

WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY AND PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP January 21, 2006

Evaluation is a necessary condition for growth. Your comments about this workshop will be an invaluable aid as future programs are planned. This particular evaluation is open ended-designed to elicit spontaneous response. Creative suggestions and critical comments on any phase of the workshop are encouraged.

1. Workshop Format:

Each category below was rated from 1—5 with 1 being low and 5 high.

Below is the total number for each category based on attendee ratings.

	Low			High	
	1	2	3	4	5
Choice of Activities	0	0	0	10	15
Time Allocation	0	0	0	13	13
Agenda/Program	0	0	0	8	18
Arrangements/Facilities	0	0	1	7	18

(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- Mr. Mixon's information was excellent and presented with humor - Good Job!
- 9 am-2 pm would be great - or 8:30 am-2 pm
- Tables for materials and taking notes would be desirable.

2.Speakers, Discussion Leaders:

Each category below was rated from 1—5 with 1 being low and 5 high.
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	Low			High	
	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge - Substance	0	0	0	3	23
Motivation - Zeal	0	0	1	4	21
Commitment - Interest	0	0	0	5	21
Overall Performance	0	0	0	4	22

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- Speeches were excellent and passionate. Legislator's candor was appreciated.
- Again Mr. Mixon - Good information
- I have learned some very useful information today. Food was great, handouts very useful for future reference.
- Great speakers - Enjoyed the sessions.
- Liked enthusiasm of all speakers
- All of today's speakers were passionate, knowledgeable and engaging.
- Well organized workshop
- Good communication of Legislation, Names, Phone Numbers
- Appreciated Senator Crist speaking to group
- Very informative
- Specifics on getting others involved

3. How might this workshop be improved?

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- Please continue to provide support and leadership to those of us just getting started.
- More thought will be needed to answer this.
- It would be helpful to see the agenda prior to arrival. We were told it would begin at 8:00 am, not at 9:00 am. Those traveling could adjust accordingly.
- Develop committees to begin work across the independent associations (as suggested) to bridge divisiveness; come together as one voice.
- Very informative!
- Perhaps hold it in a different venue, where acoustics are better.
- Bring copies of bills so people can see how many pages are in a bill. Consider having participants practice presenting a bill to legislator.
- Better chairs
- Involve input - best practices from other counties.
- Networking opportunities among counties
- Need to be annual
- Invite more legislators - Chamber of Commerce, education committee members
- Physical arrangement - need a microphone
- Get more administrators into local and state associations
- Have on-line time during workshop to send out messages to our political leaders
- More opportunity to network, perhaps break up into groups to talk about issues.
- You might think about a breakout session to meet with neighboring districts to develop a plan or share ideas or provide some step-by-step directions on how to set up coalitions, set agendas, etc.
- At every meeting, workshop, panel, etc. membership forms to FASA should be displayed for taking.

4. Which workshop activity was **most** beneficial to you? (BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- All were great!
- Legislative components
- Mr. Warford and Mr. Mixon
- Leg Issues - Mixon was wonderful
- Listening to Senator Crist explain the process and how we can provide change, info, etc.
- Senator Crist's talk.
- Every activity was very informative.
- FRS Discussion
- Retirement Info
- Legislative preparedness
- Retirement information
- Senator Crist
- All were effective
- Mixon and his handout; Senator Crist
- Jim from FASA to show support for this type of networking.
- DROP/ Retirement
- New Information
- DROP presentation
- Lobbyist sharing of Bills and how to network with our political leaders
- Senator Crist / John Mixon
- Retirement / Senator Crist / Information / Legislative information / Networking
- The information on the DROP bill was personally the most interesting.
- Very positive
- Enjoyed it all.

5. Which workshop activity was least beneficial to you?

(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- All was beneficial
- None - all were good
- Nothing
- All were good.
- Time limits strained presentations
- All good / Thank you for hosting this, well organized, timely
- All were valuable - none were a waste of time
- Establishing local networks was the least because we already have one. I still learned something, however
- It was all equally beneficial - I wouldn't cut anything.