IEPEC 2017
Summary of Attendee Evaluation Results

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Overview

This report summarizes the results of the 2017 IEPEC conference evaluation. Attendees were asked to complete an online survey about the conference immediately upon its conclusion. 224 of 390 attendees responded for an overall response rate of 57 percent. Results presented here are based on these responses and do not take into account any potential self-selection bias.

The report is organized into the following sections:
- Attendee mix
- Overall conference assessment
- Paper, panel, and poster sessions—quality and logistics
- Networking and social activities
- Online papers
- Socio app
- Future conference planning
- Selected comparisons to 2015 results

Each section summarizes main take-aways followed by graphs or tables based on closed ended questions. Verbatim responses are attached at the end, but are included in write-ups of main take-aways.

Attendee mix

Take Aways:
- ➢ Evaluators from consulting firms comprise slightly more than half of the attendees.
- ➢ The median attendee is early mid-career and has attended IEPEC once or twice before.

Table 1: Respondents by affiliation and topic area (n=224)

Attendee Type	Percentage of respondents	Median yrs in EE	Median # of IEPEC attended	Share of all first timer attendees
Eval / mkt res – consulting firm	52%	10	2	34%
Eval / mkt res – utility	14%	6	0	19%
Eval / mkt res – non-profit	6%	7	2	6%
Eval / mkt res – other	7%	9	1	10%
Program implementation	8%	8	0	11%
Public policy	8%	12	1	8%
Other	6%	6	0	13%
All / Total	100%	8 (mean 12)	1 (mean 3)	100%

Target audiences who appear to attend in small numbers:
- Government (13 respondents)
- Public service or utilities commissions (8 respondents)

Overall conference assessment

Take Aways:
- ➢ Attendees rated the conference highly; most considered it either excellent or one step below excellent.
- ➢ Attendees consider IEPEC either the premier energy efficiency conference for evaluation issues or one of several strong conferences on that topic.
- ➢ Particular strengths mentioned in open-ended comments including the networking, the content, the expertise of attendees, and the good organization of the conference.
- ➢ Particular weaknesses and low lights for attendees included a lack of diversity in attendees (too many consultants and coastal perspectives; not enough utility representation and mid-country perspectives); absence of enough cutting edge topics and breadth beyond standard energy efficiency evaluation; early start times for West Coast attendees; and many complaints about the hotel, food, and meal logistics.

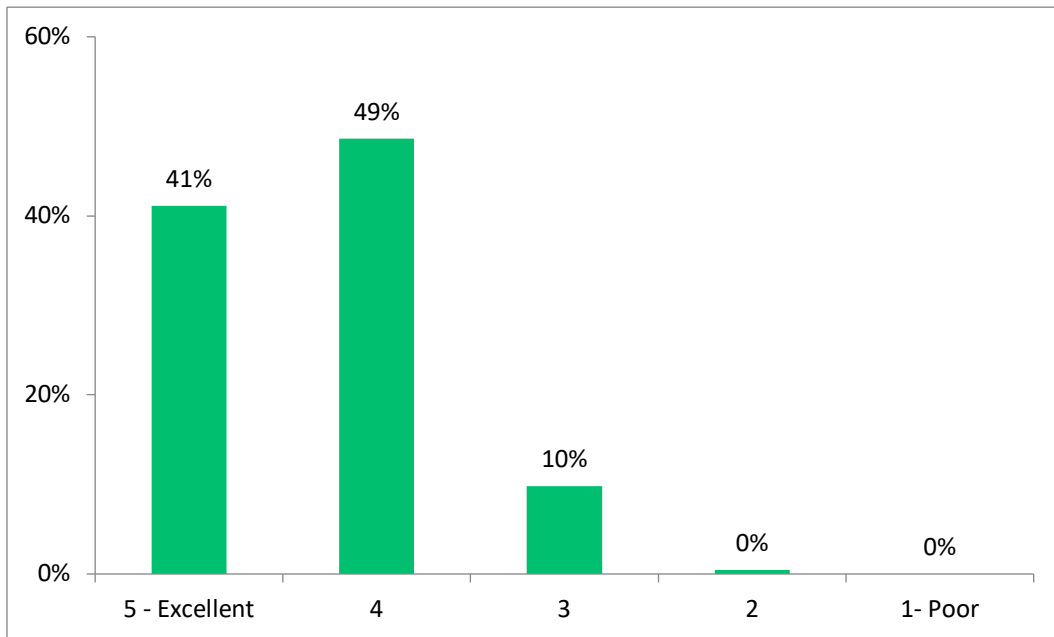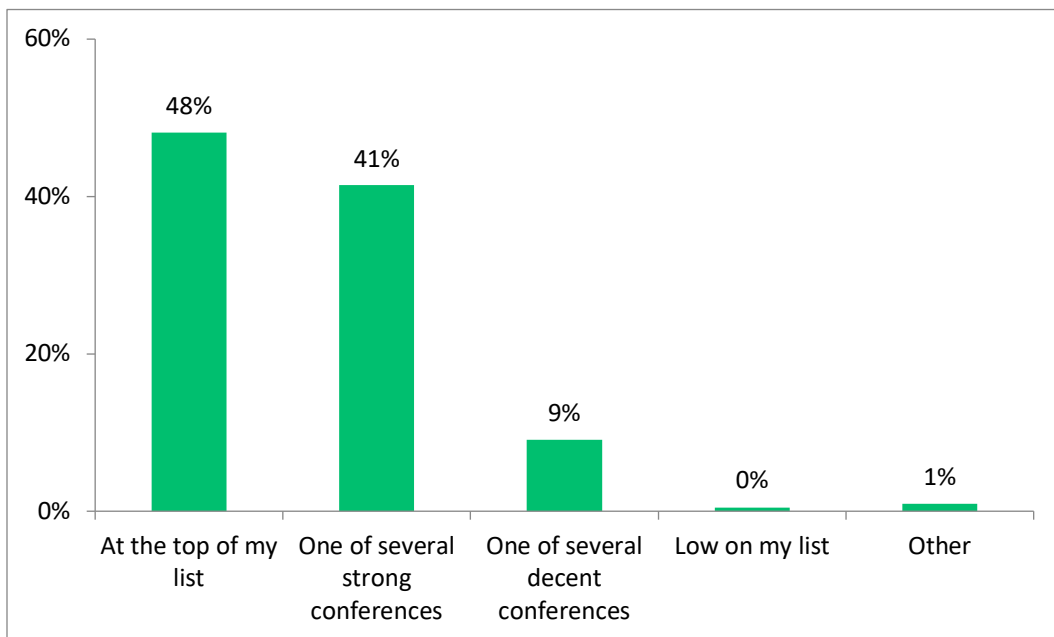*Figure 1: Overall conference rating (n=214)*

Figure 2: Where IEPEC would place if a new colleague were looking for an energy efficiency conference that covers evaluation issues (n=210)

See also the attached open-ended comments about:
- What attendees liked most (overall)
- What attendees liked least (overall)

Paper, panel, poster sessions—quality and logistics

Take Aways:
- ➢ Overall, papers and presentations met expectations for quality. In open-ended comments, several attendees expressed disappointment in the panels as not providing as much value as expected and not addressing the topic at hand deeply enough.
- ➢ Overall, the balance of time spent on various conference elements was well received. However, in open-ended comments, attendees asked for more time to ask questions and more discussion in sessions, as well as more time for the poster session.
- ➢ There is some interest in more Quick Takes sessions, but also many attendees who didn't know what a Quick Takes session is. Some attendees discussed limitations of the content that can be covered in short sessions.
- ➢ Favorite sessions varied greatly, but the following stood out with multiple mentions: opening plenary, residential lighting, advanced M&V topics (EM&V 2.0, NMEC, etc.). There was also clearly interest in both general and introductory topics and more advanced topics with high rigor.
- ➢ Comments about least favorite sessions highlighted presentations that were too dry, did not communicate take-away messages very well, or did not live up to their billing. Several attendees mentioned panel sessions as weak and not diving into enough depth. A few attendees were offended by content they considered political.

Figure 3: Quality of papers and presentations compared to expectations (n=213)
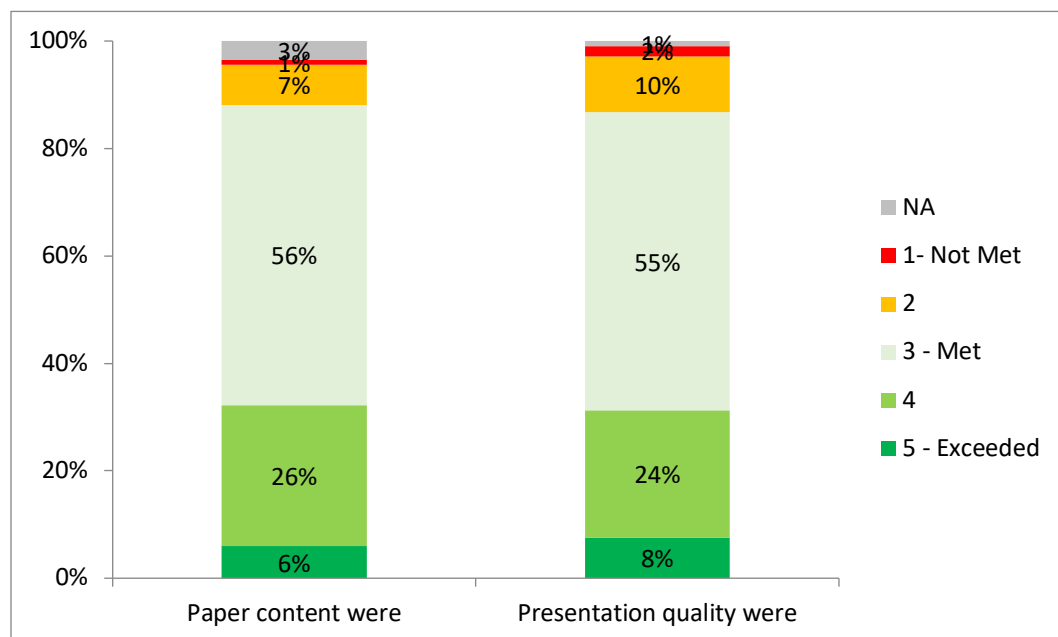
Figure 4: Satisfaction with time spent on individual core conference elements (n=213)
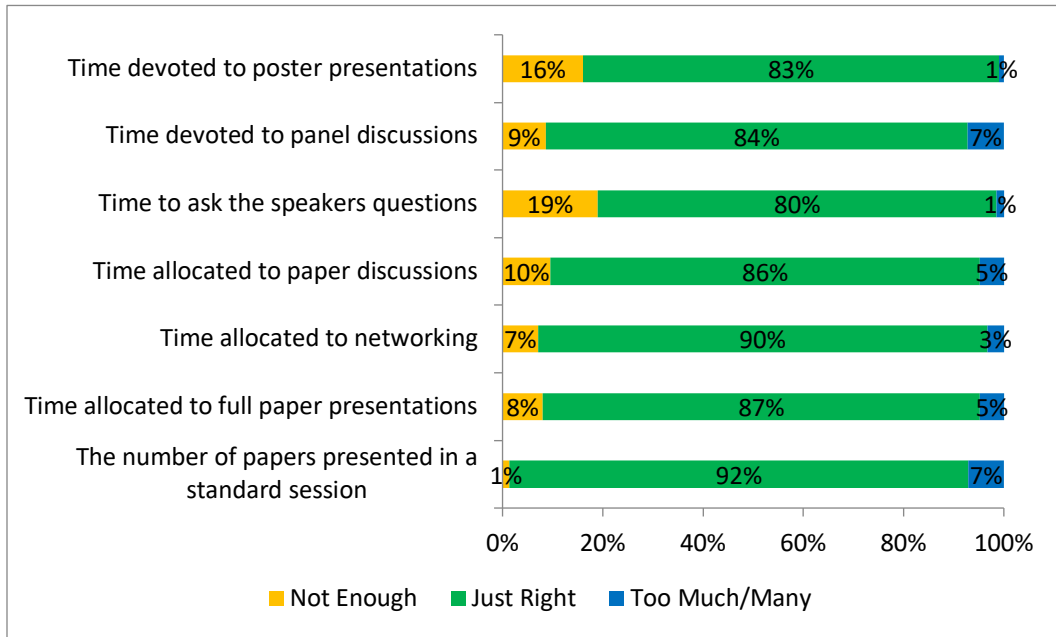
	Not Enough	Just Right	Too Much/Many
Time devoted to poster presentations	16%	83%	1%
Time devoted to panel discussions	9%	84%	7%
Time to ask the speakers questions	19%	80%	1%
Time allocated to paper discussions	10%	86%	5%
Time allocated to networking	7%	90%	3%
Time allocated to full paper presentations	8%	87%	5%
The number of papers presented in a standard session	1%	92%	7%

Figure 5: Interest in more Quick Takes sessions (n=205)

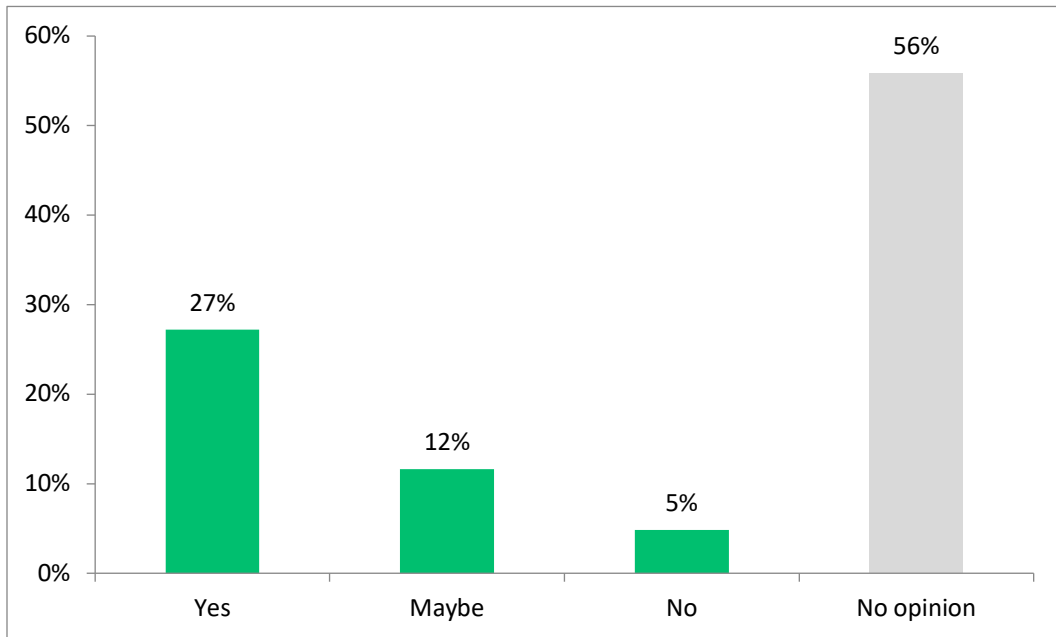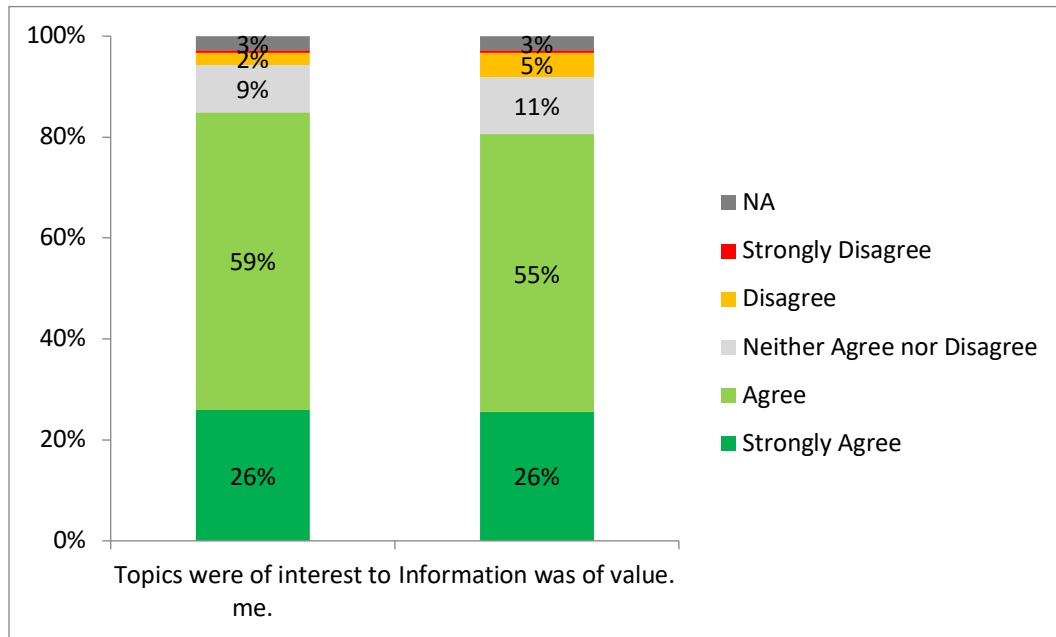|	Yes	Maybe	No	No opinion
	27%	12%	5%	56%

Figure 6: Assessment of panel topics and information (n=212)

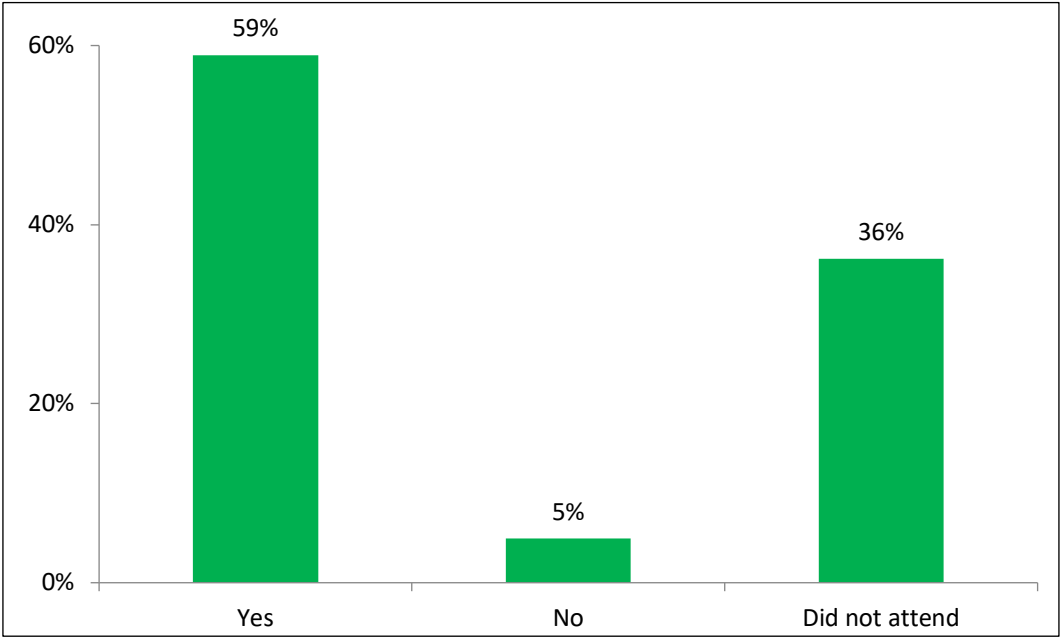See also the attached open-ended comments about:
- Time spent on individual core conference elements
- Quick Takes sessions
- Favorite sessions
- Least favorite sessions

Opening reception

Take Aways:
- ➢ Attendees enjoyed the opening reception.
- ➢ Suggestions were split between those who were very favorable on the game and those who wished there were more opportunity for networking at the reception.

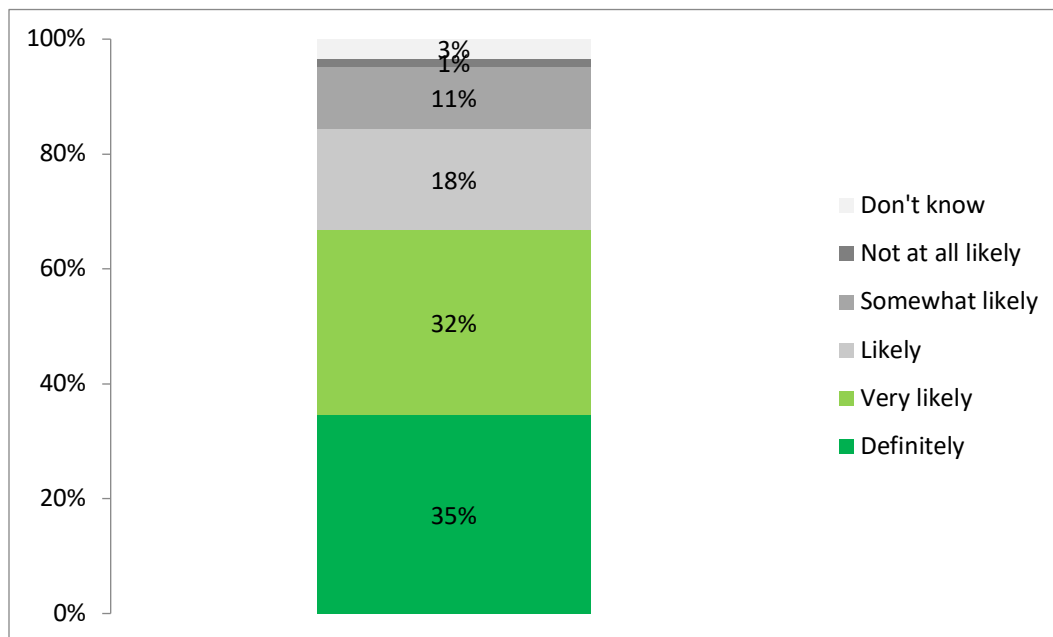*Figure 7: Usefulness of opening reception for meeting new people (n=224)*

See also the attached open-ended comments about the opening reception.

Online papers

Take Aways:
> ➢ Most anticipate expect that someone from their organization will view papers online within the next year.

Figure 8: Likelihood a colleague will look at papers online in next 12 months (n=211)

Socio app

Take Aways:
> ➢ At most, half of the attendees used the Socio app; individual features were used in small numbers.
> ➢ Users found value in the features they used, but did not seem to embrace the app.
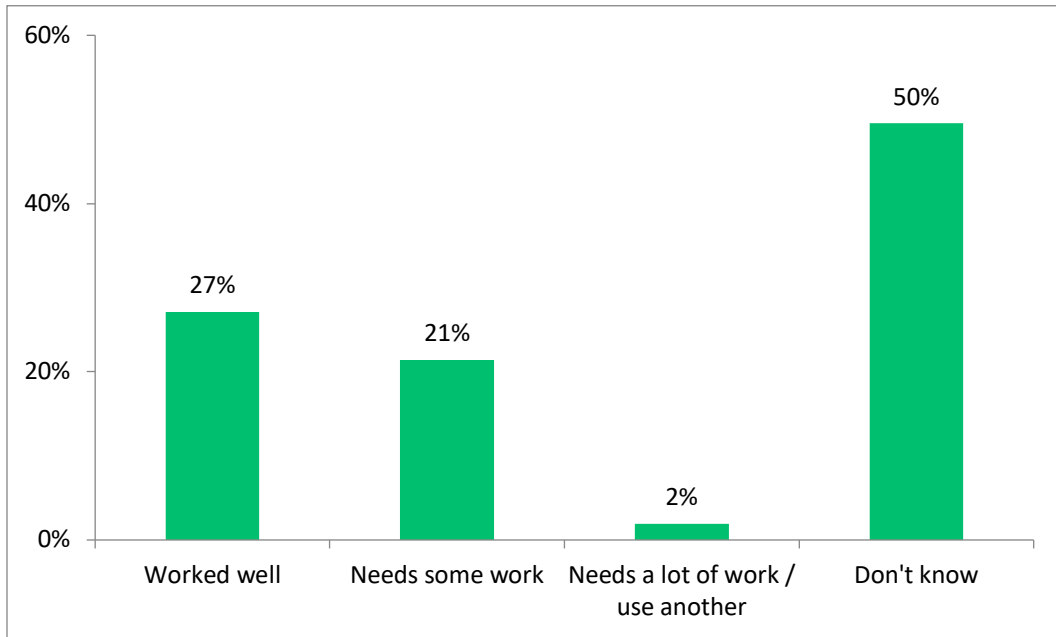
Figure 9: Overall assessment of Socio

Figure 10: Ratings of Socio App features (n=210)
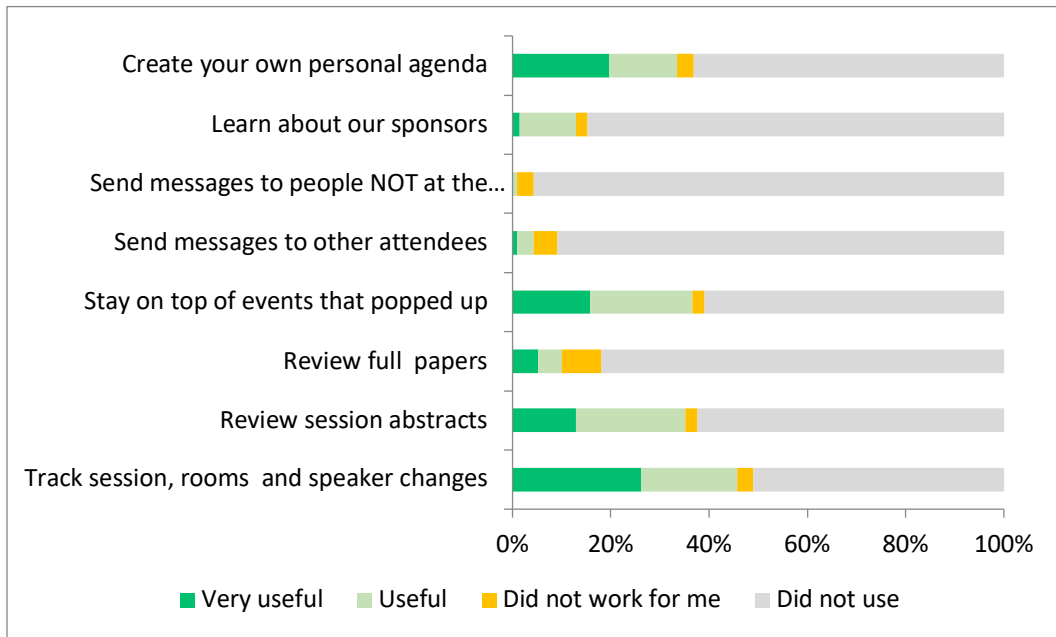
Future Conference Planning

Take Aways:
- ➢ Few attendees expressed concerns about current conference and hotel costs. We do not know how much more people would be willing to pay or how many did not attend due to cost concerns.
- ➢ Attendees have a strong preference for Denver among Midwest cities offered.
- ➢ Attendees have a slight preference for late September over August.

Figure 11: Perceived reasonableness of conference costs (n=210)

Figure 12: Midwest locational preference (n=214)

Figure 13: Influence of conference timing on respondent decision to attend (n=224)
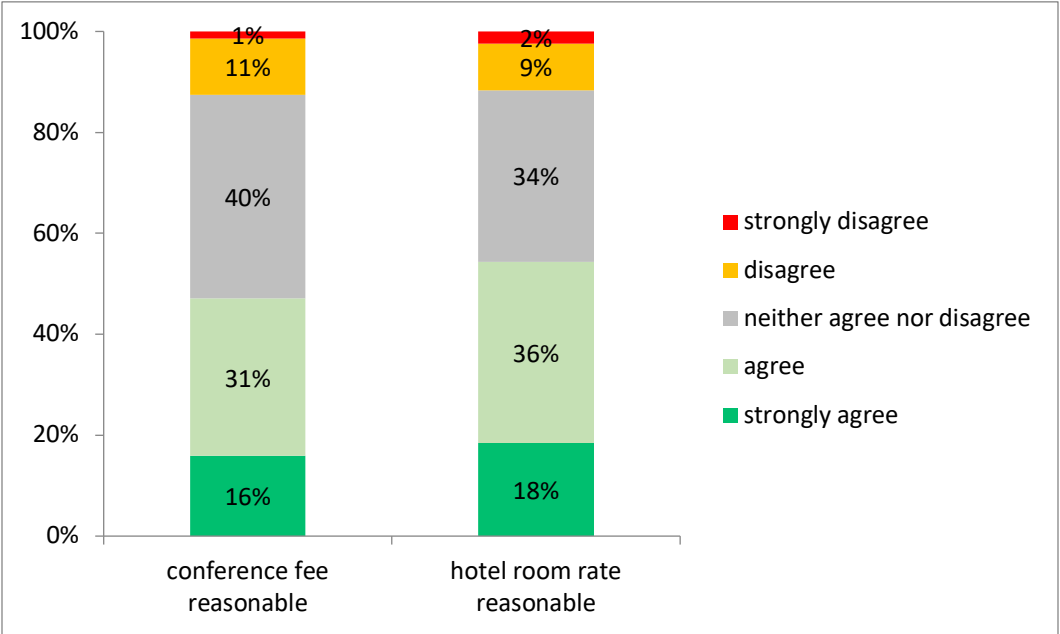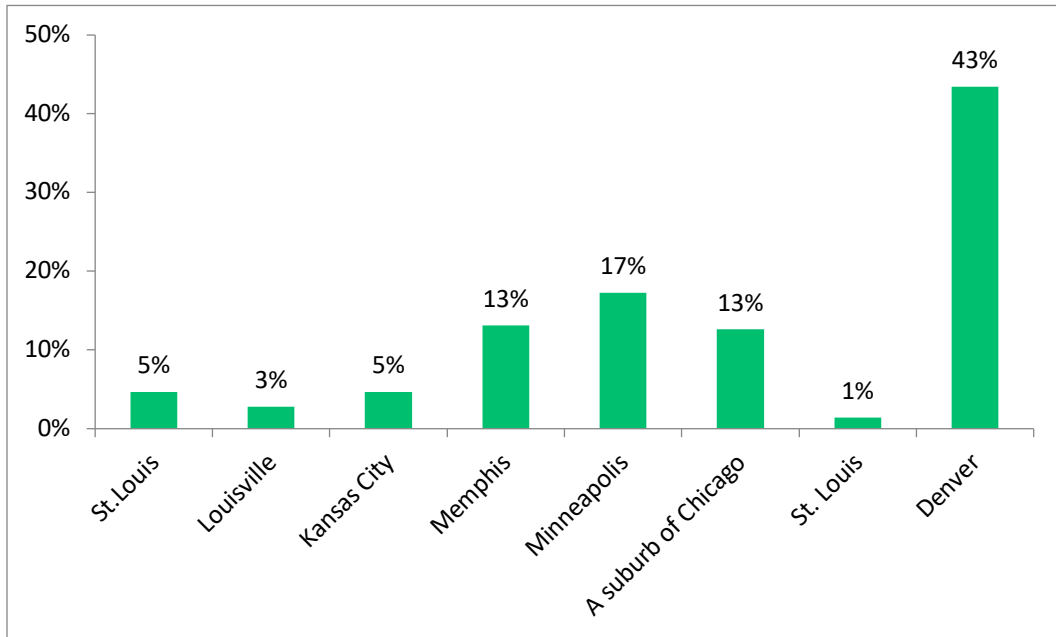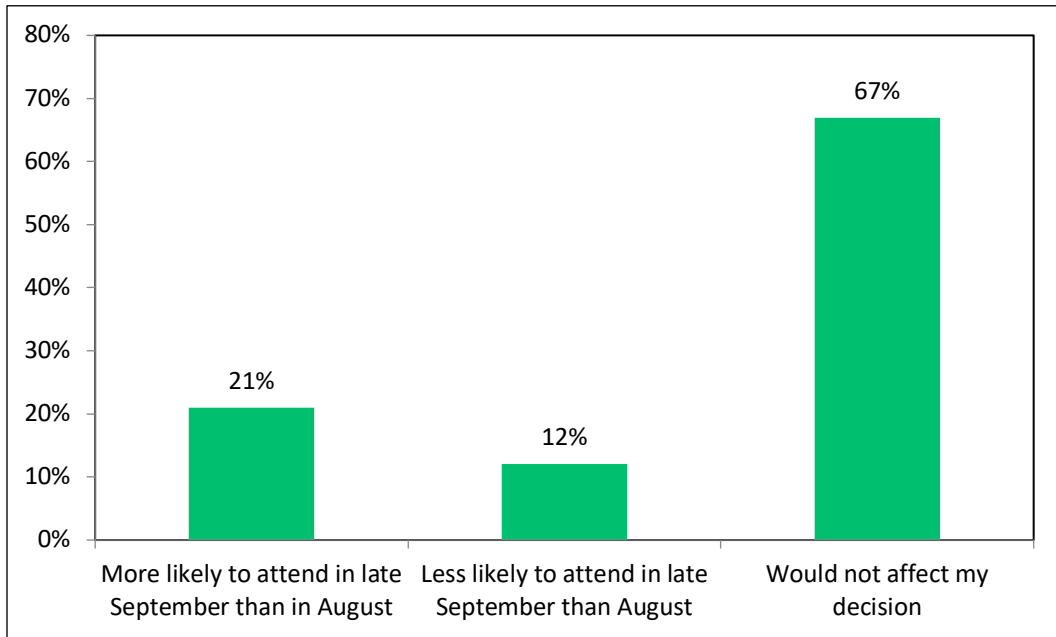
Selected historical comparisons

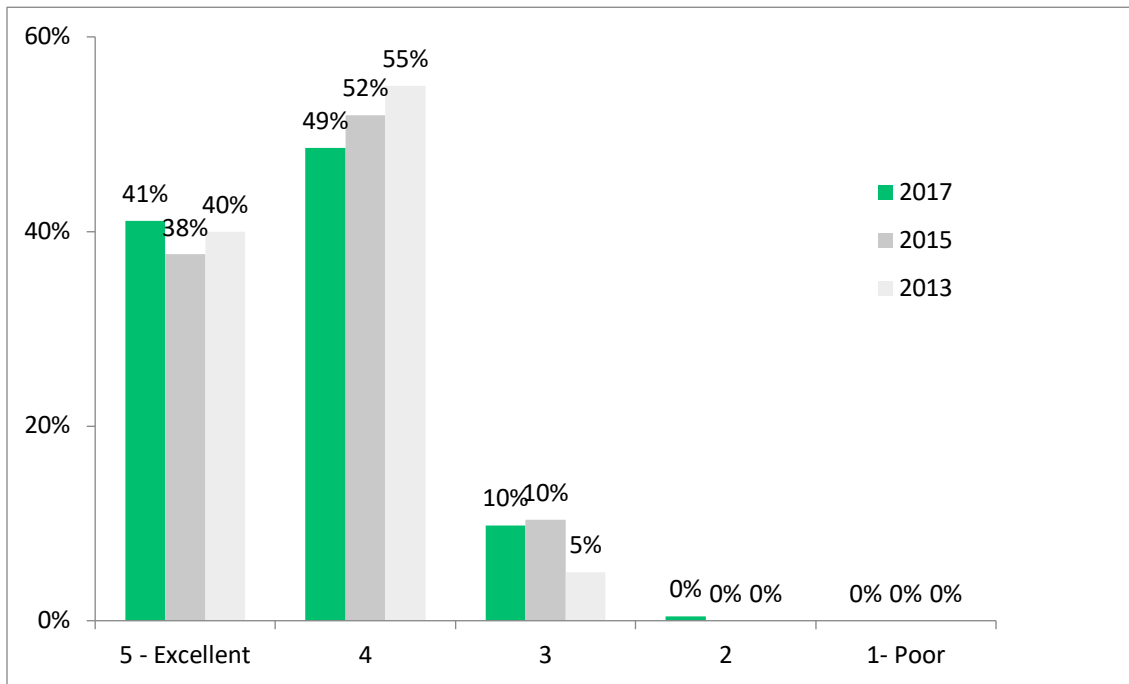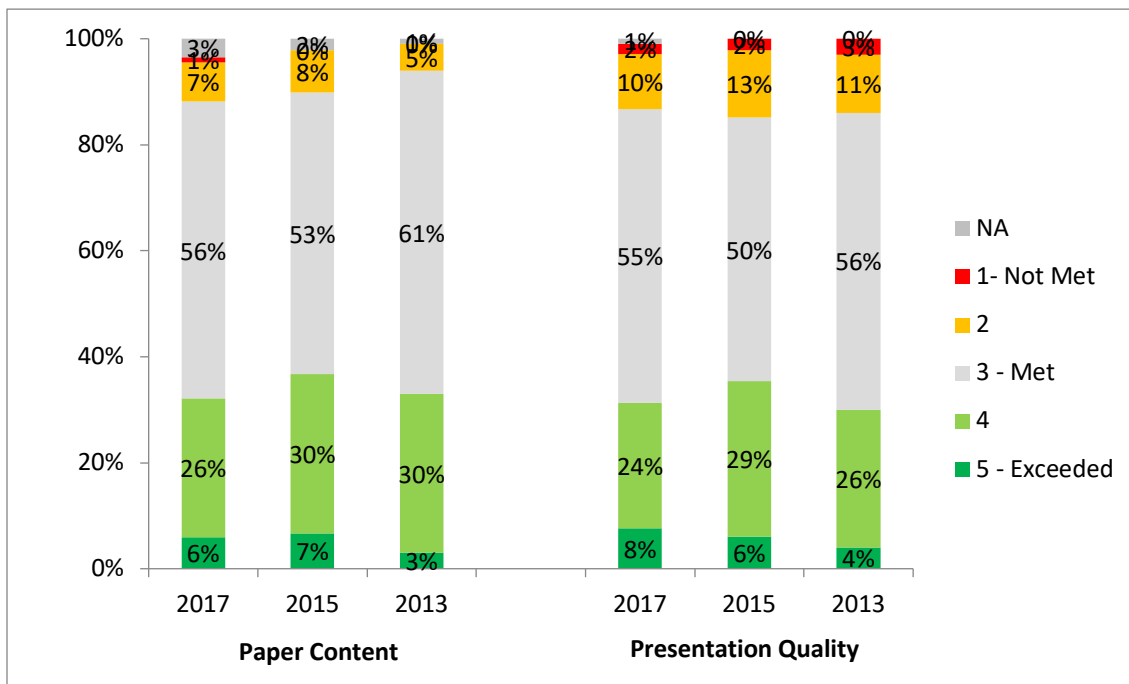*Figure 14: Overall conference assessment (2017, 2015, 2013)*

Figure 15: Quality of papers and presentations compared to expectations (2017, 2015, 2013)

Open-ended comments and suggestions

Overall – what attendees liked best
- I liked so many aspects, but probably the best part was the size of it: perfect mix of detailed offerings and folks to meet with enough time scheduled in to actually do so.
- networking
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- this may sound basic, but ... the layout was incredibly easy as compared with other venues.
- Like sessions being almost all papers rather than panels (different than prior years). It is hard to have any take-aways from panels & can't go back & look the info up later.
- Quality presentations
- panel discussion and networking opportunities
- networking, reconnecting with friends across the industry, feeling positive about the world in general (nice break from the news!).
- Excellent networking and meaty session topics. Keynoter was particularly thought-provoking and relevant.
- The people and networking opportunities
- content, networking opportunities, good crowd and discussions, length and technical rigor are just right
- Ex Congressman speaker
- networking with colleagues.
- The quality of sessions seemed improved over the past. The pre-conference presentation training was a good idea and well done. I don't know if that influenced quality, but it might have.
- improved quality of technical papers
- I am not sure, but it seemed a bit looser, friendlier, and with more controversy to delve into than in many others. I've been trying to analyze what it was that made it better than some others, but I cannot put my finger on it. Part of it may have been personal -- that I was less distracted by other obligations compared to other conferences.
- Late night hanging out with people
- Good material as always. The hotel layout was good with everything close together and places to chat.
- The quality of most of the papers and presenters
- That you made an effort to train people to be better speakers. I think it came through.
- Good chance to get together with colleagues and talk about what's happening in the field.
- Meeting people who I have worked with (both internally and externally) face to face for the first time.
- Networking opportunities, range of topics. general layout - everything on one floor and close to each other.
- Sessions were great. Good papers.
- the right mix of papers and panels - most of the papers were excellent

- Saw several presentations where presenters made an effort to be entertaining as well as informative.
- The number of people at the conference is right in a sweet spot - enough to always meet new people, but not so many that everyone is a stranger.
- Good information
- the quality of the information shared and the people in attendance
- Good technical level
- Opportunity to talk with my colleagues.
- Papers and networking
- panel discussions
- The diversity of content.
- Strong presentations, definitely.
- The expertise that is gathered together for IEPEC is impeccable. You can't get that anywhere else.
- The closing panel was a nice call to action, that brought all of our discussions around EE and DR back to the central goal of climate change.
- The content was interesting.
- Generally lots of good information and presentations, with a good mix of time to allow for networking.
- Networking opportunities
- Networking was good
- The networking opportunities
- Many opportunities to meet people
- networking opportunities
- I thought networking time was good. I also kind of liked the Monday night dinner options, though I was skeptical at first.
- Very well organized and the presentations were of very high quality.
- see colleagues in person to discuss important technical issues face to face.
- This is an academic conference attended by smart folks who are trying to make a real difference in the industry.
- Opportunity to talk with other evaluators. Presentations and having paper as a resource.
- Putting faces to names I have heard or worked remotely with in the past.
- Some sessions were very good.
- Very timely and interesting info at a crucial time of change for the industry. Good mix of people. Plenty of time for networking.
- Networking
- great opportunity to meet people and network
- Great presentations and content. Not too much sales and marketing
- Strong technical interests, networking
- Good topics and presentations. The quality of the presentations was improved from the last IEPEC
- Concurrent session content
- Meeting and talking with other evaluators
- quality of presentations

- Content
- Networking
- Non-panel Sessions
- The timing of everything worked great and I thought both the poster session and harbor cruise were great networking opportunities.
- Good opportunities to network; content was mostly relevant, timely, and well thought-out; appreciated vegan options on food when available. snacks helped maintain attention and stay at the conference (rather than having to waste time going elsewhere for food).
- Opportunity to learn and share what I have learned and to meet new people (especially students and clients).
- The number of participants. It was small enough that sessions were more intimate and networking was not overwhelming.
- Lots of interesting papers, posters and workshops and good networking opportunities.
- the opportunity for networking and the opening session were both great
- Really liked it being in Baltimore. Easy flights, not the usual suspects. NO NEW ORLEANS OR LAS VEGAS OR ORLANDO EVER PLEASE -- too many there!!
- Lots of networking and very well organized
- The ability to meet new people in the industry
- Information sessions and location
- It was a very smoothly run conference. I enjoyed the networking most.
- This was a great opportunity to network with people with deep knowledge of sub-federal energy efficiency programs. I made a lot of great contacts and gained information that will help with future projects.
- Several topics to choose from
- The timely content supported by the comprehensive array of perspectives among the attendees
- Contacts with others in the field.
- Networking and catching up on what's happening around the country
- Opportunity to meet and network with folks in the industry and learn about new ideas/methods/etc.
- Organization
- The variety of topics; the networking; the better than expected Maryland weather
- Very good snacks.
- Getting to meet people whose names I know from papers or work, but haven't see in person. There are so many smart, kind, fun people in our industry.
- Meeting people, hearing about research ideas and novel ideas about research and/or data analysis. I like that presenters dive deep into their analytics.
- Very well organized. I liked the hotel lay out. Easy to get to and from hotel room to conference rooms, to the lobby. The app was very handy.
- Very well organized - flow was perfect
- Re connecting with professionals across the country and get a read on what is going on in many jurisdictions.
- Some pretty interesting papers and presentations
- I thought the best aspects were the opening and closing plenary sessions. The discussion about how to tackle EE and climate change in the current political environment was very

timely and the perspectives from the conservative right were very valuable. The sessions were also quite good and had very salient topics. The speakers were mostly well prepared and able to discuss their projects in an engaging way. There was also plenty of time for networking and meeting people. The cruise was surprisingly fun.
- That it is a conference specifically about me.
- Strong commitment to climate change impact.
- Meeting others in the field from many jurisdictions
- The chance to network with fellow evaluators around the country.
- Quality of content, research and speakers. Was great that you took advantage of the proximity to D.C. to bring in the political perspective.   The kickoff dinners and the cruise were highlights.
- getting to know about other research. meeting colleagues
- To observe and learn what other evaluators do to assess energy savings.
- Networking and learning from utilities in other regions
- Getting to see so many friends and colleagues in one place.
- Networking and paper topics
- The volume and quality of the papers and presentations.
- Meeting people, hearing widely about the industry
- everything
- Poster session, networking, dinner cruise, location.
- variety, timeliness and content
- Training classes offered at beginning of conference. Good Subjects covered.
- Networking opportunities. Coming primarily from a DR background, I met a lot of people who I could see collaborating with in the future.
- Great opportunities for networking, seeing what the state of the industry is, etc.
- The papers and presentations are of high quality, it is a conference that focuses on energy efficiency evaluation, there are good opportunities to network, and also incorporates fun.
- Good range of relevant topics for utilities at different stages in the EE journey
- Opportunities to Network
- The balance and range of content among presenters.
- The networking events were great, being able to get insight on evaluation studies or questions from people in the same field. The panel discussions were also very good, being able to interact with the speakers was a great learning experience.
- networking, meeting new people, boat tour
- Good networking opportunities.
- EM&V topics and EM&V relationship building
- I liked that it was earlier in August.
  Mid August is a terrible time - for end of summer/starting school. Late Sept is also OK. I also really appreciate sessions & panels that engage stakeholders with different perspectives (utility/evaluators/regulatory/ etc) So much of these conferences is about a evaluators showcasing their work with no "SO WHAT?" the research is so flat if we do not place it in context of use - this should not just be a panel discussion; but the sessions should have multiple perspectives included in a single paper or on the stage for a topic area.

- Open Q and A; audience was comfortable asking questions although some needed better facilitation
- Becoming acquainted with the industry
- Technical content and peer networking
- I thought tying each presentation to a full length paper was a great way to provide attendees with an abundance of information, but in a digestible format.
- The content and the time in between sessions (that allowed for regrouping, responding to work emails, etc.) and the networking opportunities.
- structure and size of participants/presentations
- The ability to meet new people and learn more about the industry
- Gathering with experts!
- Case studies on analytical techniques
- Level of technical detail
- Organization, efficient flow
- Networking - the large number of presenters/topics
- It is the most applicable conference to my job that I have attended yet.
- presentations and networking
- Networking, New ideas
- paper topics
- Networking opportunities, plenary
- Sessions were strong. It's great to get a view of the M&V industry trends overall. Also, as an SMB program implementer, my sector was well represented.
- networking
- Every part of it was done well -- the overall excellence of it.
- Coverage and efficiency.
- The networking events and paper sessions
- Seeing colleagues
- Opening and closing plenaries, and networking
- Networking
- The size, programming, quality of speakers

Overall –what attendees liked least

- The poster session. Only one opportunity to see the content, which is apparently NOT offered online afterward. Also, the session was in the early evening, at a time when those commuting by car weren't easily able to stay for.
- interesting sessions at same time
- i still think more timely "current events" discussions would be helpful (2) possibly more "practitioner" oriented sessions, less about methodology and more about navigating the client and policy dimensions.
- Carpeting on the floor instead of tile.
- Poor utility attendance
- inconsistent quality of presenters and moderators; some were professional and quite good. Others, not so much
- The food wasn't the best.

- The app.
- Not enough utility participants.
- n/a
- Boat cruise was ok, we should mix it up and try something different sometimes
- Presentations that are very general with little new content.
- Meals were a bit mistimed (not enough time). I don't think we needed snacks in the session rooms; didn't see anyone eat them.
- By the last 1/2 day I am ready to go home and be less intense about energy and evaluation -- have you considered shortening it by 1/2 day?
- Lack of participation from most states.
- Breakfasts were a bit spartan. A few of the rooms had inadequate seating.
- Food wasn't as good as it has been in past years.
- It would be great to have more presentations from utility staff.
- If you only used the app you did not get a copy of the list of attendees with contact information.
- The temperature of the conference rooms were too cold - uncomfortably cold. Serving lunch at tables makes it a very long lunch. A buffet style lunch might make it faster and more convenient.
- Venue. Food was terrible.
- too much impacts, where are the process and market evaluations the pilot programs the RD&D efforts? when will we see more new energy technologies and IoT studies?
- The idea that dealing with climate change requires convincing a large number of climate change deniers.
- Baltimore wasn't a great location. Would have preferred DC if we were going to be in the area.
- Need better balance - too weighted by consultants
- honestly, the conference food was pretty bad
- The opening speaker
- That it was in MD instead of DC.
- Location was only ok compared to recent conferences
- The conference hotel was awful and Baltimore was not a great destination. I hope that the conference planning committee will ask for some sort of compensation for the poor audio quality and food. Plus a hotel with only one bar that closes at 10:30pm in a city that is not very safe at night made it difficult to enjoy one of the primary opportunities for networking.
- The frigid temperatures of the conference rooms.
- The afternoon break was a little too long and the lunch a little too short.
- Some of the sessions got a little too deep into the weeds, while others didn't seem to allow the speakers enough time to talk about their work. It seems like there may need to be some moderator coaching.
- Sometimes the session name only really applies to one or two papers, making it harder to tell what the topic is.
- It was too cold in the session rooms and the food was not great.
- The food options were worse than at the Long Beach conference
- Food at lunch and at breaks was just fair, especially lunch on Wednesday.

- Far too dominated by northeast and west coast perspectives. There is an entire country with different evaluation needs, approaches, and stories to tell.
- Presentations should be more engaging - maybe IEPEC should review slides like they do papers? I'm not sure how IEPEC could make this better.
- concentration of papers around a few firms-- not very diverse.. and many repetitive papers/speakers/moderators.
- I thought things were a little rushed around the lunch schedule. Perhaps a little more time set aside for lunch.
- All the rules you imposed on the 12 page paper was a waste of time. There were too many rules. And if only an online version of the papers are going to be available, why did we worry about the format so much? You need to rethink this part. I like the peer technical review. And I suggest bringing back the paper proceedings. And I suggest (1) giving people consistent instructions/examples on the format of the paper and (2) relaxing a little bit on all the margin rules, etc. For example, why was it so important to have 1 inch margins and no page numbers if you are not going to print it? Again, please re-think this all this. Given the amount of work I had to put into this paper, if you were going to ask me today whether I ever plan on presenting again the answer is definitely "no". I might change my mind after a few months after some IEPEC rest.
- food could have been better
- Breakfast sandwiches a little dry - otherwise food and refreshments, boat ride were great.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Some sessions were very poor.
- Again, (specific consultant's) frequent sales message. Very bad form.
- lunch should have been 15 mins longer
- Lack of clarity in many papers on what was important
- Location, opening and closing plenaries, food, lack of easily available coffee on Thursday AM
- Too squeezed. And the hotel food was terrible.
- sit-down lunch
- Need to improve the food. Add a few more dollars to the registration fee and get better quality
- The food was pretty bad.
- It seems the similar topics were often presented in two panels occurring at the same time, for example - Wednesday the billing analysis and comparison groups panels after lunch occurred at the same time and split audiences.
- Policy track sessions
- There was one attendee who continually dominated the Q and A for multiple sessions. The moderators could have done a better job of cutting him off after a minute or two.
- Rushed meals.
- AV Technical issues
- The lunch meals were not good and the conference was pretty heavy on 'big data' presentations - so I would have liked to have seen more variety in topics.
- Cold conference rooms
- Not a big fan of the focus on climate nay-sayers. Not news to appeal to and listen to people with other views. Microphone in 1st session was a problem - couldn't hear at all.

I always want more sessions! And more tables, not just chairs, are always nice for compulsive note-takers.
- Had very less information of attendees before hand
- Overall I truly enjoyed everything
- Panel discussions
- Some of the sessions could get a little repetitive. I also felt that there could potentially be a greater variety of speakers in terms of the organizations they came from -- Opinion Dynamics, DNV GL, and NMR Group seemed over-represented. (That said, most of the speakers presented really well!) I'd also improve some things in terms of organization -- e.g., a multi-course plated lunch should be longer than an hour so that attendees have enough time to eat their entrees before the next session.
- There were very few papers on C&I
- I was only able to attend the first day! I wish I could have stayed longer.
- The complete lack of any real substance.
- The food. And I'm usually not a complainer about food.
- Several sessions about same topics
- The low light and difficult audio in meeting rooms; also was not thrilled by the closing plenary - it was OK and nice to all be together at the end, but I find the subject depressing.
- Some papers were not very compelling--seemed like they were submitted a LONG time ago and by the time it was accepted and presented, the speakers didn't really care about the information. Then put on a panel, some moderators did not make a real conversation of it.
- The only thing I can think of is the time change from being on the east coast. So that's pretty good!
- Sometimes I feel like the same things are repeated over and over again. But I guess that's a symptom of the evaluation world and not necessarily due to anything related to the conference.
- The food was really bad. The opening speaker was also a big disappointment.
- Nothing - maybe a little time for more Q&A
- The coffee set up on the last day. That was the only thing I didn't like!
- My own personal bias but I think the conference needs to be broadened more beyond just an EE focus.
- As stated above, the panel discussions were not very good.
- Not much to not like.
- Industry is stuck in a paradigm of how EM&V is supposed to work that will not keep pace with changing technology. We need to be talking M&V 3.0, or else redefine 2.0 to be something more than simple 'uses AMI data'.
- food. too many presentations of interest. Could not attend everything I wanted due to scheduling conflicts.
- The high ratio of consultants to utility staff.
- Relatively minor issues, but the police and ambulance sirens during the day and night around the hotel that could be heard in the hotel rooms and in conference sessions was a little annoying.   Also, the bathrooms near the conference floor were not well maintained

(many of the sinks in the men's room didn't work and many without soap). Lunch time food came out too slowly.

- It was cold - hotels always seem to over-cool the rooms!
- I didn't love the hotel. The rooms were noisy and many people I spoke with did not sleep well.
- Some of the sessions seem to drag out, i.e. 3 papers in 90 minutes is too long.
- Needs a little more breadth in terms of topics. Some topics were covered in multiple workshops. Although they might be hot topics in eval, it is nice to have a little more diversity.
- Thought I signed up for my first evaluators' conference, but what I got was an extreme left-wing Trump-bashing political rally. Not nice!
- location
- Hotel room: Found a large cockroach in my hotel room bathroom and so I requested to move/change rooms and that was a very unpleasant experience.
- The 8:30 am start is rough for West Coasters. Wish the breakfast happened simultaneously with the morning sessions, but I suppose that could cause logistical problems.
- The poster session had posters way too close together so you couldn't even get down the aisles. And forget about trying to hear anything.
- The hotel accommodations.
- The conference rooms were really cold -- especially for my feet. I thought it was a well organized conference.
- honestly, the 8:30am session start time killed me a little bit. Given all the networking events that happen at night, it was pretty rough to get going so early. The hotel itself was also pretty mediocre in terms of cleanliness, food quality, and general energy efficiency (they really pumped in the AC)
- See response to question 18.
- Some of the more technical presentations were only understandable/accessible for someone who had done that specific type of work before--not accessible for someone looking to learn the techniques
- The food provided for breakfast and lunch was not that great.
- The meals were a bit extreme on the vegetarian side. also brining 25+ to a restaurant ~ a mile away and trying to pay individual bills seemed inefficient. maybe limit this to smaller groups or look at other options....(I went to the Mexican restaurant & maybe some were larger than others)
- Hotel breakfasts until the last day. Hotel did not stay on top of cleaning up room service outside of rooms on my floor.
- Breakfast...only an egg muffin
- There were some sessions that had many interesting and relevant talks and some that had none (for me). If you can organize so that each time frame has VERY different / topical & technical it makes it easier. Otherwise you have to jump around and it is somewhat disruptive.
- AV was awful throughout. Painful.
- Feeling a bit underprepared

- I wished there were different "tracks," so that I could have a better gauge for which sessions would be of particular interest to me during each time block.
- Lack of vegetables as snacks - had fruit in the mornings and afternoon, but no veggies.
- The meals were very rushed
- Balance of attendees was mostly consultants. I wanted a round table for commission staff.
- Close minded attacks on conservatives with no attempt to find common ground.
- Scheduling - 8:30 start times after late night events and not enough time for sit down lunches.
- The food.
- don't know
- I did not get an Outlook calendar invite for the Monday dinner that I signed up for so I did not put it on my calendar, forgot about it, and had other things planned by the time details came out.
- the food
- The food at the conference was close to inedible, I was forced to venture out for meals. The buffet from previous years was not great, but at least we had choices.
- Lunch on the second day and recommend providing a level of knowledge key so people know how deep the subject is going to get.
- the food!
- Sometimes very technical
- need to bring in more integrated DER discussions, changing industry, evolving business models, need to be forward thinking about how evaluation may change and how industry can prepare for these changes.... see NARUC conference agendas and topics (which is what regulators attend and here/see) and tie to some of the key topics there...
- If my employer was not paying, I would not come due to the total cost of travel, registration, and hotel.
- The down side of above, one too many papers in a session.
- Lack of free time, monotony of presentations - not a lot that broke from traditional format.
- Lunch on Tuesday - service was slow
- There seemed to be a lot of av issues
- More diversity of session formats may mix things up and make more interesting
- Too many consultants.

Sessions that were particularly good
- Thursday 8:30 am was banner: I attended the Residential Load Disaggregation, but really would have liked to also attend the Residential Lighting as well as the PANEL discussion.
- 250 page report session with utility, regulator, and consultant
- Residential Lighting. Presented some new facts on what affects LED uptake.
- I like talks about advanced statistics and analysis techniques
- 250 page evaluation report. closing plenary.

- Geek sessions, opening keynote, energy policy panel, Advanced M&V panel (I was a panelist but I liked it because we had great discussion from everyone
- I liked one that Dulane Moran led -- think it was on RPP -- good panelists, lively discussion
- I liked the one with the regulatory panelists on "the 250 page evaluation report"
- I enjoyed the sessions on evaluating SEM programs and the challenges with models.
- The ones about HERs and behavioral programs
- Keynote. DER. Smart thermostats. Segmentation
- The ones on quantitative analysis methods.
- Home Energy Reports: New Developments for a Maturing Behavioral Intervention Several unique and interesting case studies. Many of the other sessions had lots of repetition or were purely hypothetical sensitivity analyses of one thing or another, which are fine in moderation and if well executed, but when in particular spent the whole time building up never to deliver.
- last plenary
- TOU pricing session with utility commentator, renewable and storage evaluations presentations, midstream interventions panel, closing plenary
- Surfing the Wave of Advanced M&V - good diversity of perspectives
- Thursday morning NILMs - it was all new information
- EM&V reporting - good mix of stakeholders; stakeholders were prepared
- RPP, the discussion was good to have out in the open.
- I liked the one about the California time of use pilot. After 2 presentations about impact/process results, someone from a utility summarized the implications of the research to them, which I thought was a nice way to connect the dots on how our research is used.
- Panel: Surfing the Wave of Advanced M&V because of the contributions from Mimi Goldberg and Jessica Granderson.
- Lighting Measurement. Very useful data presented.
- Quick takes - great presenters, very informative
  EMV2.0 panel - again, all about the speakers
- keynote speaker-fresh perspective
- I enjoyed the session on "Issues in Residential HVAC and Appliances" session. I thought all the presenters were very well-versed and the presentations very succinct.
- The Attribution session was particularly good as was the Segmentation session.
- PANEL: SURFING THE WAVE OF ADVANCED M&V, this panel was full of experienced people from different perspectives. They were able to consistently provide useful and interesting responses to our questions.
- Only attended one
- I enjoyed the Residential HVAC session as it was directly relevant to some work I am beginning with ASHP.
- Those that were less technical
- Smart thermostats
- Any with Carrie from BPA - she had great slides!
- Surfing the wave was nice and 250 page EM&V Report
- Baseline studies were interesting, as were codes and standards.

- I like my session on segmentation. But I was a presenter. We had a good mix of paper presentations and discussion with the audience.
- Advanced M&V probably my favorite
- In Search of the Counterfactual
- Lauren Gage's M&V 2.0 panel was good; informative, timely information with well-designed presentations.
- residential lighting - very well put together, flowed nicely
- Non-Wires Alternative by Esposito
  Keynote speech
- Closing plenary was excellent for diversity of views and challenging content
- Panel on advanced M&V. It had a good range of perspectives and knowledgeable panelists.
- Zero Net Energy and Renewables
- Closing plenary, marketing one Wed morning, small business, quick takes about hers
- Thermostat DR
- customer experience, behavioral research;
- The presenters at the thermostat session were very engaging (Wednesday afternoon). I learned the most at the panel on customer data (Tuesday afternoon)
- EM&V reporting - it was timely and helpful
- Res lighting
- Zero Net Energy and Renewable: I liked it because it was a bit different from most of other presentations and gave me an idea of new development in DER programs going on, especially with Solar and storage
- Evergreens presentation on AMI data
- Data Analytics and Geo-Targeting
  Fast-Feedback Evaluations: Timely and Valuable Research (Sessions covered topics I was particularly interested in)
- Surprisingly, I enjoyed the EM&V in Support of Market Engagement. I learned a lot of concepts in that session. However, I also learned a lot from Now Serving Customers in your Town.
- Really appreciated the Thursday morning session on residential lighting. My background is a bit different from most of the attendees in that I am not an evaluator, but rather a modeler/forecaster who is interested in quantifying the future impacts of utility energy efficiency programs. Therefore, this session on the effects of utility lighting programs was really useful to me because it focused not only on statistical methods for quantifying past results, but also on likely future trends in the lighting space.
- I found the sessions compelling and the content relevant, though I particularly liked the trivia during the networking happy hour. That was a great was to meet some new folks that I might not have otherwise.
- At the risk of sounding self-serving, I liked the M&V2.0 Panel that I moderated (it exceeded my expectations and audience liked it too), and the Renewables papers session which I also moderated. I really liked the panel discussion on 250 page evaluations - good frank discussion that evaluators need to hear and address. I liked parts of other sessions - attribution session was very interesting (Prahl)
- M&V 2.0 panel at end, final plenary

- I enjoyed the panel on DERs, because it is very relevant to research that I am conducting, and the panelists brought good information and insights.
- Codes & Standards - opened my eyes to the process
- I liked them all. They each gave me something new to think about or an old topic in a new way. Speakers were prepared, knowledgeable, and happy to share candidly.
- The session on zero net energy and renewables. We are going to see much more integration of EE, DR, DG, electric vehicles, storage, etc. by consumers. It is increasingly important that we be able to evaluate and plan for these integrated DERs.
- I really liked the session on different comparison group methodologies for billing analysis. The presentations were interesting and somewhat technical but didn't go too far into the details.
- Appreciated the plenary speaker. Did not agree with them but liked different point of view.
- Panel on Future of M&V2.0. Getting the best minds in the industry together to help cobble together a well rounded vision of where the industry is going...that's what the conference is at it's best
- I enjoyed the session about finding the counterfactual. I also enjoyed the M&V 2.0 panel discussion.
- Many great sessions. Thought the keynote by Bob Inglis and the final panel on the role of evaluation in our current political environment were both thought provoking and useful. Also liked the EM&V 2.0 session from the perspective of evaluators and regulators.
- last day topics on smart thermostats
- I especially liked the "Evaluating Hard to Measure C&I Energy Programs" the "Thermostats - Measure with Many Faces" and the Panel on Advanced M&V, in all cases because the content was enlightening.
- Fast-Feedback Evaluations was interesting and useful. The Game Changers panel also had timely information and good exchange among panelists. I also liked the plenaries.
- PEAK LOAD MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES & PANEL: SURFING THE WAVE OF ADVANCED M&V: WHAT OUR INDUSTRY NEEDS TO KNOW - These were very timely topics and of particular interest.
- I like the Residential Lighting panel on Thursday Morning. I thought the presenters where very strong and you could tell they had experience presenting papers.
- clean energy session - it brought a nice diversity to the conference
- Final Panel
- EMV 2.0
- Cost Effectiveness subjects
- HVAC and HER sessions
- NMEC and NTG sessions were great. That's the majority of my work right now.
- I found the renewables and storage session to be very interesting albeit less immediately relevant to my work. I also really enjoyed the geotargeting session
- Panel: Surfing the Wave of Advanced M&V. Marissa Gillett's input was very helpful and enlightening.
- Peak demand and DER related sessions

- I attended a panel discussion Tuesday morning, and it was very informative. I learned a lot about what to expect with lighting in the future. How it will change in pricing and demand. How LEDs will play out and if as a country will we be fully efficient with lighting in homes.
- from a utility perspective it is good to see presentations that include a speaker from both the utility and the evaluation teams as the presentation seemed more well rounded.
- EM&V IN SUPPORT OF MARKET ENGAGEMENT: Great topics and speakers.
- Time of Use
- The thermostats session had excellent speakers who engaged the audience.
- I liked that there were some sessions that were more general in topic, since I'm an evaluation generalist.
- residential/commercial end-use consumptions, because they are relevant to what I do.
- I came for the UMP workshop and the "new stuff" related to new technologies and designs that must be evaluated and the M&V 2.0 material.
- The final panel, I felt it was an interesting and thought-provoking discussion
- Inglis was very interesting
- Game changers, Thermostats
- Opening Keynote - valuable perspective; Paula Gruendling - good info
- Technology specific evaluations
- Rates related sessions
- EM&V in Support of Market Engagement - interesting, relevant topic and the speakers were all quite engaging
- Baseline Policy Enhancement in MA and CA - very applicable to my work.
- I liked the one on renewables and storage.
- LED testing, Data analytics and geo-targeting, quick takes. They provided really good incite without getting too detailed.
- Lighting Transformation - was very informative and well researched. It will be particularly useful for my organization and our planning process going forward.
- Surfing the wave of advance M&V Panel - this was the best session for me because it was largely interactive (more useful) and offered insights that are not available in papers that I could otherwise read elsewhere.
- Closing plenary and opening keynote were both fantastic!!
- geo-targeting (peak demand reduction) session; HEMS related sessions; M&V 2.0 discussion (although session moderated by Mike Li seemed to address same issues discussed over past 2-3 years, didn't focus enough on changes in industry.
- That panel on the last day with Jessica and Mimi was excellent.
- The marketing one the last morning. Engaging!
- Thermostats and residential end use disaggregation - engaging speakers and extra time for questions.
- Panel with regulators on evaluation report content
- Advanced m&v was strong and timely.
- Zero energy and storage session

- Wednesday 10:30 am session was the weakest in my opinion. None was of great interest to me. I might recommend reshuffling sessions so that folks with Residential interests always have a session to attend rather than having to choose from competing sessions (see my reply to question 17 above) or having none of relevant interests (like this particular session).
- Statistics
- Talks about trivially simple analyses, such as those described in a basic statistics book
- improving EM&V - what's working/not working. panel seemed disjointed and easily strayed far off topic.
- Really liked the ex-Congressman plenary, need more people outside the EE world so we are not just preaching to the choir.
- a session on the last day about using impact data - only 1 good speaker; session not what I expected. this was the only session that disappointed
- The Tetratech real time evaluation paper was on exactly the same evaluation approach we presented a few years ago at AESP.
Extra points for the extra effort in the Itron CHP presentation but the actual material was too basic.
- No
- I disliked the panel about evaluation midstream programs. The panel presenters were very hard to follow.
- Fast-Feedback Evaluations: Timely and Valuable Research. Lack of cohesiveness/clarity, and indications of what made the presented methods innovative.
- the customer engagement session was mixed, one was a thought piece that was not very thoughtful, and the others were better, but the branding one was a bit lame - how do you brand EE programs when a utility is the brand? not useful
- no
- panel conversation on reports: I didn't think the panelists represented the industry very well (PSC members from less active states, for example) and the recommendations were unusable. I would have preferred a panel of consultants only to talk about what's wrong with our reports and why.
- The first day speaker from George Mason U. We are on the edge of fascism with a leader similar to Hitler. They are damaging scientists, science and truth and are working against life. His message was inane and dangerous. We should, instead, have has someone wo is a refugee from EPA and organize to protect the ethics of our profession and the key institutions of the administrative state. That is where the intelligence of our species finds express. And that is what the fascists are trying to undermine and destroy. The talk would have worked in about 1970. It is far too late to talk about dropping back and seeking consensus based on economic theory. The fascists don't really care about the economic bottom line. Trump has severely damaged the commons and our future. George Mason is a Koch brothers training center to weaken democracy.
- In search of the counterfactual because of the flaw in the Financing or Incentives: Disentangling Attributions paper.
- Understanding low income energy needs. Wasn't focused on evaluation, more policy.

- A lot of the traditional paper sessions were VERY dry. I wanted more engaging presenters if they are going to present for 20 minutes!
- There was a session on the second day regarding billing regression analysis and model testing--I found the presenters ill-prepared in this session.
- Residential Retrofit was a bit too dry and the Looking Forward session was not what I was expecting content-wise.
- No
- Those that were extremely technical
- Modeling and propensity matching - far too theoretical with limited clarity and application
- Sessions that were billed as panels but really weren't.
- No. Great conference.
- No
- (One session became an extended commercial for the consultant's company), which I considered distasteful. Every other consultant on panel sessions I attended did an excellent job of separating themselves from their work, but the overt sales message from a moderator was unpleasant and unnecessary.
- Panel: Game Changers - it was all over the place. Not enough cohesiveness... Not really on topic based on the description
- AMI degradation, and Policy track
- I liked the Home Energy Reports material, but the presentations were really dry. One presenter actually mumbled in monotone for her entire presentation. Made it difficult to understand and follow her key points -- and I know she had good points to make.
- Audio for Opening plenary was not great so missed a lot of what speaker was saying.
- The keynote speaker
  Polarization on day 1 was a disappointment
- N/A
- Chasing the Elusive Heat. I'm a humorous guy, but skits should be outlawed!
- I don't think there were sessions that I *disliked*, but presentations that focused solely on statistical methods, and not on the study results, were less relevant to my work. Again, though, my background is a bit different from most of the attendees.
- M&V 2.0. No depth at all.
- disliked when papers were not well presented or not digestible - luckily it was just some papers, not whole sessions
- Whole building methods (end of day 1)
- None! I found good stuff in all of them, which I can rarely say about a conference.
- All were good
- I did not have any that I felt strongly about disliking.
- The panel on game changers. If we really want to find out how to radically change what is happening, this panel should have included those entities driving the change (e.g., third party providers, the storage industry, solar industry, etc.); not just utilities and govt. organizations.
- I disliked the panel session on M&V 2.0. I thought there was a lot of promise and material to work with for that session, but the discussion never got beyond high level remarks.

- One of the panels where one of the panelists was always sending texts or engaged with their phone.
- Understanding low-income energy. The main take away was that poor people don't have money. We can go so, so much further
- No
- lots of panel discussion were open ended with no takeaways.
- I liked the Catch of the Day concept and the presentations were good, but with only two people it didn't feel like a panel. It also got a bit derailed with political comments from the audience.
- The catch of the day session. This was not the fault of the presenters, who did a good job. Several of the comments from the audience were overly political in an unproductive way.
- N/A
- The billing analysis session I attended was way too detailed regarding modeling.
- a few papers here and there were a bit ho hum, but overall everything was pretty good.
- Opening Plenary and Closing Plenary should not address political or religious views. I was a bit offended. Some of my colleagues walked out.
- A couple of the more technical papers (e.g., the analytical challenges in SEM session) were not clearly explained/presented.
- The residential lighting session
- I am not a day-to-day evaluator at this point so things in quantitative and methodological weeds were not of interest.
- No sessions I especially disliked
- Allen Lee-small sample size limits usefulness
  Hannah Justus- nothing new, just repackaged
  Jeff Cropp-undelying assumption questionable
- None stood out. If the session seemed less applicable to me then I just left and tried another one.
- I went to one on modeling and I do modeling. It was boring and there didn't seem to a be any discussion of application of the results, just I built these models. Very boring.
- Midstream, topic and summary was misleading focused on market transformation not actual program.
- No, though a couple of methodological presentations were over my head

Time spent on individual core conference elements

- No suggestions, but I wanted to note that I'm a bit confused over the differences in "time allocated" vs. "time devoted." Is the difference between a "PANEL" session parallel to papers ("allocated") vs. the closing plenary session ("devoted")?
- Too many posters - Not enough room; Either fewer posters or better set up.
- Really liked having the water and piece of paper (for notes) available on every table. The only comment -- and it's more about the hotel -- was that it got really cold in some of the conference rooms.
- Without a real description of what was going to be discussed at panels, I found it difficult to know if it was going to be interesting for me.

- Leave the posters out in a prominent area for attendees to look at their leisure after the poster session.
- I liked all of the logistics! No suggestions.
- Need more physical space in room for poster sessions
- make sure poster are not clustered together, hard to maneuver and hear.
- there were weird long gaps (9 am plenary) followed by too short time for lunch
- I really would like to see more time for the audience and speakers to interact with each other. I know this isn't a suggestion or a fix -- sorry. I just like to have energy in the room. Sometimes, but certainly not always, there were really lively discussions. How can we increase that?
- Not enough time for questions in the 4 paper sessions.
- The trivia session encouraged good mixing of people that might not otherwise meet, but was dominated by the activity itself. Other semi-structured networking to promote better mixing might be helpful.
- the posters were too close to each other, a bit more space would be nice. the rooms had lots of white noise in them making it hard to hear at times
- For poster sessions, it would be nice to build in an extra 30mins for people with posters to walk around and look at others' before the actual session begins.
- I really like Quick Take sessions, and I didn't see many this year. I also like panel sessions, but wish the panels were more controversial. Those (panel sessions) are the parts that are very difficult to replicate outside of the conference, so they're the most valuable to me.
- Make posters available whole conference
- the poster session space was too crammed, which made it hard to get to the ones in the middle
- Generally, the value is the networking. There was enough time, but it would have been handier not to be breaking up conversations at tables during meals.
- What's the difference between "Time allocated to panel discussions" and "Time devoted to panel discussions"?
- More quick takes sessions. Fewer panels and fewer posters.
- For sessions regarding billing regression analysis, I think it would be more useful to assign 4 papers per session, as not many people had questions during these sessions. For EM&V related papers, I think 3 papers per session is the magic number. People tended to have substantial questions regarding these sessions. I also think it would be good to allocate some time for a panel discussion after the paper review. For the poster session, although the refreshments were very good, it made it very difficult to actually navigate the poster session. There wasn't enough space in the venue for the amount of posters.
- I think the conference would benefit from some more coaching or training for moderators. My company had a number of papers and posters in this year and we all received different guidance from our moderators across key components of the effort. One moderator I dealt with acted unprofessionally in handling the peer review process. I think that it should be blind and in my case, it was not, and led to retaliation, which hurt the quality level of the papers in my panel. Comments made against papers in our group were not constructive and often mirrored criticism placed against another author's paper. The moderator was very aggressive in demanding that the panelists do what she wanted

and actually interrupted a meeting I was having with a client to demand I confirm I put my presentation on the conference room laptop, which I had already done earlier in the day. It was very embarrassing and uncalled for behavior, especially since many attendees of the conference come for business development beyond the educational aspects of the event. As a result, I would highly recommend providing more detailed guidance to moderators to avoid situations like the one our panel experienced.

- Many of the papers would have been better presented in batches of 5, just providing enough background and key findings to spark interest. However, there were some sessions with only 3 papers that really benefited from the extra time. It might be worthwhile to adjust sessions after seeing a draft paper or presentation.
- The posters at the poster session were a little crowded, mostly due to the layout of the room, with the rows of posters being too close to easily fit people looking at posters on both sides.
  Some of the paper sessions felt slightly rushed, but it depended on the presenters and number of questions, maybe adding 5-10 minutes to the session length.
- Spread out placement posters more for easier viewing
- Too little time between last panel and poster panel.
- It would be nice to have speakers and moderators from a more diverse range of companies-- and those not represented by the program planning committee/sponsors. It is far too much concentration of papers/topics across a few companies-- not fair and not representative of the evaluation community as a whole.
- The session moderator should announce at the beginning of each session that the audience should put away their phones and laptops. These are distracting, rude to people sitting nearby and disrespectful to the presenters. At two of the sessions I attended, people sitting beside me tapped on their laptop the entire time. Doing email and surfing the web (for non-energy related stuff). Rude! Why even come to a session if you are not paying attention.
- Posters were too close together
- This is an excellent conference.
- Posters can take a lot of time to discuss and its always a good time to network too. So I think an additional hour or perhaps split between 2 sessions could be considered.
- More emphasis on "so what" -- slides should clearly state the key point of the slide.
- For the poster session, the rows were too close. It was challenging to see the posters on the inside rows.
- poster session - need more space between poster isles and poster to facilitate movement. Consider a "racetrack" layout.
  sessions - consider other types of sessions - actively facilitated debate/discussion/problem solving; skill-building workshops; using moderators to facilitate true discussion; consider asking presenters or a commentator to tie the sessions together and make meaning of the results beyond the program, utility, or type of effort -- more and more, we need to consider broader implications for the industry and how efforts will have to evolve in the coming years.
  presenters - a lot of good content, but many presenters are still delivering a monologue into the mic. Need to up their game on engaging the audience and understanding how to communicate in a way that sends clear messages.
  content - it's time to move beyond the EE silo - consider expanding to discussing EE as

part of DER and use the conference to get us to coalesce around a shared vision for what roles evaluation and other types of research need to play.

- The hour for lunch on Tuesday was too short
- I missed the Monday reception so maybe that had more structured networking. I would suggest at least one structured network session.
- Panel sessions come across as too casual, off-hand, not organized enough and too free-flowing -- not on the fault of the organizers, but i just feel i get a LOT LOT more information out of organized presentation where I know what it will discuss, than the free-flowing who-knows-where-it-will-go panels. I avoid all panels for that reason.
- Poster presentation were a bit crowded. It was difficult to go through and see the research in the middle isle due to over-crowding.
- I would have liked to have the posters up longer. There wasn't enough time to review all the posters AND network (and eat and drink, of course).
- Would be nice if there was a way to leave the posters up for more than just the one session.
- Generally, audiences ran out of questions well before the end of the sessions. It might therefore make sense to allocate more time to the speakers' initial presentations and less to questions. Alternatively, moderators may want to step in to keep the questions going.
- I would like to see more sessions with actual Program Evaluations rather than continuing the unhelpful abstract discussions of evaluation issues.
- I attended a session where two speakers discussed different aspects of a large study. That was nice because I felt that we were able to go really deep on the study, without repeating a lot of the background/context. I gave a poster, and I would say that I didn't have any time to look at posters before the event started. That would have been nice. Also, please make electronic versions of the posters available via the IEPEC website in the future.
- would like more quick takes
  would like either more time or better set up for poster interaction
- I'm glad there weren't a lot of quick take sessions, because I don't think they allow enough time. I presented with three others and even that was tight, but I think it can be doable. I didn't end up going to any panels, so can't comment on those. Otherwise, I thought the timing of everything was very good.
- I only went to the closing panel session. I did not attend any of the other panels. Most session had 3 or 4 speakers, which was sufficient. I did not attend any quick take ones.
- Increase standards for papers...some weren't very good. Nor were the presentations. Many were boring and left you thinking "so what?" Others were great though.
- Poster session area was far too crowded and inhibited discussion.
- I did not get a lot out of the panel discussions and I would recommend having fewer of these in the future. The root problem is that to have a good, informative panel requires a lot of preparation work and coordination. The panelists should have focused, new, and interesting information to present and be well prepared to present it and discuss with their co-panelists. The open discussion format with the audience just doesn't work well, especially with a large audience. I attended a couple of these sessions that just floundered and never got beyond the high level concept.

- its a fine line but presentations were too short to provide key findings and recommendations. then again any more than 15 min and they become boring. Consider a standard presentation content. So they all communicate the same information.
- I thought the sessions with three papers were easier to digest and pay attention to than those with four papers. I would prefer more sessions with fewer papers over fewer sessions with more papers.
- make sure all different sessions have similar number of papers with similar amounts of time allocated to each presenter. i found that some people were being given 20-25 minutes to speak while some only got 10. This also made switching between rooms extremely difficult as it was hard to judge when each presentation would start. since I cover multiple areas, staying in the same room for the entire 90 minutes was sometimes a waste of time since only some presentations were of interest within each room.
- The content of the conference was very good overall.
- More quick take sessions. Having just 3 full papers being presented in 90 minutes is too long.
- several session had four papers that were presented, I felt that this was too many. Several presenters had to rush through material.
- The pacing was generally very good
- It might be helpful to give a better idea on the agenda about whether a session was going to be highly technical. Some topics sounded good, but the presentations were way too far into the weeds for me.
- Poster presentations should have been around the outer walls of the room..... They were too close together and you couldn't get through the aisle.
- all ok as is...
- Posters were too close together, and it was difficult to see them. Would have been interesting to be able to vote on my favorites.
- The posters in the middle were too close together and hard to move around while the space around the perimeter was not used at all. It would have made viewing and moving a lot easier if more posters were around the perimeter .
- Overall the mix as good.
- Very good but some speakers went over. Making sure we keep them on track is important.
- Every session was clearly well planned and expertly kept on time! My only complaint is that it was too many papers in on session. Instead of 4, give 3 a little bit more breathing room and be able to really hone the audience questions. I left a lot of sessions where they said go back to the slides because they needed to rush through to meet their time allotment. I completely understand giving a speaker a parameter and then not being able to keep it, but I feel like it happened more often than not. With that being said the moderators we awesome! They so respectfully moved between them all and still allowed at least one question with each.
- Would be great if sessions could be less than 90 minutes; really enjoyed one session where presentations didn't take full time and there was time for lots of questions and discussion after presentations.
- Three papers allowed more time for discussion; four allowed more coverage
- I think having 45 min breaks is a good idea

- Poster session row layout was too narrow. Rows should be spaced out more.

Quick Takes session
- I didn't attend the session.
- Don't know what this was, so, no opinion
- didn't attend. but it's hard to justify sending someone to a conference for a 5min gig
- I think we could do more QT sessions,
- Like them!
- I think these sessions can be great for some paper topics, but the limited time doesn't work for all papers/presentations.
- Define what it is in the survey? I don't know what it means.
- yes, it was good.
- They were almost full presentations.
- Not sure what this is.
- Better to have more time per paper
- If papers and topics lend themselves to this format
- Not sure I really understood the difference between the Quick Take and other types of sessions.
- It was fine -- don't eliminate... maybe 2 of them would be better than 1 -- there's SOOO much going on.
- I don't think I attended the Quick Take session.
- I do think it's a way to get more topics in the conference. Great way to find contacts and then we can go to them for more information if necessary. Much of the reason I go to IEPEC is to learn what various organizations are doing so the more I hear about, the better.
- I support limiting the number of quick takes sessions.
- nice to get as large a cross section of relevant research as possible - may want to offer quick takes on papers where results are not available at time of abstract submission, so we can insure that the conference includes most current results as well as ones that are ready well in advance
- See previous comment, but I think they are too brief to be enjoyable.
- I didn't attend, but I generally like shorter presentations that pack the highlights into a presentation. But leave sufficient time for questions.
- I thought it went very well.
- I think it depends on the abstracts you receive. If you get several papers on a related topic that each have "one big idea" that could be communicated in a few minutes, it can work well.
- No idea what this was
- The quick take session was one of the more useful sessions I attended.
- I like getting a high level overview of topics from different perspectives. I thought both the quick session at this conference and the previous conference were really good.
- I liked being able to hear about more topics in a shorter period of time. There's a bit less risk of spending a lot of time on a topic that is less interesting, and it's always easier to follow up to get more information later.

- Not sure what you are referring to.....
- I don't think I went to a Quick Take session.
- I want more QuickTakes!

Opening reception

- I was initially annoyed that the game cut short conversation but it turned out to be a good thing.
- More time to learn about each other
- The games get in the way of networking; it's better to have games that allow people to get to know one another.
- Trivia was great. Congrats to all involved!
- more and better food
- Pre-assign tables on the name tags instead of raffle. Late-comers can raffle. 'Uber' out drink tickets
- Perhaps fewer restaurant options, which would increase the number at each. One group had 4 people.
- The opening reception was one of the highlights of this conference. Keep it in. And keep the cheesy games. They were fun.
- No one at my table was into the trivia, maybe a different activity next time
- could not attend
- Not really, but fun
- None, it was a great reception. It was my first time attending the conference and I met a lot of new people.
- A little shorter program
- It was fun and it brought us together, suggest same but less ambitious
- Could have gone half an hour longer
- I liked the trivia night! Just make it shorter or start earlier, maybe even before the reception.
- Could not attend since had a previous commitment.
- The game was entertaining but disconnected the networking
- better food
- I came about 20 min late and game was underway which while it was fun made it difficult to mingle and/or join a table as most were full.
- more time to socialize