

1. Which of the following applies to your employment? (select one)

#	Answer		Response	%
1	University/College		71	59%
2	Federal Government Agency		23	19%
3	State Government Agency		4	3%
4	Industry/Private Sector		11	9%
5	Self-employed		4	3%
7	Other (please specify below)		8	7%
	Total		121	100%

Other (please specify below)

Retired

retired

Retired prof

Cooperative Extension Emeritus

Retired, University

Private Diagnostic Lab

retired

UCCE Retired

2. How long have you been a member of the Pacific Division?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	More than 20 years		31	26%
2	10 - 20 years		35	29%
3	5 - 9 years		14	12%
4	1- 4 years		29	24%
5	New member (less than one year)		10	8%
6	Not sure		2	2%
	Total		121	100%

3. How often do you attend APS Pacific Division Meetings held separately from the APS Annual Meeting?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Never		36	30%
2	Rarely		39	32%
3	Sometimes		28	23%
4	Regularly		11	9%
5	Nearly Always		2	2%
6	N/A		6	5%
	Total		122	100%

4. Please rate the importance of the following for creating a positive experience at a Pacific Division meeting?

#	Question	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Essential	Total Responses	Mean
1	Special session/symposium topic	3	17	37	43	15	115	3.70
2	Networking opportunities	1	18	25	38	35	117	4.35
3	Other (please specify)	0	0	0	3	6	9	6.00
4	Specialized workshops	9	24	33	37	10	113	3.31
5	Professional development workshop for students and early career professionals	8	23	32	28	17	108	3.53
6	Social time	9	20	40	27	20	116	3.59
7	Field tours	8	20	37	35	15	115	3.51
8	Poster sessions for graduate students	6	18	28	29	30	111	4.07
9	Poster session for undergraduate	10	27	41	17	14	109	3.24

Other (please specify)

Paper Sessions for Graduate Students

student oral presentation

talks for students + project leaders

Poster session in general, not just graduate students but for industry, industry product topics and issues sessions

Poster sessions for Postdoc.

Location (may be my only summer break- needs to be interesting)

Plenary session-type presentation

forest/tree pathology-related topics

location

student oral presentations

graduate student- industry event

good location

5. The planning team for the 2016 meeting is considering several options for field tours and workshops. How likely are you to participate in the following events if offered the day before the meeting begins?

#	Question	Will not	Very unlikely	Moderate	Probably	Very likely	Total Responses	Mean
1	Field tour of local agriculture and industries	9	7	26	36	36	114	3.73
2	Statistical workshop on introducing R	22	33	24	17	17	113	2.77
3	Statistical workshop on experimental design and power analysis	20	26	25	24	19	114	2.96
4	Professional development workshop on preparing a CV or interviewing	47	27	15	11	7	107	2.10

6. What events are not currently offered at Pacific Division meetings but should be considered?

Text Response

The divisional meetings in general would benefit from a re-examination of their goals/mission. This venue is an excellent opportunity to generate a focal point as a subject matter oriented meeting. The annual meeting, particularly for more advanced members, is not much more than an opportunity to socialize or expose their students to the profession. The subject matter component of the annual meeting is so diluted that at times it simply is not worth attendance. Division meetings could take advantage of this weakness and provide a subject matter directed meeting. A look to European meeting type agendas may be of value.

Entomological Society of America national meetings have a student debate/jeopardy sort of thing, with set topics, positions, and teams divided by schools. Something like that might encourage more students to attend?

I have not been able to attend many meetings so I do not know what is lacking.

Disease research methods for test systems to evaluate biological products and organically derived biochemicals and inorganically derived organic products. Discussion of key oomycete disease issues and races found across the Pacific region.

Diagnostics town hall/discussion (what is new in terms of diseases and techniques used). Invite more interaction with the NPDN Work to generate more conversations (idea exchange) during presentations. Often when I attend a session or symposium, I think 'I could have just read the article' but when a presentation sparks a lively discussion/question and answer session that is when I really start learning and getting new ideas.

Some type of plenary session. It could involve local agriculture, for example; perhaps the pest/disease challenges they are facing, the impact, etc. I think it's very important that students and post-docs get out of the lab and understand who their research is ultimately serving.

I've only attended three Pacific Division meetings (separate from annual meeting) so I don't have a good grip on what is standard. But I think the workshop on preparing a CV or interviewing (above) would be very useful for grad students and postdocs. Equally useful would be a workshop on writing grant proposals.

I have attended so few meetings that I don't know how well the events have been attended. The electronic world is so fast it seems there doesn't a need for specialized topic events.

Nothing that I can think of

I am new member. I have no idea of what to offer. Sorry :(
Perhaps a tour of a facility owned by an industry partner.

poster session

Beer or wine tasting.

Although I would not participate in the items checked as such above, I think they are important for members earlier in their careers than I am. So, please do not interpret my answers as lack of support for those opportunities--just not for me personally.

COMPETITION ON POSTER PRESENTATION

Opportunities for students and even postdocs to interact in a somewhat structured format with people working in diverse careers in plant pathology - academia (research and extension), government (regulatory, research, etc.), private industry (consulting, diagnostic companies, seed companies, chemical

companies, private researchers, etc.).

2-min talks where members have 2 mins to present their posters.

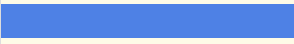




As a diagnostician I value workshops and refresher courses on specific topics/pathogens. Coming from the private sector, I also feel that our organisation does a poor job at making those of us outside of academia welcomed.

I'm not sure since I have not attended a Pacific Division meeting.

I feel we have a good system. The meeting is so small that breakout sessions would dilute the whole meeting atmosphere. This is a great place for students to present and networking has always just been a benefit of their involvement.

Those persons still working should determine the priorities.

7. The Constitution of the APS Pacific Division states that when the APS annual meeting is held in the division, the division shall forego its regular program but still hold a business meeting. Do you believe that the Pacific Division should continue to forego a regular program when the APS annual meeting is held in the region?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes, continue the current practice		74	62%
2	No, hold a separate day of events for the Division immediately before or after the annual meeting		15	13%
3	No, hold a meeting separately from the annual meeting		14	12%
4	Uncertain		12	10%
5	Other (please specify)		5	4%
	Total		120	100%

Other (please specify)

I am not fond of attending the annual meetings (wrong time of year, way too large and too many options so I get overwhelmed) but when I do go, I try to attend the Pacific business meeting. I don't get as much out of the Pacific Division meetings when they are with the bigger group. We may want to consider doing a meeting every other year if annual Pacific Division is getting overwhelming.

have the ability to meet separately but not mandatory

Both "No options" are OK with me - either hold a separate day of events (which makes the long meeting even longer but gives up opportunity to have a graduate student competition) or hold it separately.

If this practice is consistent with other APS divisions then I suggest keeping things the same.

8. Presently, dues for Pacific Division membership are \$5 per year for regular member and \$1 per year for students and post-docs. Would you support an increase in membership dues to \$10 per year for regular members and \$5 per year for students and post-docs if the funds were used to increase student travel awards, create more opportunities for undergraduate involvement, and partially defray other meeting expenses?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	92	76%
2	No	13	11%
3	Uncertain	14	12%
4	Other (please specify)	2	2%
	Total	121	100%

9. Please use this space to communicate anything else you wish about how we can add value to Pacific Division meetings.

Text Response

The 2014 meeting was wonderful and very well organized, but clearly cost a LOT of money. For the sustainability of our subdivision maybe we could suggest capping the cost at something like 30% of our total budget? A separate day of events before the national meeting might be nice but many of the students mentioned the practicality of presenting alongside similar topics, vs the hodgepodge of a regional student competition. An alternative might be to have the student competition nested into the national meeting with the same time frame of a technical session (x number of 15 minute talks). This has the downside of limiting the number of potential talks to ~9 or 10, but would solve the issue of a separate day, and save the judges some hassle.

I am a member of the Pacific Division but I no longer live in the region, therefore I haven't been attending, even though I feel the meetings have value.

I always have a good intention on attending the Pacific Meetings, but it seems to either come at a very bad time (i.e., during grower meetings / winter industry meetings), or we get the notice too last minute that I can't adjust my schedule.

Due to the fact that there are many undergraduate institutions in CA studying Plant Pathology (the CSU system and UC systems) I think our region needs to have even more opportunities for undergraduates compared to other APS regions. I think this was evidenced by the number of undergraduate students from Fresno State, CSU Monterey Bay and CSU Chico that attended the annual meeting in Pasadena this year.

The time of year is one of the worst for field researchers anywhere in the US, this is one of their busiest times of work and this no doubt limits attendance. What about March or February?

I appreciate the smaller meetings for a chance to get to know people well (the field trips, social activities, meals and smaller location/attendees work well for that) so to make more colleague connections/networks. I think we need to look for more ways to get people more closely involved with Pacific Division APS activities. Maybe a "How you can help list" (such as develop a poster for APS Pacific Division, mentor a student/new member at a national meeting, write an article for the website on the topic of, call three new members and discuss with them how the Pacific Division could be useful in their developing career, etc.) because getting active helps increase interest and makes a group more meaningful to an individual. Include people that don't have Ph. D.s in decision-making. Continue to meet with groups with similar interests (entomological society etc.)

See earlier comments on plenary session.

IF you increase the dues, members who don't attend division meetings might drop their membership. It would be helpful to look at the % of those living in the Pacific Division region as to whether or not they are divisional members or not. My lack of participation in the Divisional meetings was related primarily to conflict of time and other meetings; because I always attended the national meeting, my connection to APS was always there.

Affordability is key to grad student participation. So, increasing student travel awards is an excellent goal.

I'm nearing retirement and very active with APS at the National Meetings, so often don't attend the Pacific Division meeting with limited travel budgets these days. However, that said it's an important experience for students and early career folks, Therefore I support any improvements the younger folks would like to see implemented.

I am new member. I have no idea of what to add value to the meetings. Sorry :(

Strong need for applied research and new technologies presentations

divisional meetings are more intimate than the national meeting and allow for more oral presentations. This is especially important for graduate students. Divisional meetings also deal with more applied aspects of plant pathology. This is a good thing, but basic researchers are less likely to attend. I would not try to change this.

Travel authorization has been the biggest barrier for most federal employees to attending this meeting. Have the student travel awards also consider undergraduate student presenters.

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The two main factors limiting my attendance at both the Pacific Division meeting and the national meeting are: 1) time to attend both, particularly when they are usually both during field season, and 2) cost of attending both. I really enjoy the smaller, divisional meetings, and I get much more out of division meetings than the packed (almost chaotically so?) nature of the national meetings, which are also far more expensive than the division meetings. However, by serving on various committees/boards of APS, I have to attend the national meeting, which makes it hard to attend both.

I think the meetings should be a focus for student career development - which it has done in the past. I have never been, but that is because the meeting is usually held at a time that is very difficult for me. Running my own business, it is very difficult to leave during the growing season (summer). I would much more prefer a winter or early spring meeting. I realize I am in the minority, but that is my situation. With so many meetings, it is hard to find a way to make Division meetings stand out. But they are an important venue for students and post docs to show case their work and network. I like the idea of a symposium with a few invited eminent speakers to draw an audience.

The Pacific Division meeting was held during the meeting which put members in the position of having to choose between seminars and the Pacific Division meeting.

Since my student days this has been my favorite meeting. One can get to know the faculty, students, postdocs and techs in a nice relatively informal setting. I like the program with just one session.

Since I am retired I do not pay dues anymore. However, all costs continue to rise, therefore I would err on the side of an increase in dues.

10. For the 2017 Pacific Division meeting, we are seeking suggestions for a location to hold the meeting. Please provide up to three locations of your preference in the space below.

Text Response

Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Bozeman, Montana; Tuscon, Arizona

Colorado (Fort Collins) Oregon (Portland or Corvallis) Hawaii (Kona or anywhere!)

Portland, SLC?, Riverside

Portland, Seattle, San Diego

Albuquerque Denver Sacramento

Corvallis Sacramento Idaho Falls

Boise, ID Logan, UT Corvallis, OR

Bozeman, Davis, Tucson

Petaluma, CA Napa, CA

1) Davis/Sacramento, CA, 2) Humbolt/Redding, CA, 3) Corvallis/Portland OR

San Luis Obispo at Cal Poly or at Western Washington University in Bellingham WA or around Seattle.

Somewhere in New Mexico (like Albuquerque) Salt Lake City Boise Hawaii again.

Las Vegas, NV Denver, CO Anchorage, AK

Oregon Colorado California

It would be really great to have one or more meetings at a location where grad students could visit a well-established diagnostic clinic, e.g.: Corvallis OR; Bozeman MT; Davis CA

Fort Collins, Colorado (Colorado State) Logan, Utah (Utah State) British Colombia, Canada

Davis, Ca Monterey San Luis Obispo

Retired so I don't have a preference because I won't be attending.

Retreat in Eastern OR/WA CO Canyon Lands UT/NM/AZ

Hawaii Canada Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska Honolulu, Hawaii Portland, Oregon

New Mexico, Idaho, Washington

Portland, Seattle, Mexico

California's San Joaquin Valley, a national or state park that has suffered from the drought and is impacted by pests, the PNW.

Las Vegas, NV; St. George, UT; Flagstaff, AZ; Boise, ID

UC Davis; Prosser; Boise

Portland, OR San Jose, California Fort Collins, Colorado

Yosemite, Carmel

Las Vegas, NV Seattle, WA Salt Lake City, UT

Alaska, Arizona, Oregon

ALASKA, HAWAII, NEW MEXICO

Oregon Washington New Mexico

1. Corvallis, OR (OSU main campus) 2. Pullman, WA (WSU main campus) 3. Yuma, AZ

Copper Mountain, CO; Newport, OR--or another Oregon coast location; Alaska

Davis, CA Santa Maria, CA New Mexico

Alaska

Hawaii, Portland, Seattle

Oregon, California

Davis, CA Corvallis, OR Seattle, WA

Portland, OR, Spokane, WA, Boise, ID, Reno, NV, Salt Lake City, Ut

UC Riverside, Ventura County, San Diego

Lake Tahoe, CA Monterey, CA Paso Robles, CA

Somewhere in Idaho (interested in potatoes), Hood River Oregon, Yuma AZ

Boise, Idaho

San Luis Obispo, CA; Salinas, CA; Winatchee, WA; Corvallis, OR

Hawaii Alaska

San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento

Kona, Hawaii Sacramento, CA Reno, Nv

Monterey, Ca. Arizona Ag Location for Field Tour Idaho Ag Location for Field Tour

Reno, Nev; Las Cruces, NM