## 2014 UMAAS CONVENTION EVALUATION

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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

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
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
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  
   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 ____
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)