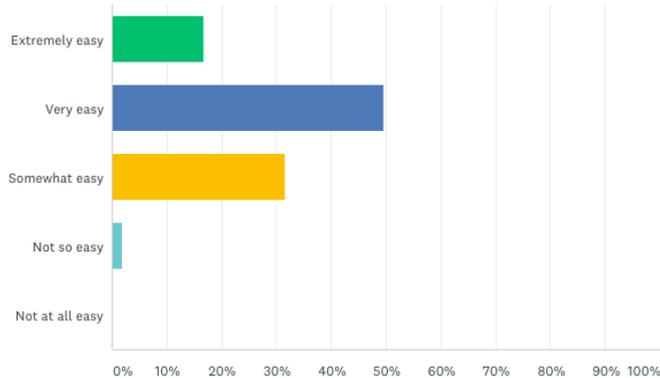


Summary of the 2017 Phase II Survey Results

The survey was opened on Aug. 21, 2017 and closed on Sept. 4, 2017 (2 weeks). The same survey was available to 96 AP and 22 CP candidates, and 101 (86%) candidates responded.

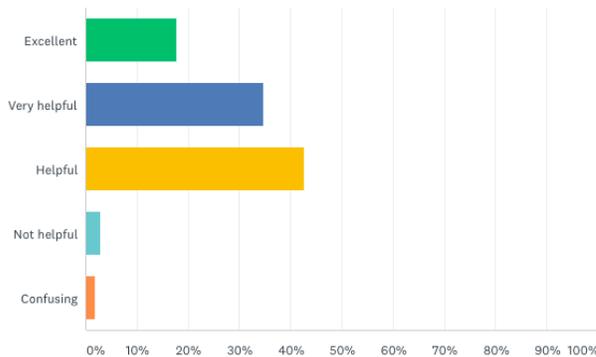
1. How easy was the Phase II registration process through ACVP?



Comment summary (12)

- Need to get a receipt after payment
- Should only require eligibility proof once (not for phase I, then phase II, then phase II again if repeating)
- Should be able to do all registration digitally

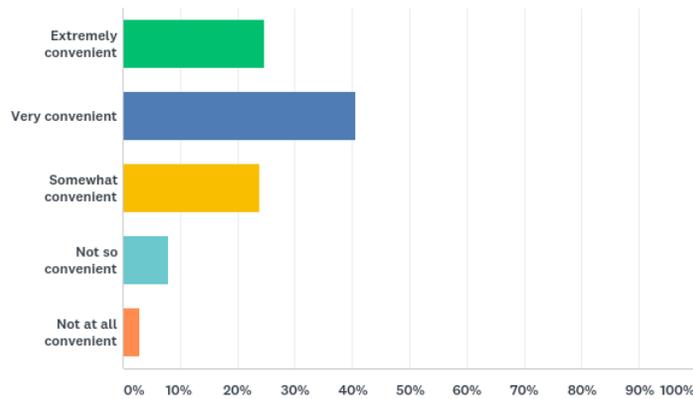
2. How would you rate the information regarding Phase II on the ACVP website?



Comments summary (26)

- Information on website not easy to find although all there, hard to read on mobile device
- Need to stick to schedule as on website, and indicate any updates
- Webinars useful, should include more sample questions, especially on “knowledge”
- Reading list still too broad; hardly any questions from journals
- Cut-off dates not same in webinar and website
- Would like to know ahead of examination if slides to be shared or not
- Tampa guide was very useful

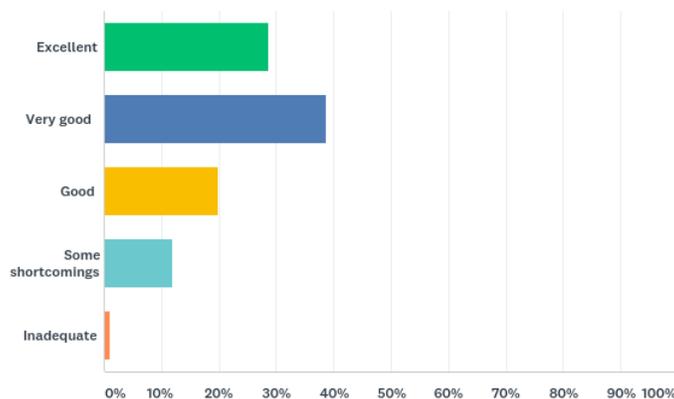
3. How was travel to the ABP test facility in Tampa?



Comments summary (36)

- Convenient to have hotel and test centre in same building – many comments
- Hotel was relatively expensive
- Flight and shuttle worked well – many comments
- Would like to take exam remotely in UK or Australia; very expensive to travel to US
- Jet lag coming from West coast

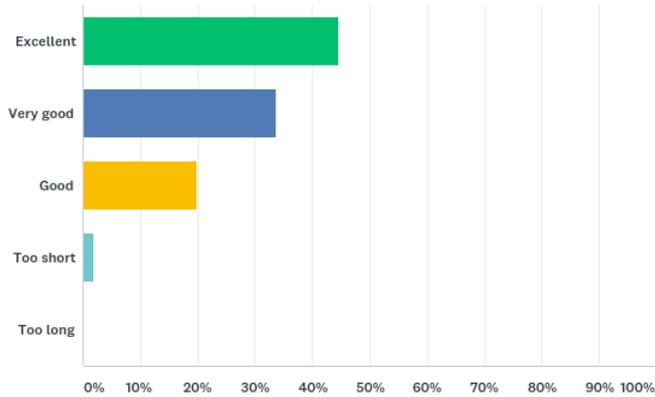
4. How would you rate the ABP test facility (room, carrels, microscopes)?



Comments summary (61)

- Excellent facility, nice and quiet in carrels (many)
- Microscopes are subpar for AP and CP (many), but some comments of “fine” quality
- Like to have a timer in carrels or be allowed to bring their own timer
- Software glitches were stressful but extra time was very helpful

5. How would you rate the 1-day schedule of the redesigned phase II examination?



Comments summary (31)

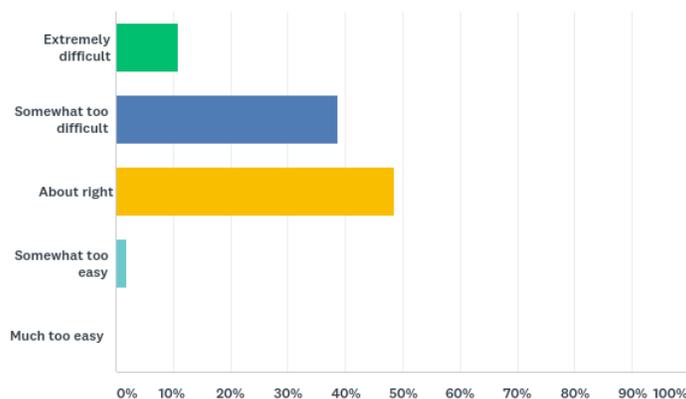
- Vast majority liked 1 day format
- Time stressed during histo session
- Could reduce time for MCQ

6. Should the day's schedule be adjusted? i.e. time for registration, different sections, breaks?

82 responses, recurrent opinions:

- Have all MCQ in one session
- Stick to published schedule
- More time for histo and less for MCQ

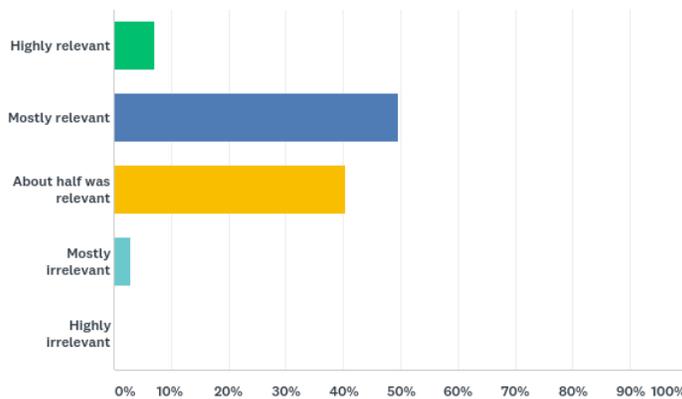
7. How would you rate the difficulty of the test material for entry-level pathologist competency?



Comments summary (45)

- Many were happy with level of difficulty, considered it a fair exam
- Time for histo was too little, complex slides
- Knowledge MCQ topics often seemed random

8. How would you rate the relevancy of the test material for entry-level pathologist competency?



Comments summary (47)

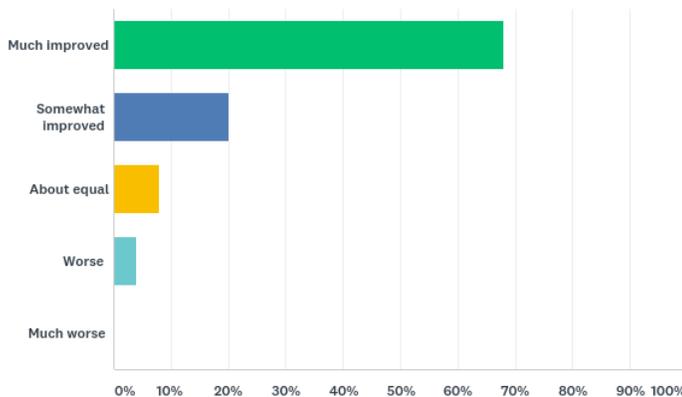
- Many positive comments
- Too many primate cases (3/12 slides)
- Too much exotics

9. Have you previously taken an ACVP certifying examination in Ames?

Yes – 25

No – 76

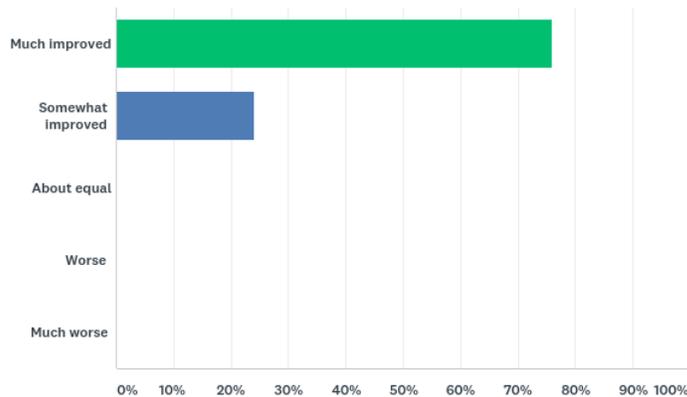
10. If you answered "yes" to Q9, please indicate how you compare the new format (ability to write on computer terminals, more multiple choice, lack of short answer questions) to the old examination format



Comments summary (19)

- Great improvement – typing, ability to revisit images, private carrels
- Too little time for histo slides, timers in carrels would be helpful

11. If you answered "yes" to Q9, please indicate how you compare the new test facility to the old test facility (location, test center room, quality of images)



Comments summary (14)

- Very positive about facility and computer use
- Mostly happy with image quality

12. Do you have suggestions on how to improve the Phase II certifying examination?

66 Responses, recurrent opinions:

- More time for histo, i.e. 14 minutes per case
- Timers in carrels
- Take microscopes out at lunch break
- Fix software problems
- More focus on textbooks and less on journal articles

13. Would you be willing to be contacted for more detailed feedback?

61 answered "yes"

Conclusions

Many issues mentioned repeatedly such as adjustments in schedule, availability of timers, increase in information regarding layout, ease in registration and website information, and slide sharing, will be addressed for 2018.