Overview of OAC Meeting Participation Survey Results

Question	Responses
1. Reason to have missed a meeting	
can't break away	7
unsure what's it about	4
doesn't pertain to me	5
my issues aren't relevant	1
my input isn't relevant	3
2. Which Day(s) is best	
Monday	9
Tuesday	10
Wednesday	11
Thursday	7
Friday	9
3. What times are best	
8-10am	6
10am-noon	10
1-3pm	13
3-5pm	6
7-9pm	2
4. Specific schedule for topics?	
YES	13
NO	6
5. Favor Breakout times	
YES	14
NO	2

Comments for missing meetings:

- New to position
- On vacation, tech issues
- Unforeseen illness or problem
- Other priorities
- rarely misses, would be because of another meeting or I'm gone
- attends meetings now but hadn't in past, didn't know what they were about, feels ODIN has a good grasp on things, wonderful work being done
- have made most but sometimes my schedule conflicts
- not sure it pertains to my library

- hadn't attended cuz didn't think CRL was big enough to matter, now knows issues & ideas from their library are important
- schedules change
- campus-specific come up at last minute

Other Reasons

- Teaching schedule
- Prioritizes OAC meeting
- library is specialized, teaching or subbing, don't feel comfortable attending as I know Linda A can help, is content with what majority decides
- small two-person library, hard to get away
- not sure this pertains to me - one person library
- not sure librarian job will exist at end of summer - I will be working remotely in Minot, ND
- scheduling conflicts
- As Director, far removed from ILS, would like information on advanced features or public-facing features to excite my patrons
- one-person library, set schedule may help but only if patrons are not in library
- discussions at OAC are not geared to schools, find it more helpful to send email to Linda A & get on with day
- am/in library 1/2 time pm/classes & commitments
- continue to allow institutional reps if director can't make it
- Alma issues/tricks, sharing of regional/national conferences

Other Ideas

- new to position
- OAC is a priority in professional life
- OAC should "not" try to replicate/take over User Groups
- scheduling specific discussion would be helpful so either staff may split and attend certain areas of meeting
- perhaps different director meetings for different types, I am a little intimidated to attend meetings with librarians from universities when librarian is small part of job
- Tuning in at a specific time & learn something specific & focused is best, a two hour meeting with librarians talking about their libraries isn't useful to me
- prefer Team meetings or visits from Linda A to zero in on specific problem solving for my library
- wants ODIN to work with NDUS on OER, institutional subscription to Hathi Trust, support advocacy & a mentoring program, perhaps cross-mentoring

Discussion Topics

- how to finance ODIN
- which databases to license
- training on resources-learning proper use
- technical support

- library activities around ND
- more ODIN Office updates
- library system updates most topics are useful would have liked to hear session on "keeping libraries relevant" - we have to constantly justify our time - seems no one knows what we do
- Updates
- general Polaris/Leap info
- funding, legislation for libraries
- serving low incidence populations
- Tips & Sharing workflows
- miss face-to-face meetings, looking forward to ODIN visits, likes one-on-one
- Polaris enhancements
- Polaris training for staff
- leverage OPAC features to meet user expectation
- statewide database use cases
- how to create efficiencies to offer better service to patrons likes knowing what ODIN is doing
- Info on Polaris updates.
- Repeating information is always a good thing.
- how to borrow items from Alma when I am a Polaris library
- Using Simply Reports to find useful info like an inventory report
- offer professional development/webinars such as Advocacy, Diversity/Equity/ Inclusion, Accessibility challenges & solutions
- supporting sustainable scholarship
- partnering/ collaboration opportunities among types of libraries really enjoy learning what's happening at other libraries
- Role of libraries-recruitment, retention, graduation, short/mid/long term consequences of budget cuts
- understanding ODIN costs & fees
- demographics & shrinking of Higher Ed, opportunities for greater synergies & collaboration at state level Serving patrons during COVID
- dealing with patrons refusing to wear mask
- helping calm staff anxiety about interacting with patrons
- creating the future (what services/resources to take forward/leave behind)
- how to keep staff engaged and excited
- moving forward after COVID; emerging library services, resources, and technology Alma, OER, new database acquisitions