



# Convention Survey 2009

The Convention Oversight Committee would like feedback from the membership to better meet your needs and to find out what you want from your convention. Please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions:

We are concerned about the rising costs of the convention and the economy, and we are looking for feedback from you. One idea that has been proposed is shortening the format of the convention. The convention would still present 24 hours of class, only in a compressed format. As an example: IOLI Board meets Friday morning, salesroom opens Friday afternoon, opening reception Friday evening, classes Saturday-Tuesday (Tuesday start early and end early to accommodate evening airplane flights). AGM at lunch on Saturday and Banquet on Saturday evening. The tours would be tacked on the end.

## Convention Survey 2009 Results

### 1 – If the convention was presented in a shortened format, would you attend?

Yes – 50  
Yes, but prefer current format – 6  
No – 13  
No if I had to fly there – 5  
(No- too crowded, need breather between classes,)  
Maybe - 5  
Maybe, not preferred -3  
Not sure - 2  
Need time for church – 1  
Probably - 3  
Probably, but prefer current format - 1

### 2 – What do you consider the most important events at convention?

Vendors – 38  
Networking – 18  
Classes - 81  
AGM – 9  
Display – 11  
Lectures - 7  
Teacher showcase – 8  
Banquet - 6  
First evening social -1  
Tours – 1  
Homework time to absorb what is taught - 1

### 3 - What events do you think could be dropped from the convention?

Tours – 13  
Raffles, either too long, too many silly give away items, group items - 8  
Some lectures - 1  
N/A - 11  
Breakfast lectures - 3  
Teacher showcase (have space in display room for all week viewing) -1  
Tat-off - 3  
Long meetings - 1  
Business meeting - 1  
Free day - 3  
Too many events, need more free time to do homework - 7  
Extra classes outside of the 24 hours – 2  
Favors – 1  
Sales after 9pm – 2  
Some meals - 3  
Duplicative reading of officers' reports and minutes, those are in the Bulletin - 1  
Folks may want to pick and choose events rather than do them all - 1  
Badly presented lectures -1  
Ice cream social - 3  
Multiple events in one evening - 1

### 4 –What would you like to see changed at an IOLI convention?

More youth programs – 2  
Too much time spent running from place to place – 2  
More time to do homework - 4  
Meals should be easier to get – 5  
More meals included -1  
Option to have lace supplies shipped to convention site to avoid airplane charges – 1  
Doesn't make sense to have vendor room open during class time – 2  
Sales hours should only be after the pm classes - 1  
Regular vending hours -1

People complaining about the convention, and not offering to help – 1  
Have current 4 ½ day classes changed to 2 full days. – 5  
Options of 1,2,3,4 full days of a class - 1  
Post name of classes on their respective doors - 1  
Stay on schedule and limit changes – 2  
Format – 3  
Consistent agenda and classes - 2  
IOLI Board should set the parameters of the conventions and have the host group do the local duties. -1  
Nothing – 8  
Two guilds or two states planning a convention to decrease stress - 1  
Show and tell at the end of the week to see what other people/classes made, then happy hour - 3  
Could have displays for general public and lace demonstrations - 1  
No classes on Weds. Tours and rest – 1  
Only ½ day of rest -1  
Could a college campus be used – 5  
Less expensive hotel -3  
More affordable -1  
Shorter business meetings with tables for all to work on lace during meeting – 1  
Free breakfast – 3  
Free airport shuttle -2  
Long lines for food events – 1  
Long lines for elevators - 1  
Logo Guild on name tag, First Aid Nurse – 1  
Singing during lace or events (like they did during the tatting Olympics) -1  
Stagger the class starting/ending times or in different areas to avoid the elevator jams -1  
Would prefer no Wed, Sat or Sun classes -1  
Shorter lunch breaks and longer dinner breaks -1  
Too many raffles -1  
Classes with specific pre-requisites before students can take the class -1  
Teachers with specific goals to be accomplished by students or knowledge before teaching a class - 1

#### **5 - What have you seen at other lace gatherings that you would like to have implemented at an IOLI convention?**

Nothing - 8  
Social events integrated with classes – 1  
Free evenings - 1  
Studio time - 1  
Sign up sheet for banquet table plans – 1  
Silent auction instead of so many raffles - 1  
On premises 15 minute massage therapist - 1  
Too much running from room to room - 1  
Training course for teachers - 1  
Complimentary breakfast – 1  
Don't think there should be too many rules, each host group should have some freedom – 1  
Themed exhibition (not a competition) of members such as masks, jewelry, bookmarks, etc -1  
More public access/open lace demos – 2  
Classes before or after - 1  
24 hour'sgravenmoer class – 1  
Swaps – little gifts for class members – 1  
Different teachers, 2/3 of this year's teachers will teach next year – 1  
Advertise talks before hand - 1

#### **6 – What other comments or ideas would you like to share with us about IOLI conventions?**

The large "convention bag" I have too many bags, and not enough space. Folks who want to have bag can be charged for it when they register– 1  
I like regional meetings, more intimate, less jet lag – 1  
It would be nice to have a place to do "homework" with other lacers - 6  
May each go as smoothly as possible, thank you everyone - 1  
Kudos to all planners - 3  
I love the chance to meet with other lacemakers – 1  
Like taking classes not offered locally - 1  
Provide more information in the confirmation letter (date, time, and location of registration)  
Nothing - 5  
This hotel was nice, so close to the airport -1  
Hope that Alex Stilwell and Georgia Seitz will teach again soon. - 1  
Need time to sleep - 1  
Local guilds financial risk is too high – 1  
Need conventions in under-represented areas such as the south or north – 1  
Have extra day(s) after convention for additional classes. - 1  
If AGM is a lunch, then guests etc., will not be able to attend. – 1  
Extra classes on Wed and Saturday are a great idea – 1  
It is nice if there are choices of restaurants nearby – 5  
Proposed change would be difficult to start on a Friday, Sunday might be better - 1  
Please ask students to tell teachers if they must miss a class - 1  
Have convention another time of year when air fares are cheaper – 1  
All classes should start at the same time - 1

Have more educational lectures that don't overlap with classes - 1  
Don't mess with perfection - 1  
Certificates need to be printed timely and accurately -1  
This years raffle was confusing -1  
No Buffet meals - 1  
Suggestions on stretching and posture classes to use at convention and at home - 1  
Could the choice of teachers be from a list suggested by members at large - 1  
Have enough tables and chairs, with close to the buffet sitting for mobility challenged -1  
3-hour "info" classes held on Wed and Sat are nice, could also hold on arrival day -1  
Need space and good lighting - 2  
President's reception is nice, but by Friday evening we're all tired. How about a continental breakfast instead? - 1  
The shortened schedule as written has too much on Saturday. Maybe a banquet on Sunday evening -1  
Need good teachers -1  
Raffle drawings should be at meals - 1  
Sales tax forms should be given to vendors at convention - 1  
Could it cost less - 1  
More group gathering with lot of raffle prizes - 1  
Shuttles to dinner, grocery store -1  
History -1  
Enjoy the longer week instead of cramming everything into a condensed format - 1  
Tacking tours on at the end is a good idea - 1  
Like the open day to catch up on homework - 2  
If you do go to a compress schedule please do all day classes rather than half day classes.  
Result of teach evaluation forms should be made available to future year planning groups - 1  
My first convention, overall a good experience - 1  
Like getting away for a full week - 1  
I like the variety of classes -1  
Other fiber groups have pre-classes and post classes that are optional and might not appeal to largest population -1  
Smoother liaison with hotel bookings and use of trips -1  
mMost teachers are rightly qualified. Sometimes a new teacher needs to be audited to determine if they possess the skills to teach -1