

Question 7 Member Engagement CCCC 2019

Which conference activities (panels, workshops, committee meetings, caucus meetings, SIGs, social events, mentoring and networking opportunities, etc.) had the most significant impact on your convention experience? Which experiences were most memorable and would influence your decision to attend future conventions?

Committee member	General Impressions	Ideas for potential action items or proposed changes for EC/next steps in the work
Holly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My first impression is that several themes emerge that folks identified. The most significant conference experiences tend to involve interactive and small group events like SIGs and Caucuses;, and that there was a lot of enthusiasm for the TYCA conference. 	
Chris	<p>Panels: Widespread support, many comments on more interactive panels that aren't just people reading papers. Also positive comments about seeing more practical topics</p> <p>SIGs: Widespread support. Biggest issue that came up was that they're all at the same time</p> <p>Workshops: Widespread support and attendance. A large number called out the RNF specifically.</p> <p>Social Events/Networking: Surprisingly popular response, both for formal and informal events.</p> <p>Keynote: About half a dozen negative mentions and several times that many either implied positive or wholly enthusiastic.</p> <p>Mentoring/Newcomers: Fewer than above, but still quite a few mentions of mentoring activities being important. A few requests for more newcomer resources and also a few comments about difficulty</p>	<p>Prioritize locations that are big enough to be as centralized as Pittsburgh. Many people mentioned hallway conversations, bumping into people, and just the opportunity to talk between panels without having to rush between buildings.</p> <p>Along those lines, maybe more specially designated socializing areas for people to find each other between panels. The networking aspect of the conference is much bigger than I expected.</p> <p>We might also consider other free social events. Publisher parties seem to be waning a bit, and providing events that don't cost extra might provide spaces to meet and gather that don't require insider knowledge or special connections.</p>

	<p>finding social events to go to or knowing about SIGs at all.</p> <p>Other patterns of note: A number of mentions of TYCA, Teacher 2 Teacher, Spotlight sessions, and the opening session. Lots of mentions of various events and panels dealing with issues of accessibility and diversity. A few mentions of the location positively</p>	<p>Consider spreading out SIGs a bit more. They're popular enough to where giving people opportunities to attend more would be welcome.</p>
Jeff A		
Christine	<p>This was a big list and I wonder if there are better ways to word the questions to be less open-ended. I was impressed with how many answers we got given the time it takes for discursive comments.</p> <p>Chris really did a nice job fleshing out the patterns. I wasn't surprised to see that TYCA and the SIGS percolated throughout the form.</p>	<p>Space is definitely a recurrent theme. So much happens in the hallways. How do we make the "Hallway Talks" more central to the event? Or is draw of the hallway because of its organic, happenstance nature. I wonder if we do more with the Action Hub, or something of that ilk. Instead of having tables set up where people walk up to talk to representatives, maybe there are roundtable moments to sit down and talk to people who are interested in a topic, group, etc.</p> <p>Happy to see T2T mentioned. If TYCA was popular too, it really illustrates that we need a real teaching focus to a big part of this conference.</p> <p>I'd love to know what SIGs folks are attending.</p>
Sheila		
Donnie		
Leslie	<p>I didn't know SIGS and caucuses enjoyed such widespread attendance and support/love. Otherwise, panels and workshops of all sorts or in general are most often mentioned. The keynote was much praised. Networking, mentoring, and social activities get</p>	<p>I found the comments quite positive and in some ways suggested major change is not being called for. Did I miss something?</p> <p>There were a couple of mentions of teacher to</p>

	<p>frequent nods. It seems everything the conference offers (workshops and TYCA National conference) is noted positively by someone and the overall variety of activities is often noted.</p>	<p>teacher moving off of Saturday and maybe mild suggestions that more can be done to help newcomers and single attendees find social and networking opportunities.</p> <p>I suppose it's the members who didn't attend or didn't answer the survey or question seven that we wish we knew more about?</p>
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