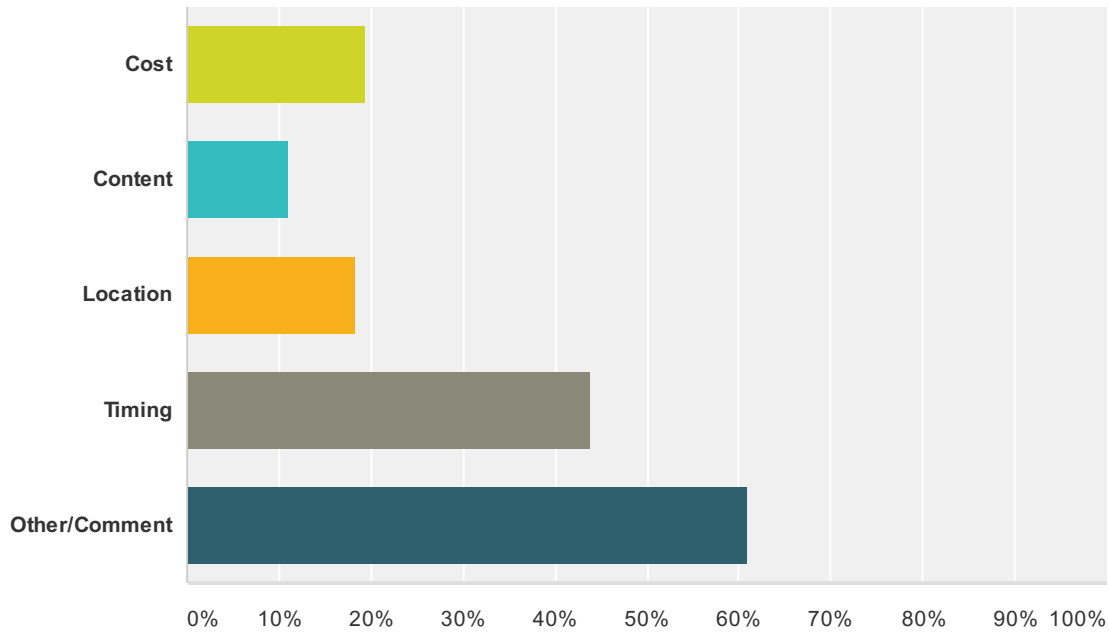


### Q1 Why did you not attend the 2014 AGM in Niagara Falls? (check all that apply)

Answered: 82 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Cost	19.51%	16
Content	10.98%	9
Location	18.29%	15
Timing	43.90%	36
Other/Comment	60.98%	50
<b>Total Respondents: 82</b>		

#	Other/Comment	Date
1	People, Travel and cost restrictions in the public service is making it harder to attend/justify attending.	4/1/2014 8:45 AM
2	I would have attended but unfortunately I had surgery on the 18th of Feb. 2014. Andrew Smith OLS CallonDietz	3/31/2014 12:32 PM
3	Not necessary or particularly beneficial for me to attend. I am not licensed yet and thus it was not necessary for continuing professional development credits. It does not have any training to assist in getting licensed so its benefit to me personally was limited. It does provide a place to meet others of the profession which is of some benefit but not enough to draw me from our very busy shop. No disrespect intended. I know it takes immense amounts of time and effort to develop seminars that are truly meaningful and teach.	3/31/2014 12:29 PM
4	Only a certain number of OLS's from a government office can attend and I attended last year.	3/31/2014 11:19 AM
5	I teach at Niagara College and it always seems scheduled during the College break. We travel south then. Happy wife, happy life	3/31/2014 10:59 AM
6	I am semi retired and can't write off the expenses.	3/31/2014 10:37 AM

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7	It was our daughters reading week and our only time to spend a vacation together	3/31/2014 9:56 AM
8	Health issues	3/30/2014 9:31 AM
9	Spread over too many days when you include the required two days of travel. With our dwindling numbers and aging members, travel must be done in the day time to avoid accidents and limit risk, with due regard to winter driving conditions.	3/29/2014 3:56 PM
10	I am now semi-retired from surveying. I have no luck finding employment in Bancroft area, as I believe employer is holding on to his present help although my resume is out there. I gave up working in Mississauga, GTA to reside in this area. I worked as survey(cadastral) field assistant for many years before I finally began to be properly compensated. I always appreciated very much when I was sponsored to attend any survey function. I was a founding member of ACSTTO and attended several meetings, as a executive member. I have throughout my career always chosen to work with a OLS firm rather than on my own, as I felt more secure and knowledgeable in my work. Thank you-I.F.	3/29/2014 2:54 PM
11	I am part-time retired/working and needed more time to settle in under this new way of life for me and my family. I will continue participating in the next coming AOLS events.	3/29/2014 11:16 AM
12	Personal commitments,Also being retired a lot of the discussions, workshops etc. are not of interest.	3/29/2014 10:22 AM
13	Being in a family with two working parents and 2 small kids, it's hard to leave for three days. Only suggestion for attracting people in my situation if have the AGM on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday.	3/29/2014 8:42 AM
14	I did attend the meeting.	3/28/2014 10:40 PM
15	Recovering from Surgery at the time of the meeting. \$Pensioner. Trying to more with less and less.	3/28/2014 9:38 PM
16	It was unfortunate but I was very committed to several construction related jobs at the time and just couldn't get away.	3/28/2014 5:48 PM
17	Out of the country!	3/28/2014 5:48 PM
18	I do not reside in Canada during the winter	3/28/2014 5:44 PM
19	Illness prevented me from attending	3/28/2014 5:25 PM
20	I go south in Feb.	3/28/2014 4:14 PM
21	Medical reasons with severe walking handicap and serious back/sciatica pain.	3/28/2014 3:53 PM
22	As a retired OLS I now have other interests and no longer want to be that involved in the profession and that includes attending the annual AGM.	3/28/2014 2:14 PM
23	away on extended vacation.	3/28/2014 1:46 PM
24	This year I had quite a lot on my plate in February. Wasn't able to commit more than one day. Travel from Ottawa to Niagara Falls for one day wasn't practical, no real quick and easy way to get there.	3/28/2014 1:28 PM
25	Alive and reasonable enough in Victoria. I no longer relish that far travel. Regards DAVID LAMBDEN	3/28/2014 1:24 PM
26	Not supported by employer	3/28/2014 1:17 PM
27	I have been away during February for the last several years. As the membership ages and spends winters away maybe its time to think about changing the time of year the AGM is held.	3/28/2014 1:13 PM
28	I'm 79 and retarded. That should say retired. My days of digging down thru 4 feet of frozen ground looking for an iron bar are over. That said, my interest in surveying are waning.	3/28/2014 1:05 PM
29	Health Issues.	3/28/2014 12:43 PM
30	skiing out west	3/28/2014 12:35 PM
31	employer will only permit attendance every other year.	3/28/2014 12:24 PM
32	Out of province on vacation.	3/28/2014 12:22 PM
33	I was away on vacation getting away from the snow	3/28/2014 12:15 PM
34	My son was spending the winter in BC, and I chose that week to go visit and ski. I found that to do both that, and attend the AGM would be quite expensive.	3/28/2014 12:12 PM

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35	Wife had a baby 2 weeks prior	3/28/2014 12:01 PM
36	My wife left me. I have only missed 3 AGMs since 1976.	3/28/2014 11:57 AM
37	Spending my deserved winter vacation in Florida . Hopefully I will make special trip from Florida to attend next year convention.	3/28/2014 11:55 AM
38	The program did not have a great agenda as a GIM as the attendance is for the cadastral members. I am further concerned that the future of the survey/geo-world is not being addressed & the future of the AOLS by the repeating of an AGM template that has become mandatory for the association.	3/28/2014 11:53 AM
39	A significant project start-up was ongoing at same time.	3/28/2014 11:48 AM
40	I was planning to attend but had to cancel due to a family emergency.	3/28/2014 11:45 AM
41	I was out of the country for Wednesday and wasn't able to attend the Wednesday sessions. I wanted to attend the Thursday and Friday sessions but wasn't willing to pay \$400. Perhaps we can make the business portion of the meeting free for members and have a cost for attending the seminars? As a member I shouldn't have to pay to attend the meeting portion of the AGM.	3/28/2014 11:40 AM
42	The drive from North Bay to Niagara Falls is a little long. I plan to attend the AGM in Huntsville. All of our other OLS's were going to attend, so I thought it would be good to stay behind and maintain an OLS presence in the office.	3/28/2014 11:40 AM
43	Not every one from our office could attend. Someone had to stay here.	3/28/2014 11:38 AM
44	My firm already had 4 representatives going to the AGM, therefore to keep the company in operation and under supervision. a few of us did not attend. Some of those who attended this year, will not next, and vice-versa.	3/28/2014 11:37 AM
45	unavoidable conflict with previous commitment	3/28/2014 11:36 AM
46	Work	3/28/2014 11:36 AM
47	We sent 2 surveyors. I stayed back to run our offices. I would like to have attended but it wasn't my turn.	3/28/2014 11:35 AM
48	Prior commitment	3/28/2014 11:34 AM
49	Did not know about the event.. I will be there next year.	3/28/2014 11:34 AM
50	Too busy with work commitments	3/28/2014 11:34 AM

## Q2 Do you have any suggestions on how we can make the 2015 AGM more attractive?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 37

#	Responses	Date
1	Add some content for those wanting to get licensed. As an example look at the NYSAPLS conference registration package. They had a number of classes that ranged from basic Survey math to how to prepare to pass the exams. Include more content for real situations. Again consider the NYSAPLS conference, they had mock trial of a boundary dispute. Could something like that be created to teach/remind us how a Boundaries Act/Provincial court hearing would proceed?	3/31/2014 12:29 PM
2	No, but it would be good to have the AGM available on-line for those who are not allowed or could not attend.	3/31/2014 11:19 AM
3	Schedule it for a different week.	3/31/2014 10:59 AM
4	No.	3/31/2014 10:37 AM
5	The fact that it will be more central will help. Also having more educational sessions would be good.	3/31/2014 10:06 AM
6	Have it in the Caribbean !! Pick a resort or cruise ship and get a group rate so employees of the firm can also attend. Other disciplines do this and I know that the New York State surveyors have had numerous educational seminars on Cruise ships prior to their final exams. A good travel agent could put this together and because there is a large group we could probably go to the Caribbean for 5 days cheaper than Niagara of Huntsville in the winter.	3/31/2014 8:50 AM
7	It should be in a City that has access to public transportation, not out in the boonies, especially given that the meeting always takes place at the end of February. Toronto, Ottawa and London all have access to rail and airports.	3/31/2014 7:14 AM
8	We need to spend less time away from our offices to attend. Consider using two days only, such as Friday and Saturday. We could travel on Thursday and Sunday. The current Friday agenda is a waste of time with little content. The veteran's dinner has always been a joke and a waste of time and effort. Even the changes that were brought about this year were poorly received by the attendees, as evidenced by the survey responses. It is not representative of the changing member's profile who come to the AOLS from a variety of background. The veteran's dinner is more of an old boys club set on keeping traditions that no longer apply to a modern association. The cost of all meals is too high.	3/29/2014 3:56 PM
9	No specific suggestions. Just make sure that the OLS people continue to develop new ways/methods to control and guarantee the quality of their work in this world of sophisticated and highly automated instruments, tools, technologies and processes.	3/29/2014 11:16 AM
10	Normally February is a good time of year for the AGM. This year our small company was overwhelmed with many projects with time constraints. I did want to attend the seminars on the Thursday but unfortunately could not afford the time.	3/29/2014 9:34 AM
11	More "young-themed" party.	3/28/2014 10:40 PM
12	Keep the cost in line. It may mean changing the venue but the cost of rooms has not risen nearly as much as the meals.	3/28/2014 10:04 PM
13	Not at the moment. I think it is attractive but the expense is beyond my means.	3/28/2014 9:38 PM
14	Not really. February is normally slow and an obvious time to have it. Unfortunately I'm always busy so I don't know until the last minute whether or not I will be able to attend.	3/28/2014 5:48 PM
15	Should be on a tropical island	3/28/2014 5:48 PM
16	How about moving to a warm location???????	3/28/2014 5:44 PM

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17	Move the location &/or the time it is held. Lots of associations or businesses hold their conventions in other places, why not us. I bet if it was held in St Lucia everyone would attend & probably never leave.	3/28/2014 4:14 PM
18	no	3/28/2014 3:53 PM
19	As a small office owner I was not able to find the money or time to attend	3/28/2014 1:51 PM
20	remote access via Skype or other technology to key issues would be helpful for not in attendance.	3/28/2014 1:36 PM
21	No I think the format is great its just that sometimes things don't work out	3/28/2014 1:28 PM
22	Reduce cost	3/28/2014 1:17 PM
23	I've always been fascinated in demos of the latest equipment.	3/28/2014 1:05 PM
24	I think the best time for AGM is in summer	3/28/2014 12:57 PM
25	No. I heard nothing negative about this year's AGM.	3/28/2014 12:42 PM
26	no	3/28/2014 12:35 PM
27	Book it for Las Vegas I don't like the winter	3/28/2014 12:26 PM
28	Include content related to non-cadastral surveying.	3/28/2014 12:24 PM
29	Hold it in the Caribbean	3/28/2014 12:15 PM
30	The content of the recent AGM's has been fine, but, don't let the cost to attend keep escalating. Several years ago, the bulk of the cost of the AGM had been included in our annual dues, with a relatively low registration fee for the meeting. As I recall this was an effort to boost attendance at the AGM, and to more equitably share the cost amongs all members, whether they attend or not. In the last two or three years we have seen an unprecedented increase in the cost of both of those fees. Billing for surveying work, as well as most other things in the economy, cannot normally increase 20% -50% at a time, so, it seems unreasonable to me that our fees should increase in such drastic steps.	3/28/2014 12:12 PM
31	n/c	3/28/2014 12:01 PM
32	I am satisfied with the quality of the meeting. The one day seminar was a good decision. I will be in attendance as usual in 2015.	3/28/2014 11:57 AM
33	No	3/28/2014 11:55 AM
34	DAVID DORLAND, JAMES DORLAND & BRYAN CARRIER-DORLAND DID ATTENDED AGM	3/28/2014 11:55 AM
35	Prehaps a separate event forum for geomatics education is needed; the AGM could be a separate meeting that could address change & the future of the association given its demographics etc.	3/28/2014 11:53 AM
36	Past AGM's have been organized very well thus no comment at this time.	3/28/2014 11:48 AM
37	I did not think any of the continuing education seminars would help my professional development	3/28/2014 11:45 AM
38	I had a conflict with another event, hope to be able to attend another time.	3/28/2014 11:43 AM
39	Pay for presenters. Only a few top quality presenters will present without reimbursement. As well, please consider not having politicians and their representatives as key note speaks. They are there to push their own agendas.	3/28/2014 11:42 AM
40	None. All of the AGMs I have attended are well organised and contain useful information sessions. See you in 2015!	3/28/2014 11:40 AM
41	No	3/28/2014 11:39 AM
42	NO	3/28/2014 11:37 AM
43	Overall I enjoy the AGM's and think you do a great job.	3/28/2014 11:37 AM
44	no	3/28/2014 11:36 AM
45	No, you do a good job!	3/28/2014 11:36 AM
46	no	3/28/2014 11:35 AM