

Colorado SASIxp Users' Group 2002 Conference Evaluation Summary
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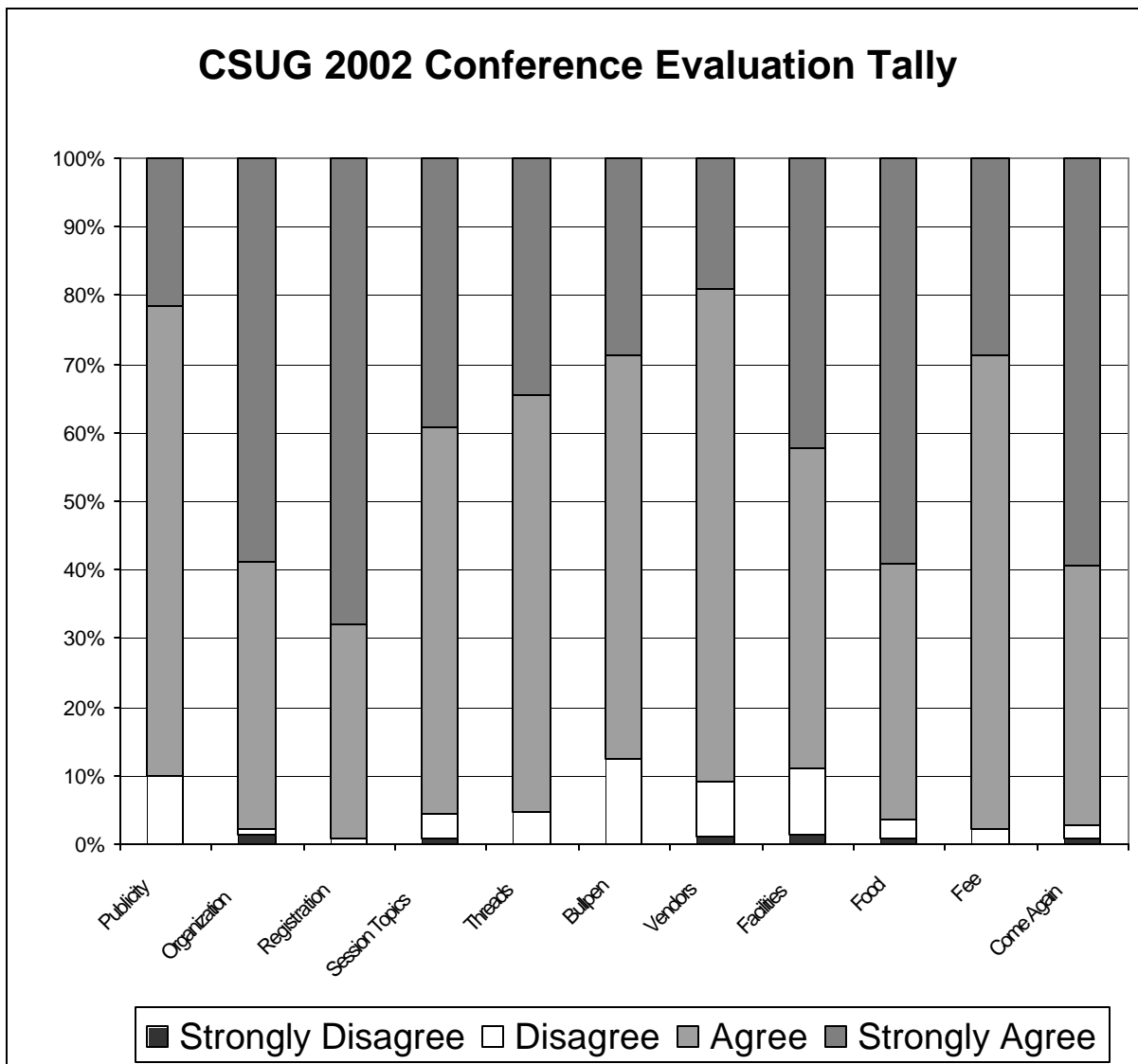
Session Attendance Tally

Monday, February 11, 2002								
Room	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Session 4	
Room A	Basic Apps/Elem - Dbl	50	Basic Apps/Elem - Dbl	32	Basic Query/Elem-Dbl	44	Basic Query/Elem-Dbl	36
Room B	CO End-of-Yr Rpts	40	Elem Tips & Tricks	23	Daily Attendance	33	Elem Tips & Tricks	39
Room C	Student Groups	75	NYR (local)	17	Standard Rpts	52	NYR (DI)	13
Room D	Period Attendance	35	SASI 5—What's New	62	SASI 5—Rpt Writer	33	SQL Server	22
Room E	Ways AdminUse SASI	30	Parent Access	19	Exports/Mail Merge	46	Exports/Mail Merge	53
Conifer	Basic Apps/Sec - Dbl	39	Basic Apps/Sec - Dbl	35	Mass Scheduling	55	Walk-In Scheduling	29
Spruce	Security	24	Sec Tips & Tricks	56	Enroll/Hist/Sec	24	Maint Healthy SASI	44
Evergreen	Sched Pro/Sec	38	Discipline	72	CO End-of-Yr Rpts	30	Activities Eligibility	32
Parker	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	32	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	29	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	37	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	28
Cherry Creek	Begin Troubleshooting	36	Exports/Mail Merge	40	Adv Query - Dbl	29	Adv Query - Dbl	24
Heather Gdn	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	24	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	18	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	25	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	17
Totals		423		403		408		337

Tuesday, February 12, 2002								
Room	Session 5		Session 6		Session 7		Session 8	
Room A	Daily Attendance	28	Security	23	IGPro/CLASSxp Sec	26	Adv IGPro Sec	14
Room B	IGPro/CLASSxp Sec	42	Adv IGPro Sec	22	NCS4School	18	Enroll Hist/Elem	31
Room C	Task Server and You	19	DI Tips/Tricks	12	Maint a Healthy DI	20	Maint Healthy SASI	7
Room D	SASI 5 Auto Installer	13	CO State Rpts	28	SASI 5 Rpt Writer	9	SASI 5—What's New	10
Room E	Basic Query/Elem-Dbl	34	Basic Query/Elem-Dbl	31	Sec Tips & Tricks	56	Warehouse SASI Data	28
Conifer	Standard Rpts	64	Elem Tips & Tricks	76	Mass Scheduling	34	Walk-In Scheduling	12
Spruce	Period Attendance	32	Grading Choices/Sec	47	Grading Processes	27	Sec Tips & Tricks	50
Evergreen	Student Regist. Verif.	30	Data Quality Manage	38	Exports/Mail Merge	85	Activities Eligibility	22
Parker	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	59	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	44	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	8	Basic Query/Sec - Dbl	4
Cherry Creek	Importing CSAP - Dbl	32	Importing CSAP - Dbl	22	Adv Query/Elem - Dbl	29	Adv Query/Elem - Dbl	9
Heather Gdn	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	49	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	36	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	14	Adv Query/Sec - Dbl	10
Totals		402		379		326		197

CSUG 2002 Conference Evaluation Tally

	Total Response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. Conference was well publicized	130	22%	68%	10%	0%
2. Conference was well organized	141	59%	39%	1%	1%
3. Conference registration went well	141	68%	31%	1%	0%
4. Session topics were timely and useful	138	39%	57%	4%	1%
5. Scheduling "threads" were useful	130	35%	61%	5%	0%
6. Hands-on in "bullpen" was useful	80	29%	59%	13%	0%
7. Access to vendors was useful	99	19%	72%	8%	1%
8. Facilities were comfortable and well-organized	135	42%	47%	10%	1%
9. Meals and snacks were satisfying	139	59%	37%	3%	1%
10. Fee for conference was reasonable	136	29%	69%	2%	0%
11. I would attend another CSUG conference	138	59%	38%	2%	1%



Abbreviated Comments Summary

(Note: Number to left of comment indicates the number of times a similar comment was made.)

General Comments:

Positive Comments:

- (10) Great Conference. Well run. Thank you!
- (6) Excellent conference! I learned so much.
- (4) Very helpful. Thank you.
- (3) Food was great! Nice snacks, great lunch.
- (2) I am fortunate to be in Douglas County where we have the best trainers so I knew most of what was presented.
- (2) I am a brand new SASI user. I learned so much about the program at this conference. The instructors were very knowledgeable and helpful. I loved the food that was provided. Thank you.
- (2) Very informative sessions
- (2) Length of sessions was great.
- Super, super job!! Thanks So Much.
- I have attended 3 years of CSUG conferences. This has been by far the best and most informative. The Radisson Hotel is convenient and well laid out for this type of conference. The presenters went out of their way to answer questions that didn't even have to do with what they were presenting.
- We really appreciate the Conference and always leave excited and pumped. Good luck and keep up the good work!
- I just wanted to say to you [Liz] and your whole committee, Thank you so much for putting on such a wonderful workshop. I learned so much in those two days but was a little brain dead by Friday afternoon. I don't think I could have put one more thing in my tiny brain, but I did try! The accommodations were great – hotel staff and rooms were wonderful. The food was outstanding. I hope I will have the opportunity to attend again!! If I did a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest) I would rate the whole conference a 10.
- I wish I was able to attend last year. I learned so many things, don't know why this isn't made more available at sites! Learning this info would dramatically decrease the learning curve of new employees!!
- I was very impressed and somewhat overwhelmed at times. This was my 1st conference as I just took a new job which requires I use SASI more.
- I was pleased with the variety of fields/sessions offered. Thank you to all those involved in organizing such an event – my hat's off to you! :)
- The matrix with the scheduling threads was very easy to read and understand.
- Food great. Breaks good length. Most topics good.
- Food was excellent. Waiters & waitresses did an excellent job – very polite – fast. Thanks.
- I learned many new things – hope I can get them to work when I'm back at school.
- The presenters were well prepared / knowledge of SASI and Classxp
- As always, excellent conference! Thank you for all of the hard work you do to make this happen! Thank you for the tote bags. Good to continually remind us about eval forms. The Bull Pen is very helpful. (Next year I'll bring our data on my computer to mess with – we're a small school.) Great that you're posting handouts on the website. This CSUG Conference has been the best! Once again I've learned more than I ever imagined. (Now if I just had a day to assimilate before I apply . . .)
- As usual, nice job. THANKS!

- Very well run & organized conference. As good as any I've been to without the politics of sales people!
- Location – good. Food – excellent. Instruction – wonderful.
- Overall it was extremely informative and organized.
- Enjoyed immensely. Will definitely attend again.
- I was very impressed with your organization. The food and service was great. I hope to return next year and bring more users from my district.
- Well organized, all seemed smooth. Thanks to all the organizers! Great job.
- Very knowledgeable presenters. Well organized. Appreciated the handouts.
- For a first time person here it was a lot of information and overload. But this was great. It will be helpful to come back next time.
- Better than last year. Great presenters. Good topics, good handouts. Wish that Discipline was offered more than once.
- Very well organized! Very comfortable facility. Staff was very businesslike and organized. Good food and snacks. Even though I didn't talk to them, vendors were well placed.
- Excellent conference. I gained some great knowledge to aid in a more efficient use of SASI! I had some wonderful presenters – very prepared & informative! Delicious meals – nice accommodations. :) Thanks.
- Enjoyed not having the “commercial” at the beginning of the convention. Presenters did a “GREAT” job.

Suggestions:

- (4) Need to offer Student Groups more.
- (4) Would it be possible to have a schedule of sessions and course descriptions available prior to the conference?
- (2) All class handouts should be available to everyone in a “proceedings” binder. Proceedings binders could be available for sale to

CSUG members after the conf. as a fundraiser.

- (2) Since I was not able to be in two places at one time, it would be helpful to be able to pick up a hand from a session I was not able to attend. Maybe on the registration table after registration is over, Handouts could be on that table.
- (2) I'd like to see Queries broken out to 3 sessions –
Begin/Intermediate/Advanced
- (2) Some sessions need to be either Elem or Secondary.
- (2) Maybe pre-register for classes. Some were too big – no seating room while others were in a big room with only a few people.
- (2) Would it be possible to have attendees come for one day? If the session schedule was available, perhaps some schools could send different people on different days for pertinent sessions. You could also adjust registration fees accordingly.
- The two and a half hour sessions were great but a little long. Would it be possible to cut them down to the hour sessions. You could get more classes in that way. Also if a class isn't all that great (which mine were), you only lose an hour and a half.
- If you had a larger breakfast and a lighter lunch I think you could handle the rest of the day easier. After a heavy (large) lunch you tend to feel sleepy and a lot heavier (if you know what I mean).
- If we have the Conference at the beginning of August, weather wouldn't be an issue nor would finding subs. Since we have to pay someone for their time, the funds could go to pay our staff for attending. This would eliminate the “I'm afraid to go back since I've been gone two days and what will I find when I get back?” problem. The Conference could be held at a school building. This would eliminate the space problem for bodies and parking.

The cost could be nominal because we could allow the school that is sponsoring the event waived registration fee for a specific number of staff, or a reduced registration fee. The meals could be prepared by the school or catered for reasonable cost.

- Some larger rooms needed microphones!
- More chairs needed in all rooms (stacked out of way to add seating)
- Could have used more seating.
- Most or all Grading was in conflict with other Grading sessions an schedule and all on one day. Please spread out!
- Would have liked a choice of different times for Enrollment History/Elem. It was only presented one time.
- Beginning Troubleshooting should have been offered more than once.
- Have classes separate on matrix with canned reports.
- Have class on Health module.
- Maybe a good idea to have an elementary day and a secondary day.
- In Grade information and Scheduling information, divide High School and Middle School.
- I did notice that some of the presenters were very random in their presentations – as a Girl Scout trainer of adults I know that just because someone knows information, they may not be able to teach or present. You may suggest to your presenters that they practice a bit – they need to “teach the masses” and not dwell on “at our site we use” statements because not all districts and/or sites use the same things.
- It would have been nice to offer a “Secondary Tips/Tricks” in the morning session instead of offering 2 in the afternoon on the second day.
- One of the sessions I took had no handouts available (they ran out). I did notice several participants took handouts for co-workers. Maybe the presenters need to monitor their handouts through their last sessions.

Then have a table as we exit the last day to pick up available “leftovers.”

- Registration confirmation was emailed. Session schedules also should have been. Because I didn’t arrive until after 8:30 the first morning I was hurried trying to figure out which sessions to go to.
- Class handouts should be printed the same way so they can be put into a binder (i.e., basic query notes were landscape, advanced were portrait)
- I would like to see some classes for Registrar duties. There was nothing relating to transcripts, course history, or GPA’s. (Help)
- More classes, smaller groups, more handouts!
- Please include a map of room locations like last year.
- More info on “level” secondary or elementary. I went to a session on standard reports to find that secondary was the day before.
- Mention the “Bull Pen” more. Would have liked to practice – didn’t know where it was.
- Our district did not share conference reg. Information readily. We found out about it by accident! Possibly mailing info to each school could help alleviate this.
- Bagels, cereal, & fruit both days. Please cream/milk for coffee.
- As nearly everyone here is a fairly daily user of SASI, it would seem potentially helpful to have sessions that focus more on troubleshooting & just a forum to talk about issues, problems, etc.
- Would like to see more sessions of certain classes like Student Groups to allow more leeway in scheduling.
- The hotel seemed small for the # of attendees. If the # keeps growing we need bigger accommodations. The rooms were small w/ not enough seating.
- PowerPoint is great. Every presenter should use it.

- Offer all sessions at least twice. If they are offered only once, have them set up in one of the larger rooms. Should not have to sit on the floor. Turn down the air cond. in dining room and Colo Room. Turn down heat in some of the smaller rooms.
- Have some of the queries used in sessions printed out in the handout. Some sessions were canned – all need to be interactive. If questions are asked and can't be answered and presenter says they are going to check on, Have results posted on internet or e-mailed to participants.
- It would be nice to be able to sit at tables, it would be easier to write, etc.
- Presenter notes/slide handouts would be nice.
- If the bullpen were open when we were not in a session, it would have helped.
- Would like to attend in 2003 but would need more elementary classes offered.
- I would have liked to go to a session that had info. on 3 & 5 day attendance letters. I didn't see anything.?
- The availability of session schedule would also help to schedule larger rooms for some sessions – especially sessions being offered only once during the conference.
- Tables to write on instead of laps. Hands-on experience instead of just lecture.
- In Advanced Query, explain more which groups used for what wanted (ex. ASGR is Group codes. Would use for . . .)
- Would like to see more advanced topics. Location of conference more central location.
- Would be helpful to an extra table for presenters.
- Larger rooms for presentations because a lot of people were sitting on floor.
- I would like to see welcome/hospitality rooms (no host) for different groups to ease peer to peer networking. I.e. district personnel, site personnel, admin.
- Name tabs – print larger. Add more information.
- We have had mexican and italian food for the last two years. Maybe have something different next year.
- Need bigger rooms for most popular sessions. Especially if you only have one session presented. Sessions that pertain to your building level.
- Hands-on experience would have been great if we could have done it while the presenter was presenting. Sessions were timely but not useful good have had more insight.
- Have student reports offered twice – I missed this class because of schedule conflict
- Actually a note pad would have been great to have (this is a small request for those of us who forgot theirs.
- Some clever SASI T-shirts for everyone would be nice.
- The location was convenient and rooms were comfortable.
- Do you put this conf. on more than just once a year? I would benefit from attending this conf. once each semester.
- Hold one on the western slope.
- How about a session for Power Users – I have questions that are beyond some of the basics – how about a submit your question beforehand type format?
- Sessions such as the grading should be longer – Too much info to cover in 1 hr 15 min – They had to rush too much
- Instructors need podiums – wobbly tables are unprofessional.
- Would like to see more diverse presentations for each session and repeat some sessions for both days.
- I felt it was a little overcrowded. Maybe we need 2 conf. – No. Colo. & So. Colo.
- Need presenters to have a few more handouts. Many sessions ran out.