current administration, and
- Hiring and personnel issues.

Other issues/topics listed included:

- New program cycle ADS guidance;
- Country graduation from USAID programs;
- Programming with substantially lower budgets;
- Volunteer opportunities to use skills in domestic programs; and
- Future of USAID and multilaterals.

¹ Nothing under the control of UAA; Webcast; needed a partner; no longer living in the DC area; and date when I don't have an out of town conflict.

² One of these indicated having moved to California, but had been selected based on zip code in/near DC; address probably out date.