FEEDBACK FROM THE 2009 MOBIUS CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

The email to all 55 presenters asking for their feedback was sent out about 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 6/8/09. The deadline for sending feedback was 5 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2009.

June 8: 4 email responses received.
June 9: 9 email responses received.
June 12: 1 email response received.
June 15: 1 email response received.

Question 1

Did you receive adequate and timely communication (e-mail updates) from the Planning Advisory Committee before the conference? If not, how could we have improved the communication?

- Yes (Answered by nine presenters).
- Yes, both timely and clear.
- Overall the communication was fine. However, I was surprised at the request for the presentation materials a month before the conference. I don't believe there was any indication when we submitted a proposal or when our proposal was accepted that this would be the case. It was particularly troubling because you gave only a couple weeks deadline. My colleague and I provided links to websites with pre-conference materials by the deadline but these materials were never posted which was very disappointing after the effort we put in.
- Yes, communications were timely and informative.
- Lots of great communication. There wasn't a lot of time between when we were informed of the deadline for submitting handouts and the deadline itself. For those of us who are less organized, a reminder email of the technology available closer to the conference date would be helpful.
- It was great.
- Communication was excellent.

Question #2

Was there any information you did not receive in advance that would have been helpful to you? If so, please explain.

- No (Answered by nine presenters).
- Not really.
- As above, if you want the presentation materials in advance of the conference, you need to let folks know that far in advance.
- No, everything went fine.
- Everything was communicated in plenty of time and very clearly.
- All information prior to the conference was provided to us adequately.
- Asking for the presentation slides and handouts to be submitted a month before the conference and with only two weeks advance notice was a bad decision. First, if it is your intention that materials will be submitted well before the conference this should be made clear early on (e.g. when proposals have been accepted and notification sent). Second, a shorter turnaround time between when document are due to MCO and the start of the conference would be better for presenters.

Question #3

Was the room setup satisfactory for the purposes of your presentation? If not, how could the setup have been improved?

- It was difficult to get the projector to project high enough on the screen for those in the back of the room to see without causing a keystoning effect on the screen by tilting the front of the projector up some. It would be nice to have some small risers (such as are used for computer monitors) or even books available that the projection device could sit on to get some additional height. (Room 61)
- It was great (except perhaps for the humungous pillar in the middle of the room!) (Parasol 1)
- The room (Palisades 2? – Conference Program lists it as Parasol 1) was arranged much better than in previous years. The chairs were set further from the post in the middle of the room.
- Yes, the room was fine.
- Yes (Answered by five presenters.)
- The room was very chilly and it took a while to figure out how to darken the room in order to better view the screen. (Room 62)
- I was in Parasol II. A wireless mic would have been nice as I was tied to the podium.
- Perfect.
- Our seminar "Fun With Electronic Training Tools" was heavily attended. The room (Room 63) was too small for our audience. Not only was there standing-room-only but people were spilling out into the hallway. Also, I attended a forum for "Problem Patrons" and the room wasn't set up well to encourage a forum/discussion based atmosphere.
- Room setup was fine; I did not see any issues here.
- The podium only had room for the laptop, and I would have liked to have had a place to set my notes beside it. Also, the digital projector's images were a little light when on the screen. I didn't notice this until I was showing specific slides with lots of small details during my presentation. (Room 75)

Question #4

Did you experience adequate and timely technical assistance? If not, please elaborate on how the assistance could have been improved.

- Wonderful and very timely technical assistance was available.
- Everything went smoothly.
- Yes (Answered by four presenters).
- Yes, a gentleman helped untape the microphone from the floor so we could move around a bit and not be tethered to the podium.
- Yes (very much appreciated the remote clicker which I forgot to ask for).
- Yes, we had no problems with the power point presentation. I also appreciated the representative who displayed cards letting us know how much time we had available.
- Yes, I thought it was great that a technical person came by before the session to make sure we had everything we needed.
- The MOREnet technician was there prior to the start of the session and his helpful advice made everything run smoothly! I was very happy to have his assistance and his demeanor was jovial and helpful (man with sports shirt and mustache—kudos to you, sir!)
- It would have been nice if we had better audio capabilities for our Power Point presentation. (Room 63)
- N/A.
- Yes - IT assistance was excellent!
- Didn't ask for any.

Question #5

Was the introduction to your presentation satisfactory? If not, please make suggestions as to how it could have been improved.

- Yes (Answered by five presenters).
- Just fine.
- It was perfect.
- Next time, tell Council to not set spur of the moment meetings which draw off not only the audience, but also the introducer.
- Yes, the introduction was fine. (Answered by two presenters.)
- Yes, it was great.
- It was fine. And it was helpful to have a timekeeper also.
- No introduction, as an announcement for an emergency meeting of the council at lunchtime took away our introductory person but we managed and it was not the fault of the committee that this occurred.
- Yes. Martha Allen is excellent.
- It was fine.

Question #6

What suggestions do you have for improving support to conference presenters at future events?

- None except as in question 3.
- Can't think of anything!
- Would be good to have a small table by the door for handouts. (Parasol 1)
- Overall, I think you do a great job. I would just hope that in the future, if you ask for materials to post in advance that you would be sure to actually post them.
- See above.
- None (Answered by two presenters).
- You folks did an admirable job. Just keep it up. Thanks for everything.
- No suggestions—everything was great!
- Not to schedule presenters from same institutions at the same time, so they can see each other's presentation if they want.
- Better room planning, audio options for presentations. (Room 63)
- I would prefer the conference to be held in a fully free wireless environment, including hotel rooms, lobby, exhibit halls, keynote and presentation rooms/labs, etc.

Question #7

Additional Comments

- I don't know if many folks produced their presentation and handouts almost a month ahead of the conference, but there was no way we could pull off that turnaround. I normally don't like to disappoint, so it felt a little awkward. (Not really a big deal.)
- Overall, it was a very smoothly managed process. I appreciate your efforts, both as a presenter, and as one of the people who sat through a lot of sessions. Hope I can come next year!
- Everything went very smoothly. I appreciated all the helpful information you provided. The room host was helpful, too.
- The presentations at this year's MOBIUS were some of the best I've been to, so I was really pleased with the experience. You guys did a great job putting the sessions together.
- Great work! Thanks!
- No comments—thanks for a great conference!
- n/a.
- Overall this was a very good conference. The presentations, presenters and topics were excellent. Clearly a lot of organization and planning went into it and it showed.
- Thank you!
- The room where I presented had poor ventilation and became quite stuffy. That's not your fault, but the hotel management should be told. I was in room 75.