

Membership Survey

Survey Results

Question

01

How long have you been in the Archives profession? *(Mandatory)*

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

	0%	25%	50%	COUNT	PERCENT
4-10 years				38	49%
More than 10 years				20	26%
0-3 years				18	23%
Student				1	1%

Question

02

Where do you work geographically? *(Mandatory)*

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

	0%	18%	36%	COUNT	PERCENT
Loop Area / near loop / Central Chicago				27	35%
North Suburbs				13	17%
North Side				13	17%
South Side				7	9%
Northwest Suburbs				5	6%
N/A				5	6%
Western Suburbs				4	5%
South Suburbs/ NW Indiana				3	4%
West Side				0	0%

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Question

03

In what area would make you most likely to attend a SOCIAL event? (Please Rank)
(Mandatory)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

RANK	CHOICE	WEIGHTED RANK							
1	Loop Area / near loop / Central Chicago	2.14							
2	North Side	2.75							

3	West Side	3.99							
4	South Side	4.55							
5	North Suburbs	4.61							
6	Northwest Suburbs	5.40							
7	Western Suburbs	5.43							
8	South Suburbs/ NW Indiana	6.93							

Question

04

In what area would make you most likely to attend a PROFESSIONAL event?
(Please Rank) (Mandatory)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

RANK	CHOICE	WEIGHTED RANK							
1	Loop Area / near loop / Central Chicago	2.05							
2	North Side	2.84							
3	West Side	4.09							
4	South Side	4.47							
5	North Suburbs	4.58							
6	Northwest Suburbs	5.25							
7	Western Suburbs	5.40							
8	South Suburbs/ NW Indiana	7.07							

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Question

05

In what type of Institution do you work? (Mandatory)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

0%

17%

34%

COUNT

PERCENT



College/University					26	34%
Non profit / Foundation / Museum					19	25%
Corporate / Private Archive / Consulting					14	18%
Other Option					11	14%
State / Federal / Public Archive					4	5%
Student/Not Currently Working in Archival Institution					3	4%

Question

06

What resources can CAA provide that would be MOST USEFUL to you? (Mandatory)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

	0%	36.5%	73%	COUNT	PERCENT
Professional Development / Seminars / Archival Workshops				56	73%
Networking events and social gatherings				14	18%
Employment resources / resume workshops etc				6	8%
Other Option				1	1%

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Question

07

When are you most likely to attend a CAA event (Please rank from most likely to least)

Answers

73

95%

Skips

4

5%

RANK	CHOICE	WEIGHTED RANK			
1	Weeknights	1.90			
2	Weekdays	2.00			
3	Weekends (DAY)	2.47			
4	Weekends (NIGHT)	3.63			

Question

08

What is the main obstacle for participation in CAA events or professional development activities (Mandatory)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

	0%	26%	52%	COUNT	PERCENT
Difficulty scheduling / too busy				40	52%
Ease of access (parking or transit difficulties)				14	18%
Not interested / does not apply to me				12	16%
Other Option				9	12%
Unknown/ Lack of promotion				2	3%

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Question

09

How many CAA events have you attended in the last year? (*Mandatory*)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

	0%	28%	56%	COUNT	PERCENT
1-3				43	56%
None				18	23%
4-6				13	17%
7-9				3	4%
10 or more				0	0%

Question

10

Please rank the modes of communication you use to receive CAA news, 1 being most often used.

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

RANK	CHOICE	WEIGHTED RANK						
1	listserv	1.42						
2	eblast (monthly newsletter)	2.19						
3	website (visiting actual pages)	3.18						
4	website (rss feed subscription)	4.17						
5	Facebook	4.97						
6	Twitter	5.06						

Question

11

Please rank the modes of communication you WOULD PREFER TO USE to receive future CAA news. 1 being the mode you WOULD use most often (*Mandatory*)

Answers

77

100%

Skips

0

0%

RANK	CHOICE	WEIGHTED RANK						
1	listserv	1.53						
2	eblast (monthly newsletter)	2.44						
3	website (visiting pages)	3.84						
4	website (rss feed subscription)	4.04						
5	Facebook	4.56						
6	Linkedin	5.57						

7	Twitter	6.01					
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Question

12

Please check all types of stories you would like to hear about: *(Mandatory)*

Answers

77

100%

Skips

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0%

	0%	12.5%	25%	COUNT	PERCENT
CAA professional development events				75	24%
News about Chicago-area members and institutions				69	22%
CAA social events				69	22%
Job postings				66	21%
News about national archivists and institutions				33	11%

Question

13

Is there anything that you believe CAA should be doing to better support archivists and the archives profession?

Answers


22

29%


Skips

55


71%

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[146,171,128](#)


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Monday, Jan 18th
10:27AM
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[145,673,927](#)


Regular email updates

Tuesday, Jan 12th
8:33AM
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[145,376,659](#)


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12:37PM
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[145,356,216](#)

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8:32AM
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[145,312,077](#)

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Wednesday, Jan 6th
4:00PM
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[145,311,047](#)












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Wednesday, Jan 6th
3:46PM

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Result Details

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 145,311,047	Reaching out to suburban archives to get them involved in events closer to them.		Wednesday, Jan 6th 3:46PM
 145,295,794	More event opportunities in downtown Chicago not during work hours		Wednesday, Jan 6th 12:52PM
 145,288,408	Partner with the city and/or local areas to advocate for our work, achievements, and purpose; It is helpful for each of us to use CAA as a networking tool for jobs, but it would better serve our profession if we could help outsiders understand our resources and how to use them.		Wednesday, Jan 6th 11:25AM
 145,288,024	Can't think of anything at the moment. Your doing fine!		Wednesday, Jan 6th 11:17AM
 145,287,994	Continue its successful efforts to determine the changing or constant needs of the local audience and try to meet those needs--bringing in the views and skills of as many members as possible to help (not easy, since everyone is busy)		Wednesday, Jan 6th 11:18AM
 145,285,696	I would like to see more workshops and seminars that focus on developing professional skills. Recently, there was a workshop covering EAD (which I did not attend), but I would like to see more like that (specifically EAD- but perhaps a 5-6 hour-long workshop for beginners). Overall, I am glad I have CAA as a resource and that it is such an active organization.		Wednesday, Jan 6th 10:48AM

 145,283,068	Refining the number of ways CAA members are communicated with (for example, I never read the eblast). Having more events after 5pm on weekdays.	Wednesday, Jan 6th 10:11AM
 145,281,451	More professional development. A better forum where Archivists can easily connect	Wednesday, Jan 6th 9:49AM
 145,280,637	I think that a push to encourage membership to really suggest programs would be great. I hope that this survey will give steering and the committees direction :)	Wednesday, Jan 6th 9:23AM
 145,280,378	I'd like to see more small social events - similar to the SLA dine arounds or neighborhood happy hours.	Wednesday, Jan 6th 9:33AM
 145,279,955	I think CAA is doing a great job. The highest value to me is that this organization provides a means of contacting and working with other colleagues in the Chicago area.	Wednesday, Jan 6th 9:25AM
 145,279,713	No. I think CAA is doing a great job.	Wednesday, Jan 6th 9:21AM
 145,278,978	You do a decent job. I am just unlikely to be able to attend events because I have 2 young children and just can't sacrifice home time with them very often. Maybe I'll have more flexibility in a few years.	Wednesday, Jan 6th 9:09AM
 145,277,636	More professional development classes.	Wednesday, Jan 6th 8:48AM
 145,277,563	More repository tours and more workshops. :)	Wednesday, Jan 6th 8:46AM
 143,791,237	I think CAA is doing a fantastic job in helping local people in the profession. I love attending the repository tours (which I haven't seen a lot of lately) and the hands-on professional development activities. Personally, I'd love to see more of those.	Tuesday, Dec 15th 3:29PM
 143,785,868	N/A	Tuesday, Dec 15th 1:56PM