

Zoomerang Survey Results

2009 SRERSSA Convention Survey

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1. Have you ever visited Louisiana?

Yes	121	64%
No	69	36%
Total	190	100%

2. Which area would you prefer visiting?

Lafayette (Cajun Country)	87	46%
Baton Rouge (Capitol of Louisiana, Home of the LSU Tigers)	107	56%

3. How would you travel to Louisiana?

Vehicle	148	78%
Airplane	45	24%

4. If traveling by air would you -

Rent a vehicle	47	25%
Rely on shuttle or taxi service	97	51%
Other, please specify	48	25%

5. Did you attend the SRERSSA Conference in November 2008?

Yes	63	33%
No	127	67%
Total	190	100%

6. What professional development topic(s) would you like to see on the agenda at the next SRERSSA Conference?

100 Responses

7. How long should each break out session last?

45 minutes	82	43%
1 hour	96	51%
1 hour and 15 minutes	12	6%
Other, please specify	6	3%

8. Should presenters have handouts available?

Yes	190	100%
No	0	0%
Total	190	100%

9. What type of tour(s) or extra activities would you be interested in?

126 Responses

10. If you cannot obtain support from your state office or association would you still attend at your own expense?

Yes	83	44%
No	107	56%
Total	190	100%

*Of the 83 individuals who indicated they would pay their own way, 18 were from Louisiana. This indicates that only 65 individuals from other states would participate.

11. Please complete your contact information below:

190 Responses

Suggested Professional Development Topics	Activities	Meeting Attendance
Front Desk Security; Recognizing When A Co-Worker Needs Help; Current Technology and its Capabilities; Knock-out Desk-Top Publishing Tips	Local areas of interest; historical landmarks; local crafts and foods	
Technology Exchange - different computer programs, techniques, etc. that are available online, etc. that others might not know about.	Cajun, Mardi Gras, cemeteries, anything showing off Louisiana...Louisiana has such a great history and unusual traditions that I am sure that anything you decide will be greatly enjoyed by all!	I am committed to this association.
Computer classes regarding web design, etc.	Any local attractions or museums not otherwise available	
	Anything would be a welcome change	
I am open	SEE LOCAL LIVING	I MIGHT pay my own way. Depends on when it is and how my schedule is going.
	Cajun Country, Ethnic/cultural tours	Depending on the cost.
How to Handle Stress in the Office?	Botanical tours, Historical tours	
team building	Historical tours or local entertainment type things.	
		yes, if I could afford it
Time Management; Getting along with people	Any kind	If I had the extra money to do so
Personal responsibility for your actions and your career	Mardi Gras, any historic part of LA	
Working as a team; Secretaries treat one another with kindness and willing to help out	Anything that is educational, interesting	
Time Management	Famous attractions and landmarks	
Diversity, Time Management, How to communicate with different personalities....stuff like that.	Where Katrina hit...anything that has culture.	Probably...most likely.
I am a new member, so any topic would be good for me, but diversity is always a good topic.	Do things the Cajun Country way	Probably not as funds are very tight.
Maybe something related to the economic situation such as how to stay positive when times are tough.	Seeing any special sites of interest and/or attending an entertainment event that the area is known for	Probably would not be able to afford to pay on my own.
Information Technology	Interesting sites (downtown if not too far out)Gift shops, etc.	With the economy right now I cannot see paying my own expenses. If things get better between now and the meeting maybe I would consider paying the extra expenses. Not sure.
	Historical or agriculture related	
		cannot afford on the salary I make

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Technology updates, how to handle criticism, how to get along with everyone, Attitude adjustment, how to motivate others,	local history, parks, shows, night clubs, etc.	
Staying in the moment preserves energy and peace at home and in the office.	outside tours, hikes	
Dealing with Stress; Dealing with economic budget cuts	Historical home tours	
Digital camera -from camera to newsletter; Women's Health-We are so busy with issues for others, we often forget ourselves.	Historic places, Educational places	If I could afford to.
communication skills, how to work well with various personality types	almost any tours would be great, to see the state - if the cost of activities could be included in the registration that would be great	unfortunately, I would not be able to
1. Use of technology, 2. Dealing with the public, 3. Team building		
Finding time to practice what we learn.	Old historic places	
	Historical would be nice for those persons who have been to Louisiana before.	If I am able to afford it.
Not sure	Not sure because I don't know what's in Louisiana.	Due to budget cuts, etc.
	Historical places, gardens, boat tours, things of this sort.	If I had money and time.
not sure at this time, but most anything would be helpful	museums, anywhere that has to do with the history of the town, local attractions, and favorite restaurants	I am a past president of our association and would love to be kept informed of upcoming events. If not able to get support from our university and I would try to attend on my own. Staff schedules, travel funding and a few other things could be conflicts. But, please keep me informed and hopefully I will be able to attend.
	plantations	
How do to more with less - dealing with budget deficits. Professional improvement. Making yourself more marketable.	I've never been to Lafayette, not sure what is there. Something of historical significance, How extension differs from NC, Local flavor items	Not at this time, I couldn't afford to do it on my own.
	historical homes, locations	most cannot afford to attend at their own expense
equality among agencies, county to county and state to state; computer updates	tour the area	tight budget

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How to position yourself in an administrative role for growth in Extension. How to market yourself. Are there growth opportunities in Extension for administrative staff?	Include in the tours a visit to the Extension center in the area we will be in. Make sure we capture Extension from the perspectives of both land-grant universities in the area (LSU and Southern University). Make sure we are providing an entire view of Extension in each state.	
	Tour a Plantation Home, Visit Preservation Hall.	I would love to attend if the date does not conflict with events on my two jobs.
		Possibly
Innovative marketing methods for our organization useful for Administrative Professionals and Support Staff, Conflict resolution with Coworkers, Effective Communication with Coworkers, the most Effective Leadership begins with us	Weight training for women to prevent bone disease, historical tours, visiting sites or programs where Extension has impacted the local community where the meeting will be held such as MGV work at a garden/cemetery.	
Economic Recession and how it has affected the Extension Service. Proposals on how to get through huge budget cuts.	don't know	Can't afford it at this time.
1. Helpful suggestions on dealing with difficult customers and or co-workers! 2. Time management	Since I have never been to Louisiana, any tour would be great!	Please try to keep registration and rooming expenses less than Nashville.
Marketing, new computer programming	historical, local university campus	
	Organic farm tours, botanical gardens, etc.	
	Local culture, museums	If the hotel is reasonable.
Coping with the economic situation. Utilizing internet meetings/conferencing (i.e. Elluminate, etc.)	Acadian Village, Vermilionville	
Managing in Difficult Economic Times, Personally and Professionally		It is very doubtful that we will have state monies to travel with this year for this event.
How to assist agents with the public, Ideas on bulletin boards that inform & look professional. How to assist with volunteer groups.	Local Extension projects	If it appeared that there were learning opportunities that would benefit me in my position.
Motivational Speaker, Tips & Tricks to make us more efficient	History of Baton Rouge or any environment that would allow us to network while enjoying the sites.	If I could get someone to come with me and share the expenses.
	local food, ghost tours, voodoo	probably not, depends on cost and dates of conference

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I would like to see us be able to do all the workshops/tours. We just need the conference to be one day long considering the distance you have to travel to get there.	Anything where you learn about the people, culture and native flair.	
Time Management	Tour of Area or interesting	
	Meeting support staff from other states in the South.	Maybe
Attitude makes a difference in your performance.	State Capital and the State Extension office in Baton Rouge.	Depending on the cost.
Reinventing yourself	Shopping; baking or cooking demonstrations; healthy cooking; vegetarian cooking; Mediterranean diet	My husband is about to lose his job...it is uncertain right now.
Working as a team, How to be assertive, set limits	bus tour	
	Don't know anything about Louisiana. When I was there I was about 18 years old and I only visited my uncle in Shreveport area.	It's difficult for me to travel far from home, so even if I had funding I wouldn't be able to attend.
New innovative ideas on keeping the office organized and up-to-date. Keep it fun but informative.	Historical Homes, Cajun cooking class	I would opt for administrative leave and pay my own expenses if necessary.
Managing your files, not those on the computer, but those in the out basket and file cabinet.	Something unique to Louisiana.	Can't afford it.
Handling stress in and out of the workplace.	Museums, Art, Theaters, Scenery, Historic places.	Due to the economy, I could not afford to attend without state support.
	Any would be interesting since I am not from this area	
		With the economy so low I can't it being cost effective.
proper attire, computer programs	Local places of interest	I live close enough I could drive and would pay the expenses on my own if I could get official time from my supervisor
Business/office conduct: phone, walk in clients, co-workers	I would like to see the historical areas and well-known tourist spots.	I would not be able to afford the travel and hotel fee.
Anything that would enhance our professional development.	Historic tours of the area. Crawfish boil (I know I am dreaming since we will be there out-of-season) swamp tour.	
Touring the area where meeting is held and computer techniques for keeping in touch with SRERSSA, etc.	Plantation tours, etc.	
time management	Some walking tours	but will depend on the economic for next year

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How to prioritize?	Any tour pertaining to the area.	
hmmmm.. not picky any would be good!	See museums, tours etc. Love to learn about history of area. Tour scenic routes, etc	We just don't have the money. But I would love to attend!
Time management, exercise program (we had one at NC Annual Mtg, which was great).	I don't much about Louisiana so I don't know what is available. Tours of what area is famous for, I guess.	
Something on listening skills, organizational tools, building strong leadership, professional attitude and really enjoyed at our last state meeting and energized session where we put our bodies in motion!	Gardens, anything that is Louisiana culture. Really enjoyed our riverboat dinner in Nashville!	Sure and bring my husband too! Make a vacation out of it!
Robert's Rules of Order, Computer Conferencing, State & National Officers Responsibilities, Fund Raising / Requesting Donations	Historic Area, Museums	
Stress Management, Professionalism	Historical, Home and Garden	I would like to but not sure of the cost, would have to make a definite decision after the total package is available. Enjoyed last year, our county could not pay for it.
		Depending on total cost and time of year.
How to advance, professionalism	Umm I need more time to think about it but something with jazz music & perhaps something involving the history and culture	I really hope I am able to go...had such a great time at the conference this year! I will tap into every resource I can think of to make it happen (give it my best shot at least)
Financial	Tour of local attractions	
Not sure	Sites of local interest	
	tourist spots of the area	I'm a retiree and probably would not attend but do support the effort
more money,	demonstration work shop	
Training Updates	Historic Sites	
	Tour of local areas of interest.	
	Touring landmarks in that particular area the meeting is being held in.	
Computer Skills, Stress Relief	Tour State Capital, Mall of Louisiana, Tiger Stadium	
Support on the different Programs.	Old home sites, Gardening tips, Dancing.	
Information Technology and Microsoft Office Suite	none	
Dealing with difficult people, time management, doing and having it all!	Nothing that would conflict with the professional sessions.	

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	Not sure what's in the area.	I would love to if affordable.
	plantation homes	
	Having a little more time for sightseeing on my own or with a small group.	
Hands-on tutorials for computer programs (if feasible); Recycling/proper disposal of office supplies and equipment; Simple ways to go green in the office.	Avery Island, nearby research stations, plantations, seafood boils, local museums	
	antique shopping in Denham Springs	
	sightseeing, Avery island, Cajun country	
Staying motivated in a downsizing environment, effective time management	tiger stadium, plantation, casino boat	
Team Building within organizations, Communicating Effectively with Administrators, Resolving Conflicts Productively within an organization		If it was in Baton Rouge, I would attend regardless.
	crops, points of historical interest, etc.	
Dress to Impress on a Dime, Time Management, Frustration/Anger Management	Acadian Cultural Center, Vermilionville, St. John Cathedral, Swamp Tour, Music	
	I really enjoyed the cruise and historic tours in Tennessee.	If funds will allow, I will attend.
How to do more with less...people and money, Economy and how to plan for the future. Planning for retirement, Time Management.	Tour of immediate area of Baton Rouge	Family living on one income at present time so would need assistance to attend.
	swamp tour antiques plantations alligators	
Information on civil service employees	Culture in the surrounding area.	Depends on the cost of the event.
anything		
Time Management	Capital of Louisiana, Home of LSU Tigers	Maybe
Designing a web page. I enjoyed all of the presentation we had in November.	Museums and any historical sites. I think we should include exercise of some type or a sport that we could all participate in for fun.	Depends on how much it will cost.
Looking your best in the office environment - perhaps something with makeup/body shapes and best colors and styles for your body types.	sites of interest in that region	I am president of our state association so I must attend but I believe that our association would pay my registration if administration would not cover the expense.
Getting administration to listen/building contacts with legislature to help office associates retirement insurance needs	Love antebellum homes/graveyard tours/history not shopping malls or gambling	I cannot afford to do that, but if I could I would.
Conflict Management (Role Playing would be nice)	Historical	

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	If we go to Baton Rouge I would like to tour the capital. Also other tourist sites around Baton Rouge.	
		Depends somewhat on cost.
A topic on organizational skills would be good. Of course, one with a humorous speaker is always a plus.	Any food products made in Louisiana would be great, I know there are many. Of course, we love the historic homes tours as well.	I wish I could afford to pay all, I would but I am single family income. I could probably pay some of the expense but I could not all.
Time Management, Getting Organized, and Phone etiquette, Anything we can actually use on a day to day basis!	Antebellum Homes, Bayou tour, Experience Cajun Cuisine, Acadian way of life, Evangeline Oak Community	I might be able to fund some of the trip but not all of it.
Time management, surviving budget cuts	Some of the Cajun fun stuff-zydeco music, dance & local food, also Louisiana historic places.	Yes, if I can afford it. I would have to have an idea of the cost, and since everything goes up except our paychecks in this economy, I would probably have to look at the how much it will cost by the time we meet.
Anything computer related, Benefits	visit any historical sites or try different foods	
	Why not New Orleans? It's not much further, than Baton Rouge and a wonderful, exciting town. For tours, I always enjoy antebellum homes.	
	Old homes tours like the Myrtles	I am on a tight budget at the moment and could not attend.
Decoration ideas for the office	Areas where Katrina was hardest and the rebuilt areas. I would also love a good bargain shopping center.	
I would be open to any topic(s) as long as they provide useful information that I can use and apply to enhance my skills and abilities as an Office Associate.	Free time would be great!	
professional communication	tourist sites in Baton Rouge, downtown area	
TEAM WORK		
Efficient usage of time and resources.	Local attractions.	I would be willing to foot some of the bill, but it would be impossible for me to finance the entire trip on my own.
	Crawfish boil, local plantations, swamp tours	Cannot afford it at present time.

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Managing Change/Embracing Change, Leadership and Management Skills for Women, Managing Multiple Tasks	Tour campus or other points of interest in the area. I've never been to Baton Rouge	It would depend on the cost.
	Homes, Plantations	
setting up a organized office, working effectively with co-workers	Louisiana heritage	yes and use it as a tax deduction
getting rid of old information	visit old sight	
Long Term Investment Opportunities such as Deferred Compensation, Office Organization-Too Much Stuff, Too Little Space	Tour of LSU, Alligator Bayou, Hilltop Arboretum, Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center	
	Touring historical homes and other sites	
		possibly
Fashion show /make up ideas for the workplace.	No tours of antebellum houses. Tour local sites, maybe the LA State Capitol or LSU	
(1) Organizational skills. (2) Appropriate Office Dress and Behavior -- LOVED the seminar on appropriate dress codes but it can/should be stressed repeatedly (someone always needs to be informed or reminded).	Any tours/activities are welcomed experiences.	
Organization Skills, Time Management, Money Management, Children and the Workplace, (I'm open to anything offered!) I enjoy listening and learning about all topics!	I'm open to anything Louisiana has to offer.	I know we are in budget cuts so I would be willing to pay my own travel expenses and motel expenses if necessary. I had such a good time in Nashville. I would love to be able to attend again in Louisiana!
encouragement on being the best; just because your boss says it's so, doesn't mean it so!; get motivated	state capitol, museums, shopping, historical homes	
Handling budget reductions. Spending wisely. Getting the work done with downsizing. Getting the work done without taking work home with you or working late on a regular basis. Expressing opposing opinions in a positive way - using the right words. Giving and receiving constructive criticism. Writing Accurate Job Descriptions for Rebinding to higher level- words/phrases to use that will prove that your position should be considered for a higher level.	Anything. I've never been to Baton Rouge	Unless something unexpected happens.
Office etiquette; refresher courses for some computer programs; trainings for some computer programs	Swamp tour; plantation tour	I would only be able to attend if the total expense is less than \$75.
Personal development: business etiquette, update on software programs, personal financial management	Evening dinner option for groups, Local walking tours	if affordable
Motivational speakers who are funny, interesting and informative.	Local culture	

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1. Marketing, 2. online resources	tour of capitol building, campus tour	Not with the economy in the shape that it's in.
Something like turning stress into fun at work.	Old homes	I think this is a great thing and I have been in from the start and plan to stay in for the long haul.
Things to do to improve the office work or shortcuts to use, newsletters etc.	Tour downtown and see the capital.	
Advancement Incentives, Retirement	Historic Tours, Home Tours	Usually if we do not get support we do not get to take off with pay so that would be my only problem and the cost of the trip with the economic situation like it is right now.
Working with Agenda that Micro-Manages and Procrastinate. New Computer Software & Equipment	Tour of City (Historic Sites), Shopping	