

We want to thank everyone who participated in the ASM Boston Chapter's online survey. Your efforts, comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated. The following is a summary of the results of this survey.

The majority of respondents (67%) voted to keep the meeting format the same (dinner meeting with guest speaker) and to keep the meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Since respondents could select several options for the meeting format, 42% also voted for a FastTalk event. The concept behind the FastTalk is that each meeting attendee could give a 5 minute presentation on their work instead of one guest speaker for our monthly dinner meeting. We like this idea and will schedule one of our 2015-2016 events as a FastTalk night. Be on lookout for more information on this later this year.

Some of the more memorable talks cited by the respondents included the presentation by Ms. Jackie Earle on Caterpillar's remanufacturing business model; plant and company tours such as Instron, Bose, HC Starck and Zildjian; and, talks presented at and by MIT.

When asked about topics of interest for our meetings 3 tied for first place with 72% of the respondents. These included local Boston company or university speakers; "In the News"; and, field trips. Other topics of interest included "Fun applications" i.e. bicycles, cymbals; Materials trends; and, research trends. Specific topics that were mentioned by many respondents include solar cell technology, battery technology, the metals plating industry's response to restrictions on hexavalent chromium and cadmium, investment casting, additive manufacturing, nano materials and artificial diamond manufacturing.

We will focus on this when putting together future programs.

A good suggestion was to issue a calendar of events in September for all meeting dates, topics and speakers for the September to June time period. We do not always have a full detailed calendar of events by September but we will strive to put a calendar out with known events in September and update it accordingly.

Some other suggestions included shorter talks; more local company presentations; and, student presentations.

We know that many respondents had trouble with one of the questions. We apologize for the problem but thank you for pointing it out and providing your correct responses in your comments.

Last but not least we want to congratulate Jan Whitney for winning the \$50 Visa Gift. Jan suggested that someone from ASM attend a high school science class to see what educators are faced with first hand. We are working with Jan now on that and will report on our visit in a future newsletter.

For all those who responded to this survey we will be sending a \$5 coupon to be used at a future ASM Boston Chapter meeting. For all those who did not respond we are keeping the survey link open. Even though there are no prizes or coupons, we are very much interested in your comments, suggestion and criticisms. Our goal is to continue to make your chapter experience rich and valuable. See you all at a future meeting.

ASM Boston Chapter Executive Committee