

**Interim Meeting Survey**  
**Conducted Thursday, 3-October-2002**  
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**General Notes:**

This survey was created by Howard Frazier and Steve Carlson, with review and suggestions from Tony Jeffree, Mike Takefman, Dawn Slykhouse, Bill Quackenbush, Buzz Rigsbee, David Law, Craig Easley, Jonathan Thatcher, and Bob Grow. Survey was conducted at the September-October 802.1/802.3/802.17 interim meeting held at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel in New Orleans, LA. Overall attendance at the meeting was ~250 registered attendees. The Ethernet in the First Mile Alliance (EFMA) acted as the host for the meeting.

Because the arrangements and accommodations at this interim may have influenced the survey responses, they are summarized as follows:

Hotel room rate: \$149/night+tax, Registration fee: \$250/300, Downtown location, within 20 km ( 12 miles) of airport, "3 Star" hotel, Continental breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon coffee & snacks provided, standard A/V equipment, no social reception, wireless network plus internet café. The host instructed the meeting organizers to keep the host's \$ contribution under \$5K.

The survey was conducted on Thursday morning (802.3af) and Thursday afternoon (802.3ah, 802.1 and 802.17). Therefore, attendees who left before these times did not have the opportunity to participate in the survey. It should also be noted that the weather in New Orleans at the time of the meeting was less than ideal. A severe tropical storm blew through the city in the days immediately prior to the meeting, and a potentially severe hurricane threatened the city on Thursday during the meeting. This may have effected travel plans.

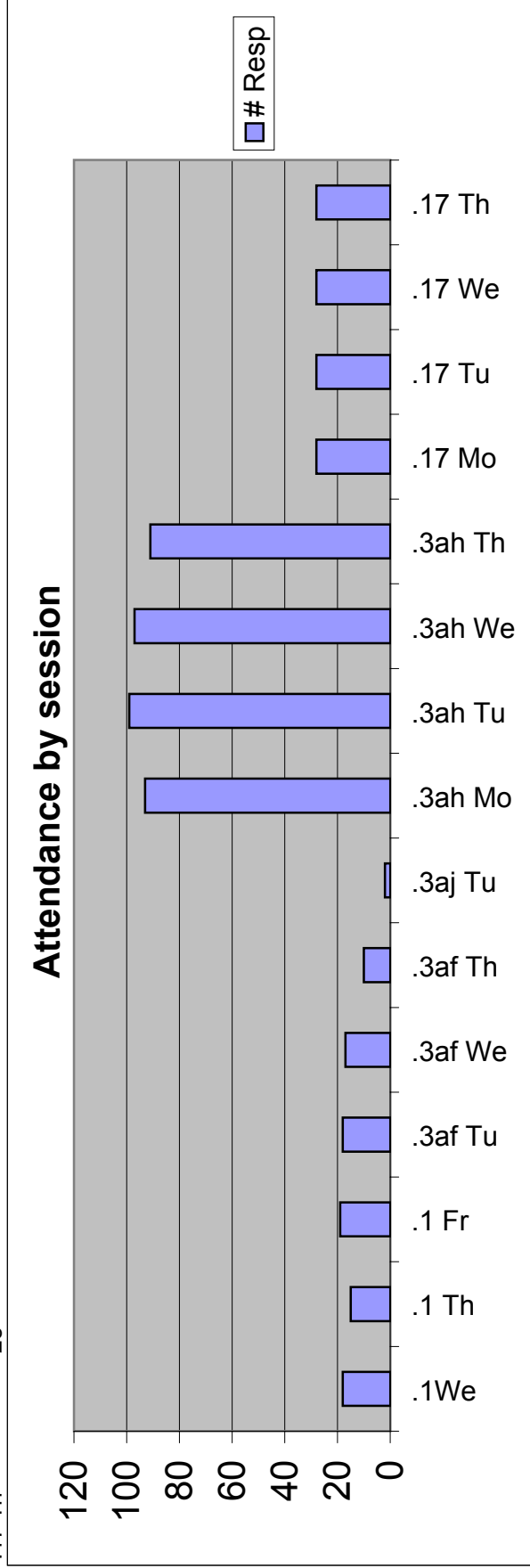
The survey was conducted via a paper handout, with a brief verbal explanation of each question. It was explicitly stated, and written on each page of the survey, that the survey applied only to interim meetings, and was not a binding referendum.

Lastly, it should be noted that Face to Face Events provided the meeting planning services for this interim meeting. In general, therefore, the arrangements for the meeting were similar to that found at an IEEE 802 Plenary meeting.

Question 1

At this interim meeting, I plan to attend the following sessions (check all that apply):

- .1We 18
- .1 Th 15
- .1 Fr 19
- .3af Tu 18
- .3af We 17
- .3af Th 10
- .3aj Tu 2
- .3ah Mo 93
- .3ah Tu 99
- .3ah We 97
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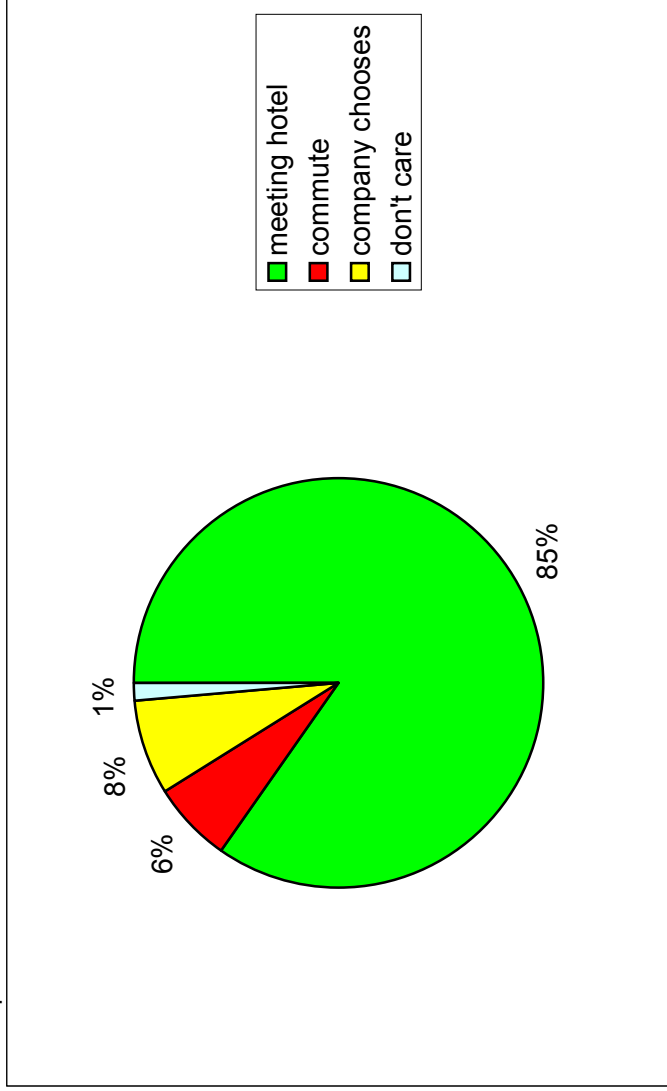


## Question 2

I would prefer to stay in:

- a. The same hotel where the meetings are held
- b. an inexpensive hotel and walk/commute to the meetings
- c. my company chooses my hotel for me based on corporate rates
- d. I don't care

meeting hotel	123
commute	9
company chooses	11
don't care	2
no response	2



Question 3

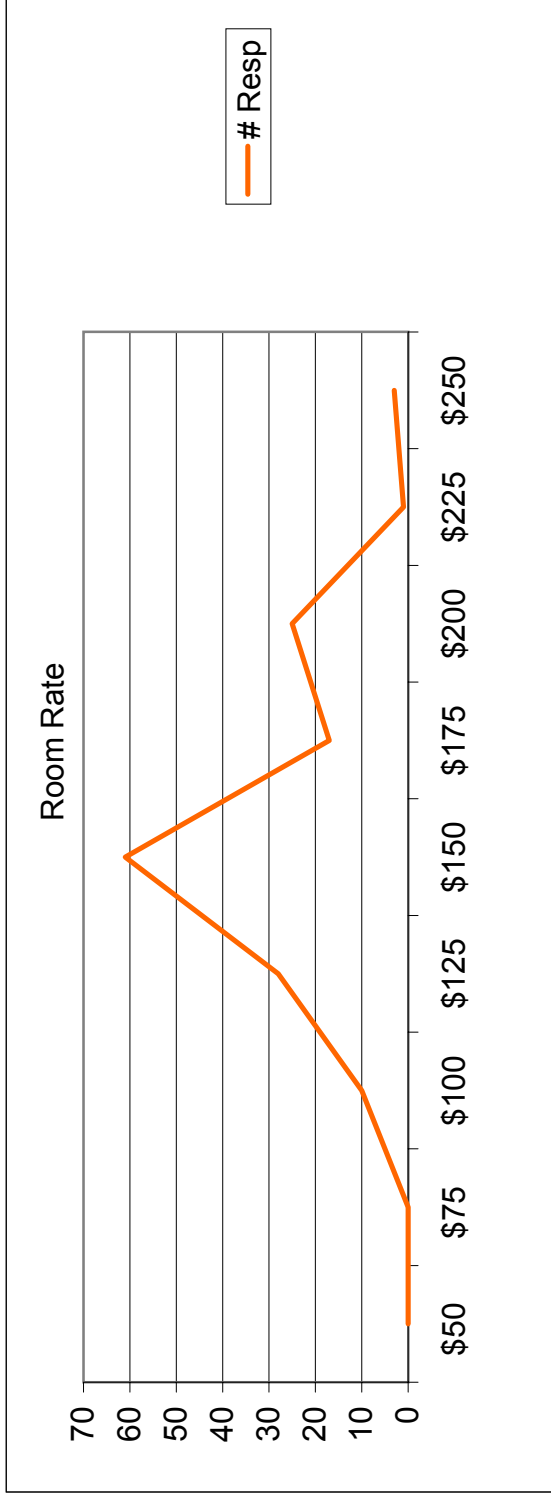
The most I can justify for one night's hotel accommodations is (US \$, before taxes, choose one):

- \$50 0
- \$75 0
- \$100 10
- \$125 28
- \$150 61
- \$175 17
- \$200 25
- \$225 1
- \$250 3

n/a

#resp 145

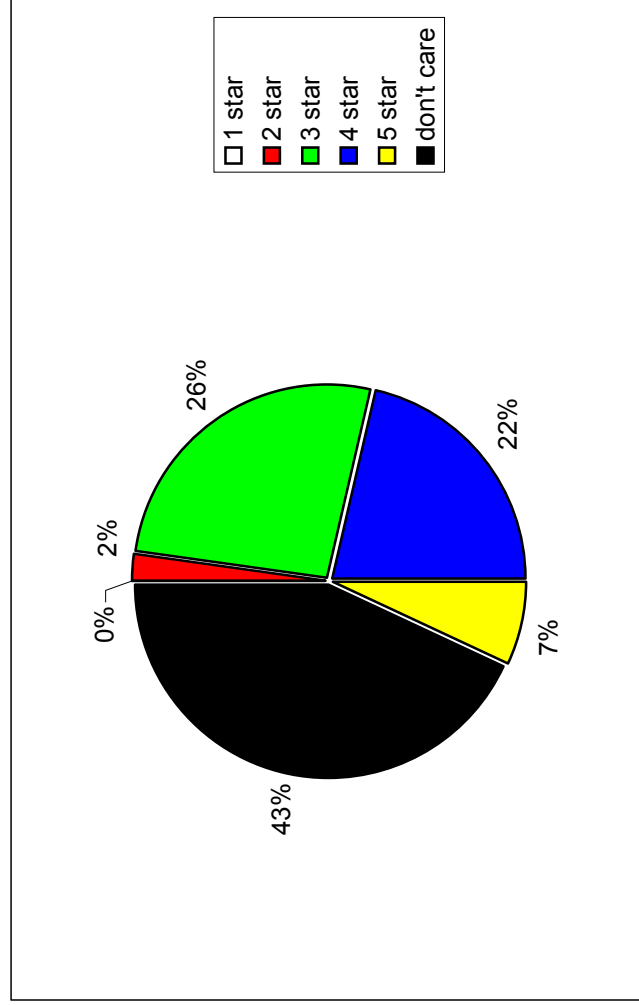
average \$156



#### Question 4

I prefer that we hold meetings in hotels with a "star" rating of (choose one):

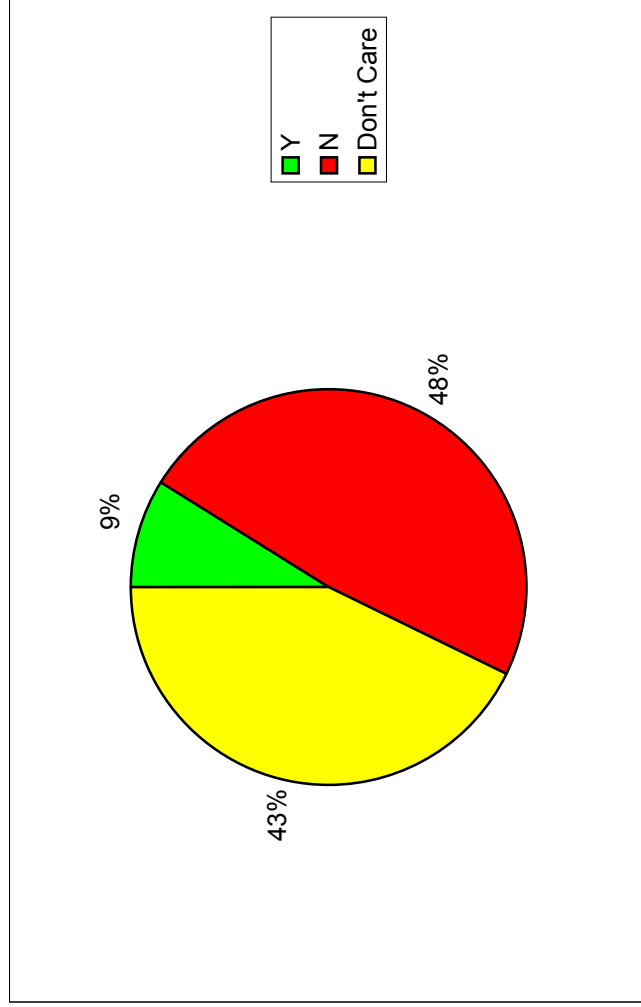
1 star	0
2 star	3
3 star	38
4 star	31
5 star	10
don't care	62



### Question 5

I prefer that we hold meetings at "no-frills" locations (e.g. business parks, airports, suburbs, etc.):

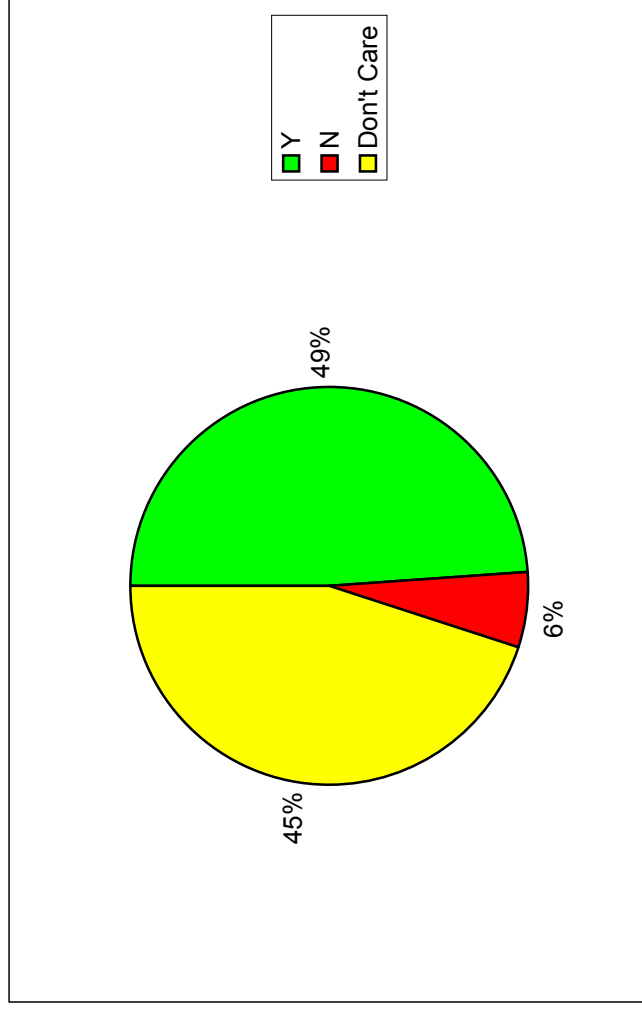
Y	13
N	71
Don't Care	63



### Question 6

I prefer that we hold meetings at locations during mid- to low- seasons when we can get the best values for our hotel rates:

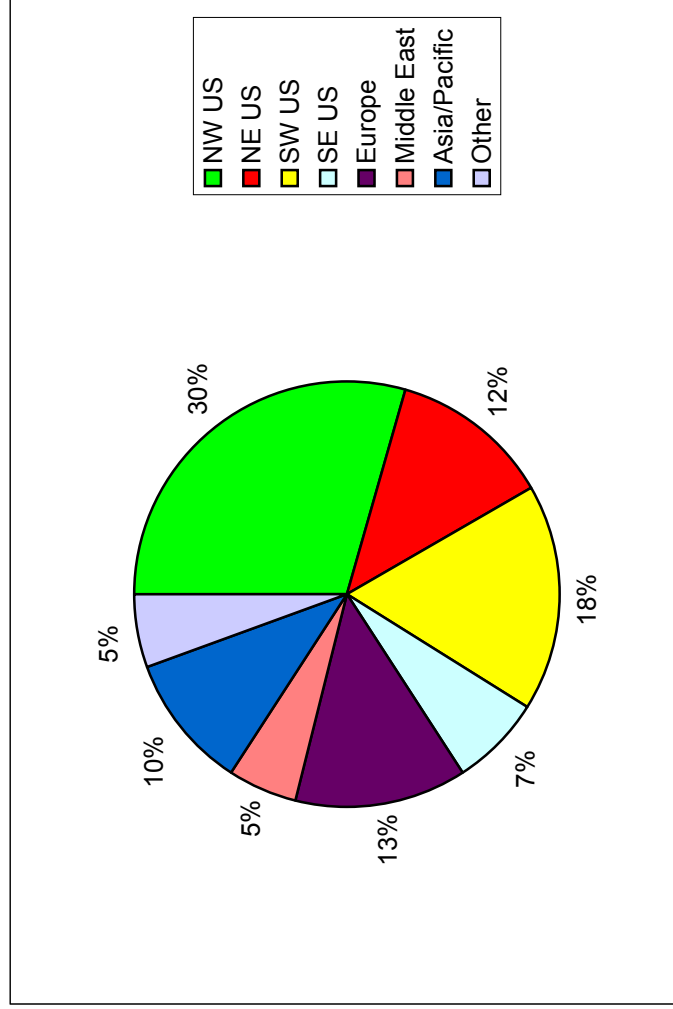
Y	72
N	9
Don't Care	66



### Question 7

I normally travel to meetings from (choose one):

NW US	43
NE US	18
SW US	25
SE US	10
Europe	19
Middle East	8
Asia/Pacific	15
Other	8
no resp	1

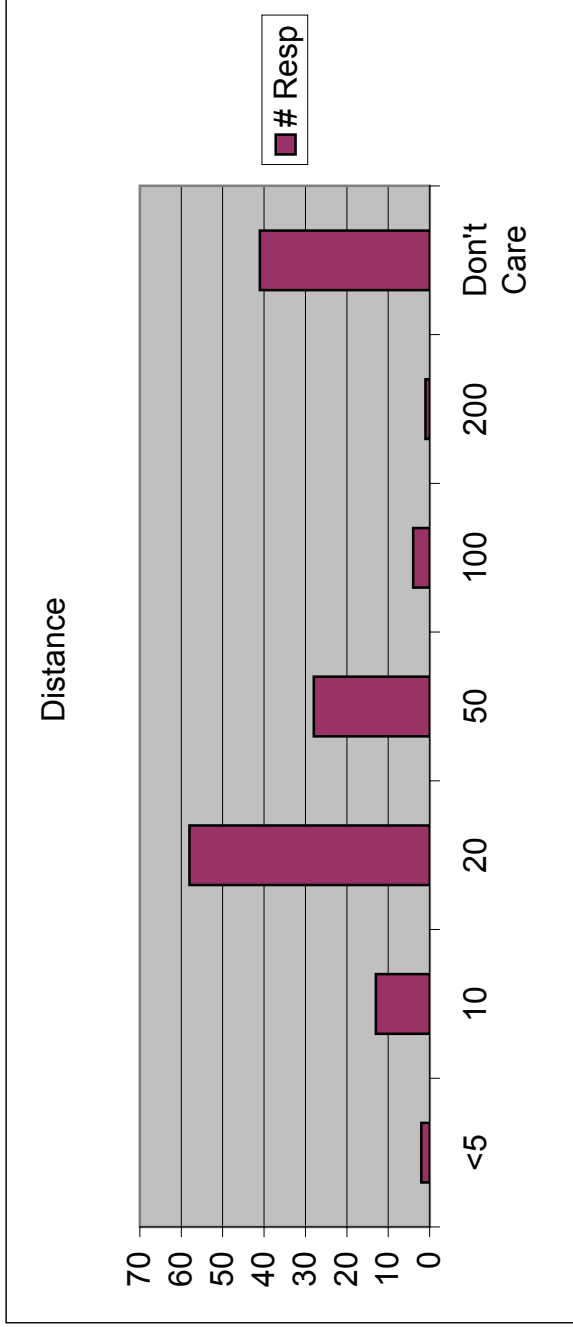




### Question 8

The meeting venue should be within this distance of a major airport (km, choose one):

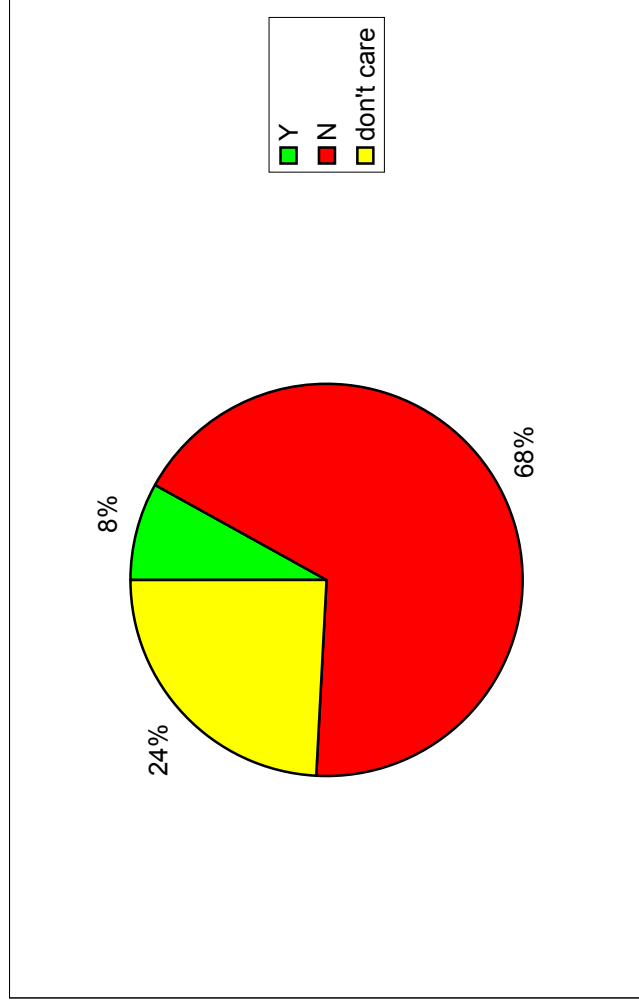
- <5 2
- 10 13
- 20 58
- 50 28
- 100 4
- 200 1
- Don't Care 41



### Question 9

I prefer to rent a car when I go to a meeting:

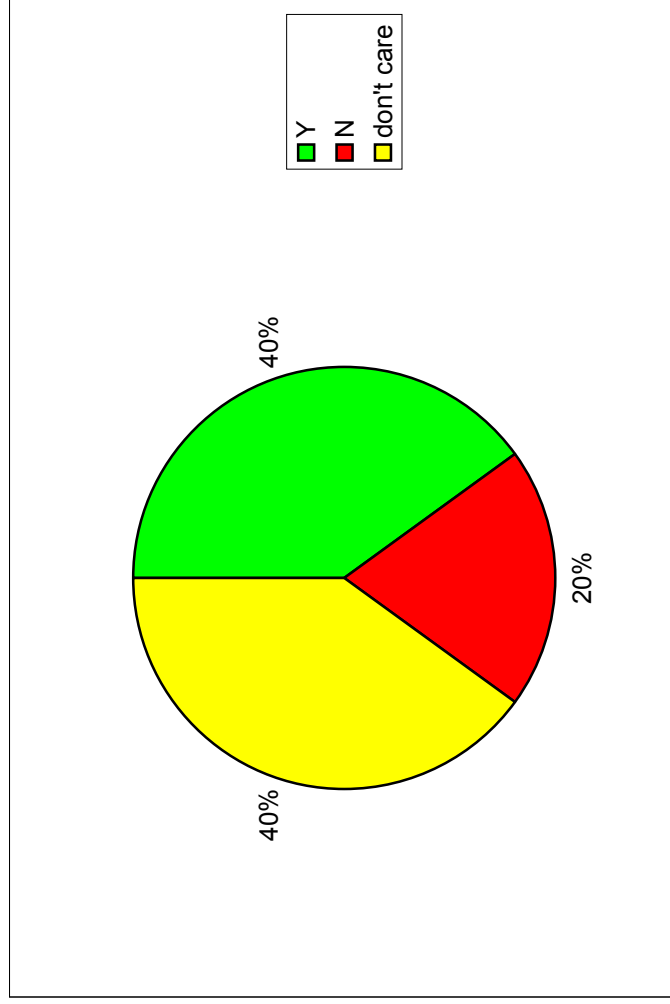
Y	12
N	101
don't care	36



### Question 10

I prefer to take mass transit between the destination airport and the meeting venue:

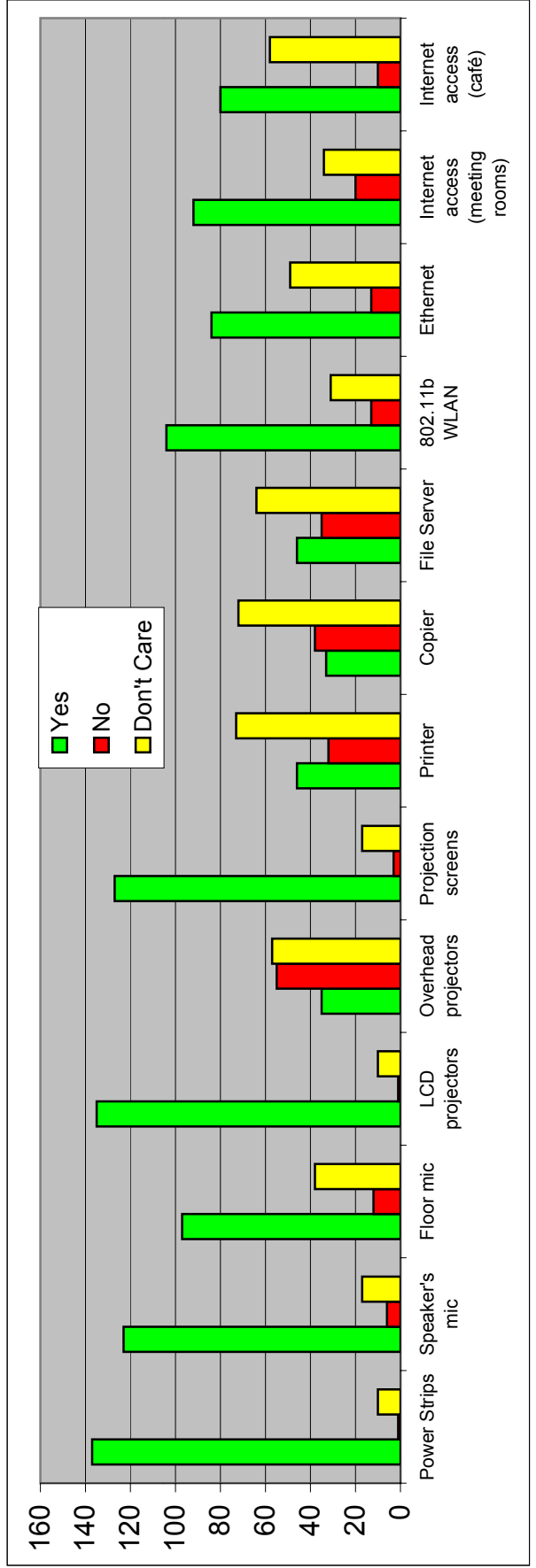
Y	58
N	29
don't care	58



### Question 11

We need to have the following equipment provided:

	Yes	No	Don't Care
Power Strips	137	1	10
Speaker's mic	123	6	17
Floor mic	97	12	38
LCD projectors	135	1	10
Overhead projectors	35	55	57
Projection screens	127	3	17
Printer	46	32	73
Copier	33	38	72
File Server	46	35	64
802.11b WLAN	104	13	31
Ethernet	84	13	49
Internet access (meeting rooms)	92	20	34
Internet access (café)	80	10	58

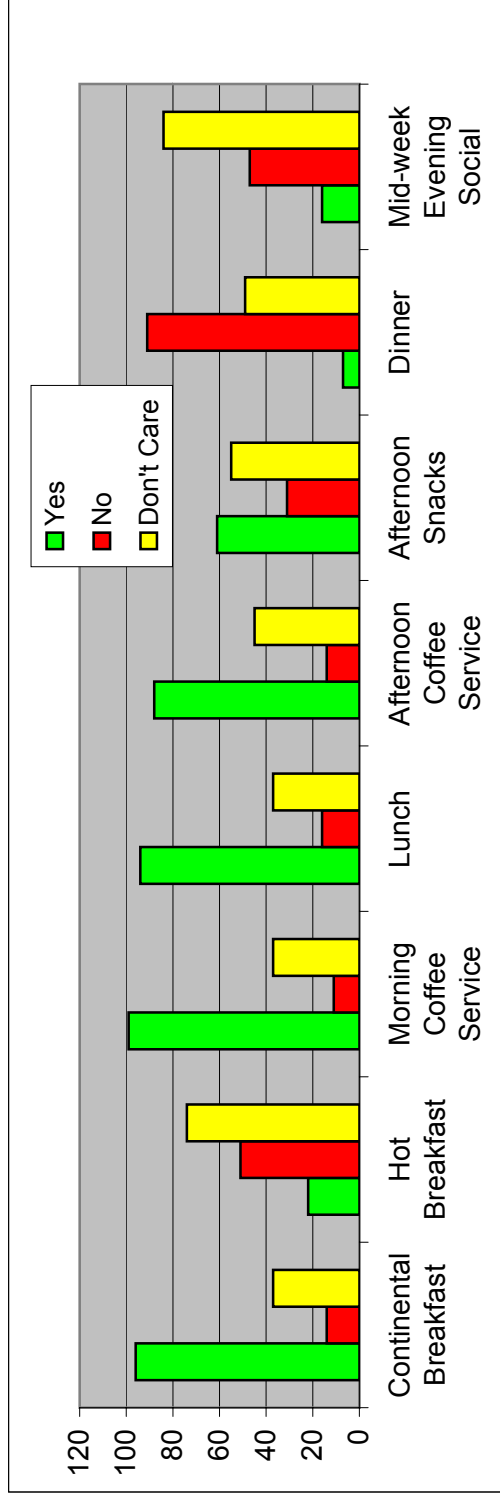


### Question 12

I prefer to have the following food and beverage services provided:

	Yes	No	Don't Care
Continental Breakfast	96	14	37
Hot Breakfast	22	51	74
Morning Coffee Service	99	11	37
Lunch	94	16	37
Afternoon Coffee Service	88	14	45
Afternoon Snacks	61	31	55
Dinner	7	91	49
Mid-week Evening Social	16	47	84

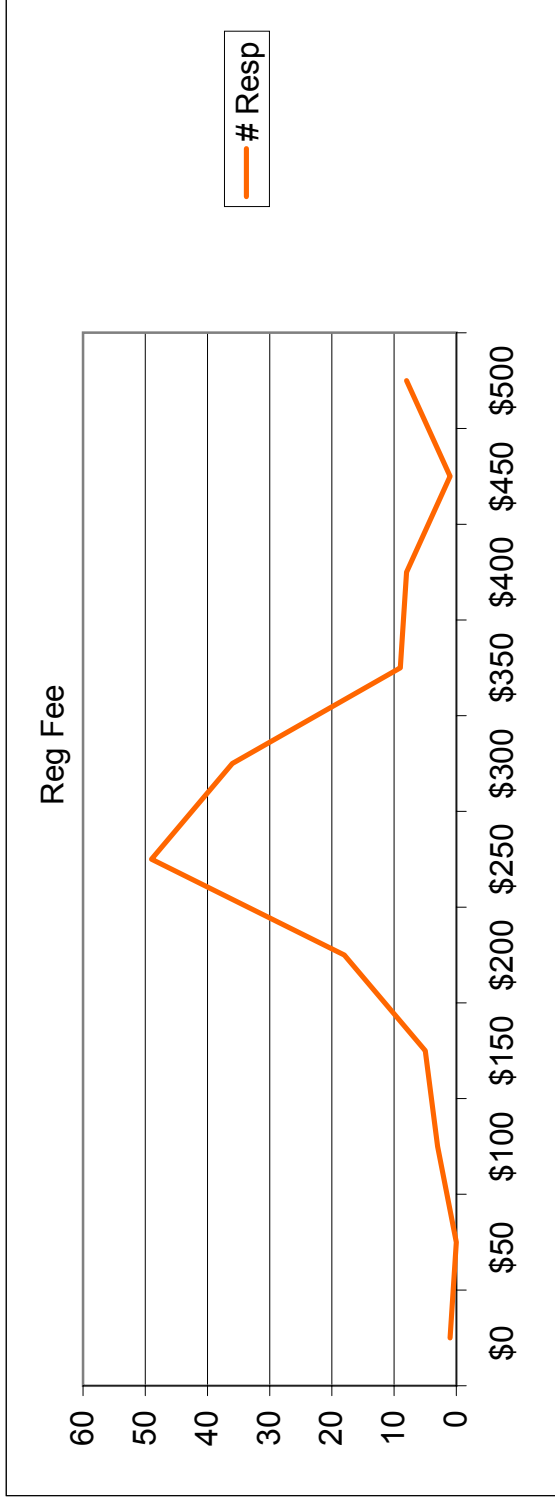
Total Responses  
147



Question 13

I am able to pay an attendance fee of no more than this amount to offset the meeting expenses (US \$, choose one):

\$0	1
\$50	0
\$100	3
\$150	5
\$200	18
\$250	49
\$300	36
\$350	9
\$400	8
\$450	1
\$500	8
\$more	3
n/a	6
#resp	138
average	\$278.99



Question 14

Which of the following statements best describes the way you prefer to pay your share of the meeting expenses (choose one):

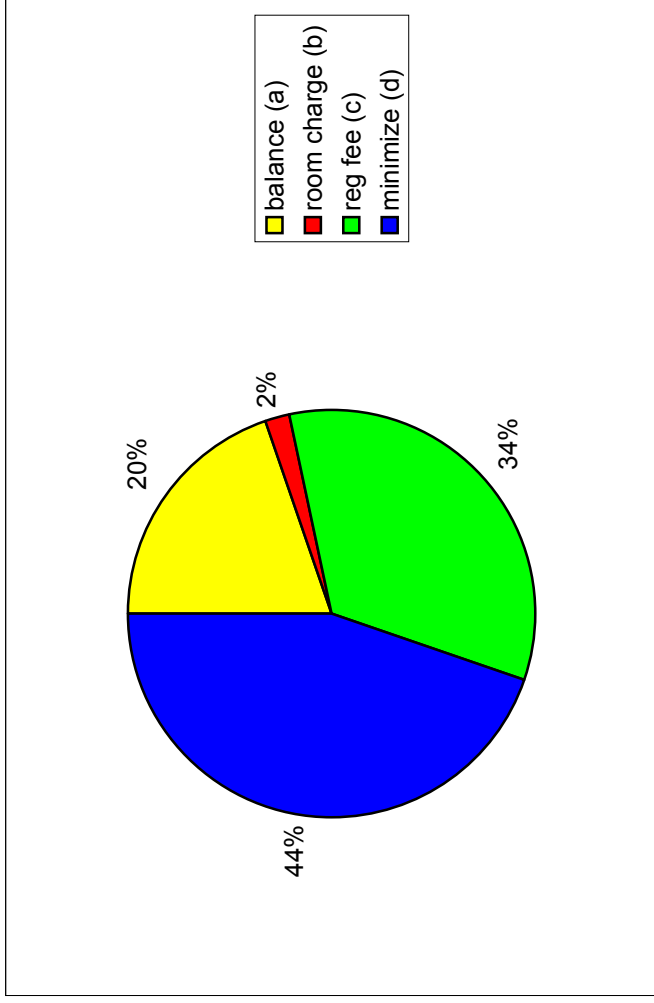
an attendance fee and my room charge.

included in my hotel room charge.

c. I prefer to pay my entire share of the meeting expenses via an attendance fee.

d. I don't care how I pay it, just minimize my total cost.

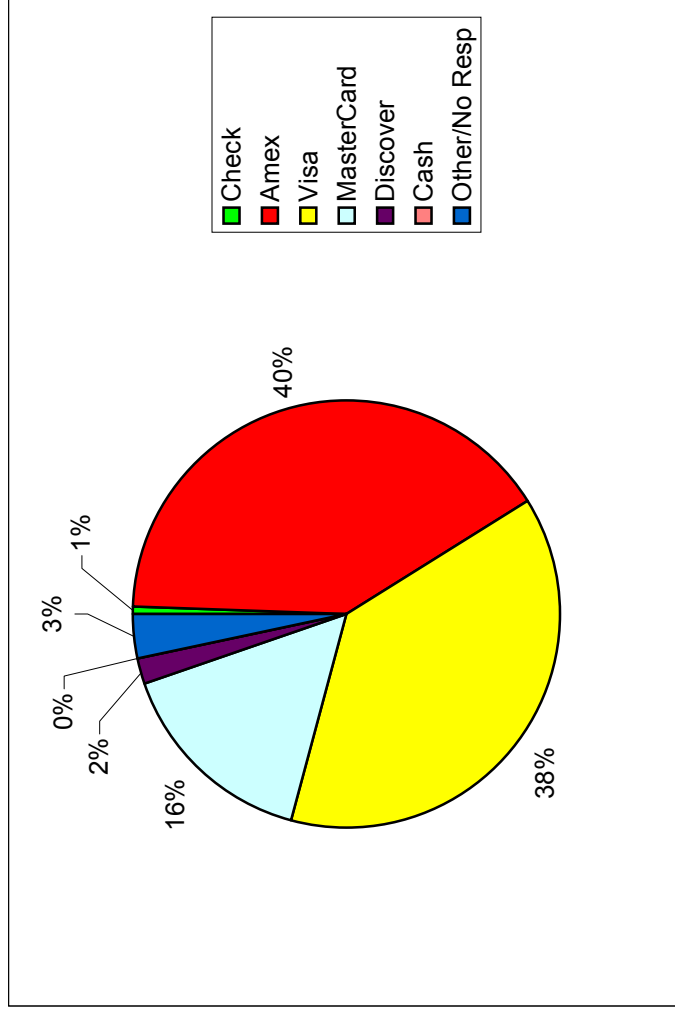
balance (a)	29
room charge (b)	3
reg fee (c)	50
minimize (d)	66
n/a	5



### Question 15

I prefer to pay any attendance fee by (form of payment, choose one):

Check	1
Amex	60
Visa	56
MasterCard	23
Discover	3
Cash	0
Other/No Resp	5

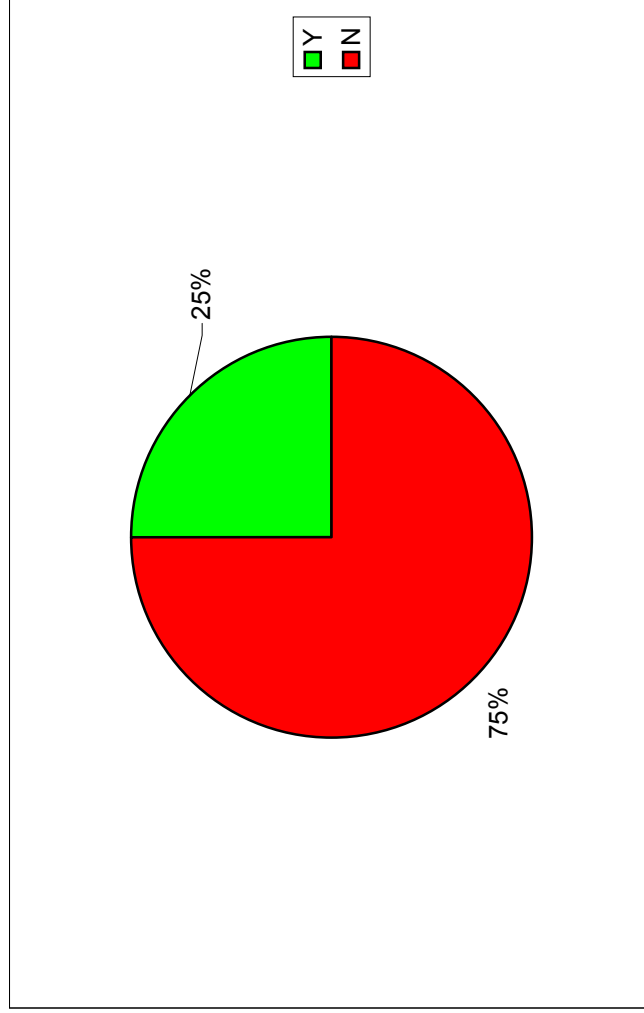




Question 16

Either I or the organization I work for is willing to host a meeting at some point in the future:

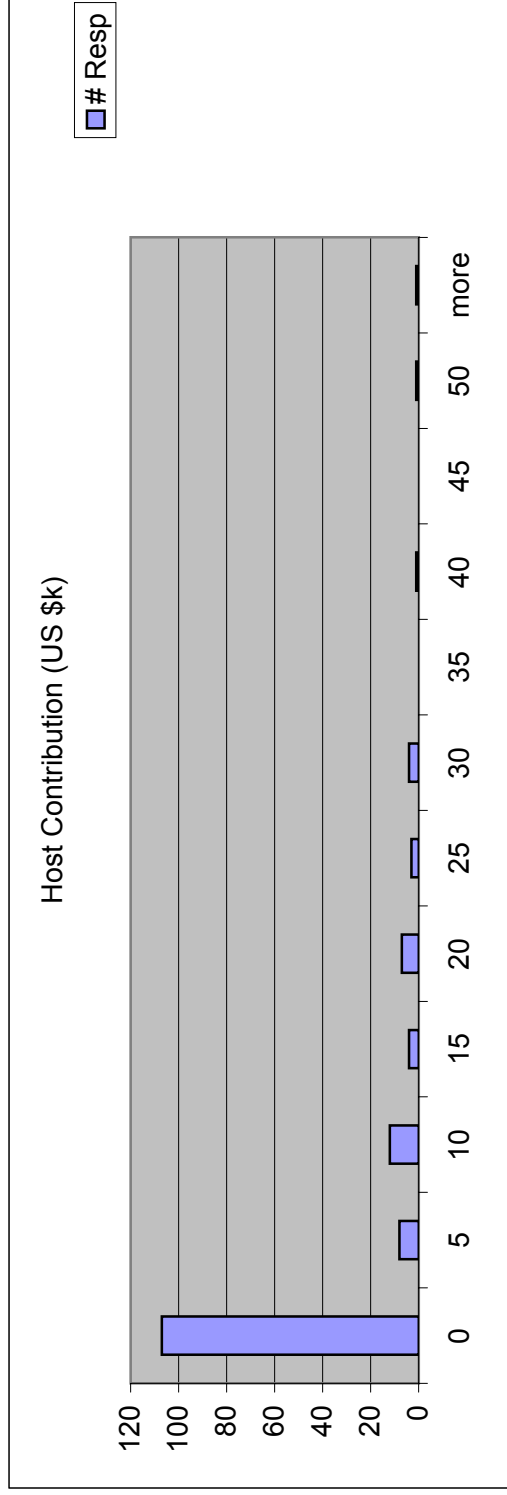
Y	37
N	111



Question 17

If either I or the organization I work for were to host a meeting at some point in the future, our maximum contribution to offset the expenses would be (US \$k, choose one):

- 0 107
- 5 8
- 10 12
- 15 4
- 20 7
- 25 3
- 30 4
- 35 0
- 40 1
- 45 0
- 50 1
- more 1



**Additional data:**

# of respondents who attended more than one TF or WG: 22 = 14.86%

# of respondents who attended all of the meetings of at least one TF or WG: 132 = 89.19%