

2014 UMAAS CONVENTION EVALUATION

| | POOR 1 | FAIR 2 | GOOD 3 | VERY GOOD 4 | EXCELLENT 5 |
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| Registration Kit | 3 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 5 |
| Opening Ceremonies | | 3 | 26 | 21 | 11 |
| Duane Janiskevich – Conference Kickoff | 2 | 7 | 16 | 22 | 14 |
| Tender Documents 101 – Saskatoon Construction | 9 | 21 | 23 | 10 | 1 |
| Trade Show | 2 | 3 | 16 | 20 | 23 |
| Gov't Relations Advisory Services-Legislative Changes | | | 19 | 26 | 17 |
| Concurrent Workshops: New Administrators – Everything You Didn't Learn in LGA | | | | 8 | 25 |
| Concurrent Workshops: Human Resources – Recruitment & Retention | | 3 | 10 | 13 | 1 |
| Banquet & Awards | | | 5 | 20 | 28 |
| James Williams – One Man Band | | 1 | 7 | 21 | 15 |
| Tania Meier – SUMA – Group Procurement | | | 18 | 23 | 19 |
| Dave Hagel – Managing Change | 1 | 7 | 15 | 19 | 21 |
| SAMA – Updates & How to Read your Assessment Property Report | | | 17 | 29 | 16 |
| Networking Afternoon – Golf & BBQ | 1 | | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Networking Afternoon – Tour & Meal | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Thurs Social Evening with C McBain, Magician | 2 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Jeff Mulligan – Council/Admin Relationships | | | | 7 | 52 |
| SK Municipal Board – K. Derrick, Lise Gareau | | 7 | 20 | 16 | 5 |
| Hotel Facilities | | 3 | 15 | 23 | 15 |
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| CONVENTION CONTENTS | | | | | |
| The application of material to your work situation is relevant? | | 1 | 18 | 29 | 11 |
| The information you obtained from the Convention was as expected? | | 2 | 15 | 28 | 13 |
| You have benefited from participating in the Convention? | | 2 | 8 | 29 | 19 |

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Overall Reaction

- 1. Which aspect of the UMAAS Convention was most beneficial to you?**
 - a. New Administrators – Everything You Didn't Learn in LGA (12)
 - b. Sessions that address current issues in small communities.
 - c. Advisory Services Workshop (6) – knowledgeable, friendly facilitators – able to ask questions.
 - d. Networking (16)
 - e. Workshops (3)
 - f. Legislative changes
 - g. Jeff Mulligan – great session (6)
 - h. Sask Municipal Board
 - i. SAMA (4)
 - j. Conference kickoff (2)
 - k. Thursday was informative; Wednesday not so much
 - l. SUMA
 - m. Guest speakers.
 - n. Managing change (2)
 - o. Trade show

- 2. Please outline any aspect of the Convention that was of little or no benefit to you.**
 - a. Tender 101 – not applicable (15)
 - b. The presentations
 - c. Networking afternoon (2)
 - d. The Friday morning portion could be moved to Thursday afternoon to lessen municipal costs. (2)
 - e. Managing Change speaker
 - f. Jeff Mulligan
 - g. Keynote speaker – poor

- 3. What suggestions do you have to improve the UMAAS Convention?**
 - a. Less days
 - b. Make sure presenters can give us tools to help do our jobs better.
 - c. Tender Documents – should be about how to write one.
 - d. More educational sessions
 - e. More options for networking afternoon
 - f. Bigger trade show
 - g. Breaking up into different workshops
 - h. Kickoff & Dave Hagel weren't great – quite boring
 - i. Trade show needs more room/vendors
 - j. More space – getting crowded the first two days.
 - k. Keep up the good work.
 - l. District meetings should be held in individual meeting rooms – hard to hear
 - m. More like the new administrators workshop (3)
 - n. More workshops or offered at different times in case of wanting to go to both.
 - o. More open sessions for administrators
 - p. Better breakfast
 - q. Comedy
 - r. You're doing an awesome job – presenters need to watch their timing.
 - s. Educational/training sessions

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- t. Do away with bio's – if they want to do a bio, let them.
 - u. More breakout sessions
 - v. Managing multiple priorities.
 - w. More time on day to day operations of office.
- 4. What comments do you have regarding this year's Convention format?**
- a. Good/Great (18)
 - b. Thank you for sending out slideshows ahead of time.
 - c. Starting convention with someone like Jeff Mulligan (2)
 - d. Magician did not start on time (2)
 - e. Don't need entertainment on 2nd night – just networking opportunity
 - f. Okay
 - g. Great, accessible and excellent
 - h. Why you didn't invite North-West Territories?? Don't they have a border with Saskatchewan?
- 5. Any comments regarding the Convention Facilities?**
- a. Good (18)
 - b. Food was excellent (4)
 - c. Facilities are almost too small (2)
 - d. Room is crowded.
 - e. This hotel is getting very tired – is it time for a change of venue? (3)
 - f. Staff wasn't as good at clearing tables & refreshing water, etc.
 - g. Have lighter lunch on Weds. Have muffins for breakfast rather and/or along with cinnamon buns.
 - h. Have water cooler available to fill our own water bottles – there's never enough water on the tables.
- 6. What other topics for sessions/workshops should our Association offer?**
- a. More Learning
 - b. How to use ISC/LAFOIP training specific to municipal gov't (2)
 - c. Administrators–Everything you Didn't Learn@LGA with open discussions. (2)
 - d. Grants/Grant writing (2)
 - e. Gov't Advisory (2)
 - f. How to make a tender
 - g. Understand the year end school return
 - h. Freedom of information
 - i. Hands on workshops
 - j. OH&S (3)
 - k. Business letters
 - l. More things for new administrators
 - m. Administration duties
 - n. More on Council/Admin relations
 - o. More open forums for administrators
 - p. How to develop policies, etc.
 - q. School reports

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- r. Planning & development
 - s. WCB Session – dealing with contractors, clearances, etc
 - t. Council schooling
 - u. SAMA – balancing summaries to annual return.
 - v. Waste management
 - w. MEPP
 - x. Tax abatements
 - y. ATAP offers a “Public Works info for Administrators and Councilors” (ie: water & sewer operations, signage, sidewalks, road maintenance, etc.)
- 7. My overall rating of the Conference was:**
- 29) Good
 - 20) Excellent
 - 5) Satisfactory
 -) N/A
 -) Poor
 -) Very Poor
- 8. Other Comments:**
- a. Very disturbed that B of E approved “C” Certifications the day before presentations, many recipients were not aware and not here to receive.
 - b. Please invite Jeff Mulligan – Council/Admin Relationships back.
 - c. Have Jeff Mulligan at SUMA (8); Present at Mayor’s Summer School
 - d. Like to see a synopsis of evaluations on website/email – may give us all different ideas.
 - e. Excellent speakers.
 - f. Please serve something less sweet for Thursday morning breakfast or balance with protein.
 - g. Dianne Warner – 8 time cancer survivor would make a great keynote speaker
 - h. Tour options – Berry Barn (2), Western Development Museum, Barn Playhouse, Boat Tour, shuttle to mall for shopping
 - i. Announce \$20 fine for cell phone use – new people didn’t know.
 - j. It would be nice to have some different meal options – lower fat, calories, etc.
 - k. Liaise with Canadian Institute of Management for mutual recognition of your certifications.
 - l. Have presentation slides available online prior to workshop start.
 - m. Tour – unfortunately cold. Meal was too late (served at 2:00). Should have lunch at hotel or right when we get to tour. Supper was too spicy – some can’t handle spicy food.
- 9. Preferred Convention Location**
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| 36) Saskatoon | 9) Regina | 4) Alternate | 1) Either | 1) Moose Jaw |
| 1) Moving around Province | | 1) Prince Albert | | 1) La Ronge |
- 10. I have used the UMAAS Website in the past year** Yes 60 No

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Suggestions for improvement of the Website:

- Update member list more often/keep membership list current (2)
- Presentations from workshops & convention (2)
- Update monthly
- More info on changes related to our jobs (ie: legislative changes, grants, etc)