

A deafening silence?

Hi gang,

Two weeks ago I sent the email below to the group asking for some BESSIG feedback and received a response rate of 8%. Having spent a fair amount of time organizing these meetings, I found that discouraging.

Was it just a large scale oversight? Or is there not enough energy in the community to sustain this effort? Maybe we need to scale back? Take a break?

Thanks!

Anne

Anne Wilson wrote:

> Hi BESSIG members,
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> Please help me organize the next meeting by providing responses to a few
> questions below. But, first let me make a few points:
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> I do plan to investigate if the St. Julien and the Boulderado have
> anything to offer, but for now assume nothing comes of that.
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> Personally, I seek to not have to provide food. Not having to provide
> AV equipment is also good, though I'm willing to provide AV equipment in
> order to not have to provide food.
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> If we went to a model where attendees expected to contribute something
> to the cost of food and drinks provided, then we could potentially meet
> anywhere where food could be delivered or otherwise brought in. And
> anyone could potentially be responsible for the food, and thus the food
> responsibility could be shared. Indeed, the meeting location could
> also be rotated and that responsibility shared too. Separation of
> concerns is good!
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> If we meet at LASP we must forgo alcohol. But LASP has an excellent
> room with great AV support and high bandwidth, which is much better for
> remote participation via Skype. It has an easy location and ample
> parking. Food can easily be delivered.
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> The Millennium provides prepared food and alcoholic drinks in a neutral
> location. It's an easy location with ample parking. Though, the room
> is less than ideal due to its dimensions and location next to the
> smoking bar. And, we must provide AV equipment, which is non trivial.
> The bandwidth is not sufficient for remote participation via Skype.
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> So, with these thoughts in mind, please answer:
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> Of the two choices of LASP or the Millennium, where would you prefer to
> meet next month?
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> In general, how much would you be willing to pay for food and beverages
> to be provided? Would you prefer: no food, simple packages of chips,
> or something prepared, such as pizza, chinese, burritos, greek, thai, etc.?
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> Assuming your expenses were reimbursed by the group, would you be
> willing to take on providing food for the next meeting?
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> What topics do you suggest for October and November meetings?
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> Would you be willing to organize the content for a future meeting topic?
> If so, what topic? (I will help and support the effort.)
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> Btw, recall that we did start a page Meeting Topic and Organizer List:
> <http://lasp.colorado.edu/galaxy/display/BESSIG/Meeting+Topic+and+Organizer+List>.
> Perhaps as a group we should revisit that list.
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> TIA for your responses to these questions!
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> Anne
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