

2016 Fall General Assembly

(Completion rate: 100.0%)

Name (optional):

The 54 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

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	Board Member	Administrator	Other	Total Responses
	75 (87.2%)	10 (11.6%)	1 (1.2%)	86

Overall Rating:

	(1) Poor	(2) Fair	(3) Good	(4) Very Good	(5) Excellent	Total Responses
	1 (1.2%)	8 (9.8%)	24 (29.3%)	42 (51.2%)	7 (8.5%)	82

RATE THE CONTENT

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
1. Governance Handbook Session - "David Brown"	15 (17.9%)	17 (20.2%)	24 (28.6%)	17 (20.2%)	6 (7.1%)	5 (6.0%)	84
2. U of S President's Address	3 (3.5%)	3 (3.5%)	11 (12.9%)	23 (27.1%)	43 (50.6%)	2 (2.4%)	85
3. Networking Groups Discussion - Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions	0 (0.0%)	6 (7.1%)	33 (38.8%)	30 (35.3%)	14 (16.5%)	2 (2.4%)	85

4. Banquet Awards/Monday Evening Social	1 (1.2%)	5 (5.9%)	19 (22.4%)	28 (32.9%)	19 (22.4%)	13 (15.3%)	85
5. Benefits for Trustees: Follow up on 2015 Resolution	0 (0.0%)	5 (6.0%)	35 (42.2%)	31 (37.3%)	6 (7.2%)	8 (9.6%)	83

RATE THE OVERALL EVENT COORDINATION:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Total Responses
1. Processes for Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions	1 (1.2%)	8 (9.3%)	44 (51.2%)	30 (34.9%)	3 (3.5%)	86
2. Use of Time and Pace of Activities	2 (2.3%)	18 (20.9%)	34 (39.5%)	27 (31.4%)	5 (5.8%)	86
3. Event Location (Radisson Hotel)	0 (0.0%)	3 (3.5%)	25 (29.1%)	40 (46.5%)	18 (20.9%)	86
4. Meals	1 (1.2%)	2 (2.3%)	23 (26.7%)	46 (53.5%)	14 (16.3%)	86

What would you like to see more of at future Annual General Meetings and Assemblies?

The 41 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

What would you like to see less of at Annual General Meetings and Assemblies?

The 27 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Other comments and suggestions regarding the Annual General Meeting and Fall General Assembly:

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Appendix

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1.	Guest speakers that are relevant to SSBA. Other provincial bodies etc
2.	Full listing of all trustees and committees available
3.	I'm not sure if there were enough bag lunches for Tuesday. As screens and projectors are already set up, maybe have pictures flash across screens during waiting, break or meal periods. The photos can remind us of why we do, what we do.
4.	Detailed financial statements, more options for budget considerations.
5.	A little more explanation for new members.
6.	more opportunity to network
7.	Day long orientation for all board Trustees so they understand what SSBA is all about, also how SSBA assists all Boards.
8.	speakers
9.	Lax of process Good people were defeated
10.	Having a budget that has been processed ahead of time so it is ready to be passed will save time and frustration.
11.	Smaller group presentations allow for more interaction and slides that can be read.
12.	Results of the previous years resolutions.
13.	Networking opportunities. Maybe even make more times where we intentionally don't sit as boards
14.	More opportunity for membership voice & input. IE/ LINC, Transformational Change, Teacher Time
15.	I think it is very obvious that the expectations around budget presentation needs work. I am confident that the executive will address this. I would also like to see an actual presentation to any scholarship recipients who are in attendance.
16.	Better presentation of SSBA budget as identified from the floor. Handouts to accompany some of the presentations.
17.	Voting on resolutions to be electronic to make better use of time
18.	Focus on the role of the trustee for veteran and new trustees.
19.	Networking
20.	Curriculum discussions
21.	Engaging speakers!! The U of S President was excellent!!!

22.	More sessions directed at first time trustees.
23.	The Executive Director leading the Budget discussions
24.	Better space to use, better meals (the bag lunch was a terrible idea and the roast beef was very rare).
25.	Relevant materials to education boards
26.	Progress information on past resolutions. We had one pass for our board a year ago and have seen no follow up.
27.	Yes
28.	more meetings
29.	Budget presentations with line items detailed. Need to do a much better job of presenting details of the budget. As well, bring people to the podium who know the budget - year to date status, surpluses, etc. In addition, I would like to see an open mike session where candidates can bring any item to the floor for discussion or comment.
30.	Bit longer day with shorter lunch. I think you could shave off 1/2 day or more. Had we have started Sunday at noon, it would have been one less day off of work for those 9 to 5 folks and less expenses by both ssba and divisions
31.	More of issues pertinent to the Boards, more transparency with regards to SSBA expenditures and more detailed accountability. More ideas about advocacy.
32.	better control of bylaws--need to know how they affect budget
33.	More opportunity for student engagement
34.	I think we have a good balance the way it was done this year.
35.	more time for debate
36.	Start earlier on Sunday, or not till Monday morning.
37.	networking session for resolutions should be mixed up groupings rather than being grouped according to constituency as it would be good for urban boards to here from and network with rural boards etc. We also need greater detail on budgets and discussion around budgets. We need to hear from the Executive Director
38.	Interaction and dialogue between boards. Better meals.. well cooked meats. Consistent Engagement with ministry
39.	I really enjoyed the student panel last year. As well as the President from U of S this year. He was a great speaker. When the speakers are good, people take away so much more. Thanks for a good few days.
40.	Professional development; can't get enough of it!
41.	more detail in budget

What would you like to see less of at Annual General Meetings and Assemblies? |

Response

1.	Irrelevant guest speakers
2.	Time sitting down. We need to be able to move more often, or even just stand at a taller bar-type table in the back/sides of the room.
3.	Nothing
4.	nothing
5.	Nothing
6.	Presentations like the insurance information, although applicable to all could have been better communicated thru an email
7.	Sometimes things seem more disorganized than I think it could be.
8.	Were all the bylaws and resolutions necessary? Many of them did not have a cost factor. Were they really essential?
9.	Less time voting on officers by using a preferential ballot; 1 - first choice, 2 second choice, 3 - third choice
10.	We do not need a piper and a big fancy line up of dignitaries. Over the top to me.
11.	Less political partisan from executive. Doesnt matter who is in government, our executive must be neutral and work with both sides.
12.	It seemed a little disorganized. It would have been nice to hear from the SSBA Executive Director
13.	Finger pointing. Communication is a two way street. Don't wait until the AGM to put your concerns and/or questions forward.
14.	Down time. A better coordination of the voting and discussion so there is less "waiting"?
15.	The budget situation was pretty awful, otherwise I thought the Assembly went very well.
16.	If you provide sessions find something completely relevant not info mercials
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18.	Both presenters were like watching an endless infomercial. Boring, terribly irrelevant to issues at hand
19.	No
20.	less slide shows and more hard copies of information
21.	I never want to see debate cut off on any resolution because of a perceived time pressure. Full and open debate is required for transparency.
22.	Tough question, but again, I think it could be shortened to one and a half days.
23.	discussion surrounding budget
24.	People leaving before it is over!!
25.	Boards sitting amongst themselves other than bylaw& resolution
26.	Better use of time on the last day.

27. The space for the public sector meeting was totally inadequate and the timing was terrible

Other comments and suggestions regarding the Annual General Meeting and Fall General Assembly: |

#	Response
1.	The info presented to new members late Sunday afternoon could have been presented from 6:15 to 7:15pm instead. It didn't need to be an hour, forty minutes were sufficient. Could even happen during the lunch buffet on Monday.
2.	BCC maybe before AGM as to many chairs did not attend
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4.	overall processes surrounding some amendments seemed a bit chaotic, as does voting. was also disappointed that the scholarship recipient was barely acknowledged and no photo opportunity took place.
5.	Very informative and well organized.
6.	Trustees and Boards should spend time discussing the information SSBA send out,example. Budget. This was sent out months ago and Boards should review information.
7.	very good use of time
8.	Overall, it was a success
9.	Great time of networking with other trustees
10.	The pace of activities was great. I appreciate that there was very little downtime.
11.	I am still not sure that union members being present at any of our business portions of the AGM is appropriate. I believe that there should be an open discussion on this topic, at the very least ,at the BCC.
12.	Overall very good
13.	It is bothersome to me that we invite so many dignitaries that cant be bothered to stay for the whole evening for the banquet.
14.	Updates of what the SSBA has been up to-not enough communication.
15.	Thank you to all the SSBA Staff for all their work in organizing the Assembly. I wasn't noted and should have been!
16.	The budget resolution created some unfortunate fallout that I think could have been dealt with more efficiently. I think there should have been options presented ranging from a -2 reduction to a +4. I would have voted on the positive side, perhaps not as high as +4, but likely not as low as 0. Having said that, I felt comments from the floor were more heated and personal than they needed to be. I know how hard our executive works and these processes are not easy.
17.	I felt both presenters were like attending an infomercial totally irrelevant and very very boring

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19.	Because this assembly had numerous new trustees inspirational and educational content for attendance would have been a logical course. Not selling our association etc
20.	Super good like it is .
21.	bring more government bodies to hear north south east and west concerns
22.	I believe it is very important that when students receive scholarships and travel many miles to get there, that they at least are brought front and centre to the stage to receive their award. This year's presentation was very poorly done as recognition was only by having them stand at their table. We can do much better on this. It may also be a good idea to have the Board Chair of the division the student is from to join for a photo.
23.	I appreciate all the work involved in organizing this
24.	It would have been nice if the Governance handbook had been completed and sent to Trustees for review before the AGM. Then we would have been in a position to ask questions.
25.	to have the exc director address the assembly and more clarity on info present.
26.	Well done. I appreciate the work of the executive and staff.
27.	When members are discussing the budget non-members should not be in the room. A printed copy of the revised budget should have been provided or at least a printed copy of the changes. The Executive Director should have been available to answer some of the questions which were asked.
28.	The voting at the end dragged out. Not sure if it could have been avoided, but it was a problem.
29.	Thanks for excellent venue and staff prep
30.	Although I know it is hard to rein in a large group of people, I feel the flow from one session to the next can sometimes take too long.
31.	Do not add a Board Chair Council and PLT discussion after the AGM.
32.	I like that the meetings take place one after the other and you don't have a lot of down time.
33.	Kudos to the organizers; great job!
34.	There has to be a more efficient method of dealing with resolutions and in particular amendments to resolutions, felt sorry for the chair
35.	overall thought was good