

# Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning—Faculty Women’s Interest Group (ACSP—FWIG) 2009 Membership Survey

A survey was administered via the Web to learn about the current and potential membership for ACSP—FWIG. The information contained in this report is intended to assist the Board in better understanding their membership and pin-pointing areas for recruitment efforts. Of the 132 surveys that respondents started, 115 were completed.

## Membership Status

The survey respondents showed a high interest membership in ACSP—FWIG with 118 stating they are interested in membership, 10 wanting to learn more before joining, and 4 not interested in membership (see Figure 1).

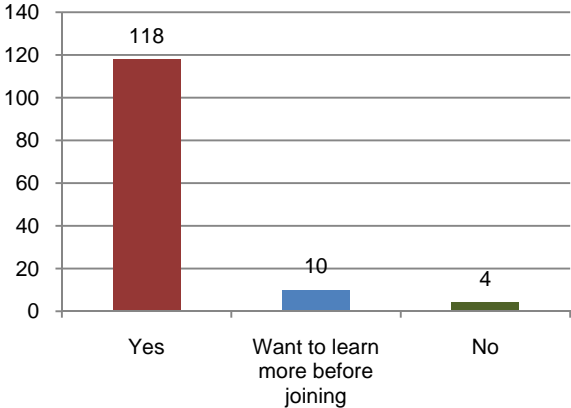


Figure 1. Respondent interest in ACSP—FWIG membership

In addition, 70 respondents are currently members of ACSP—FWIG while 51 respondents expressed an interest in renewing or becoming first time members of ACSP—FWIG (see Figure 2).

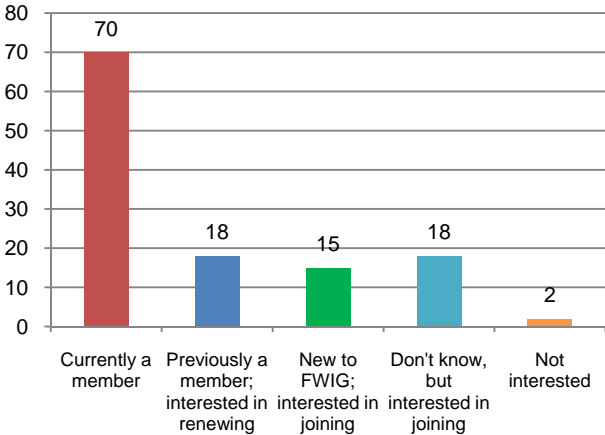


Figure 2. Membership status of respondents

## Gender, Age, and Job Status

The majority of the respondents are female (108). There are also 2 men and the remaining respondents did not identify their gender.

Of the respondents, 93 state they are employed full-time, while 9 work part-time, 4 are retired, 2 are not working, and 4 identify their employment as consultants. Also, 8 students and 1 visiting scholar responded to the survey.

Age of the respondents followed a natural path one might expect along the lines of career development (see Figure 3).

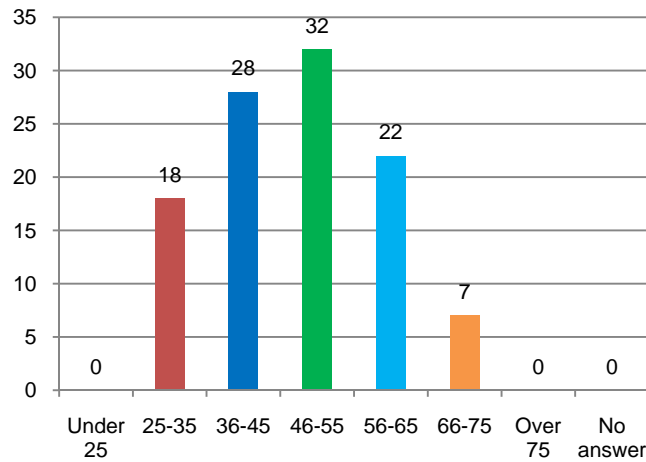


Figure 3. Age of survey respondents

## Regional Representation

In addition to the United States regional representation of the respondents shown in Figure 4, 2 respondents are from Canada.

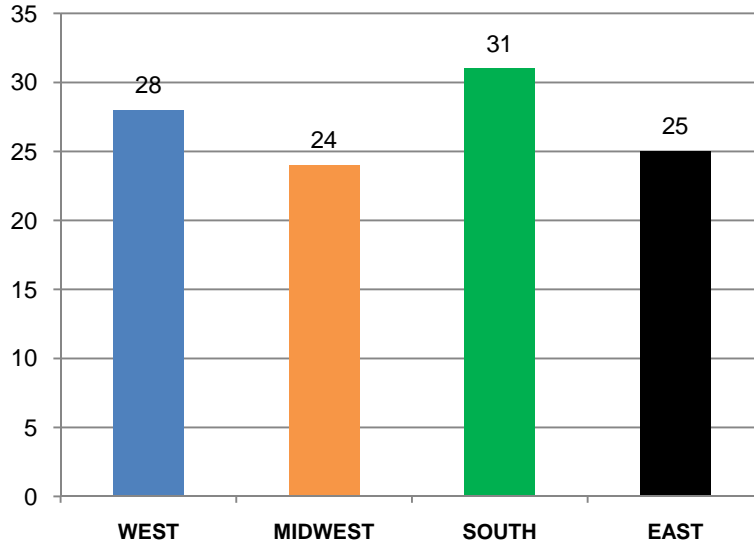


Figure 4. United States regional representation of respondents

Figure 5 shows number of respondents by region and state.

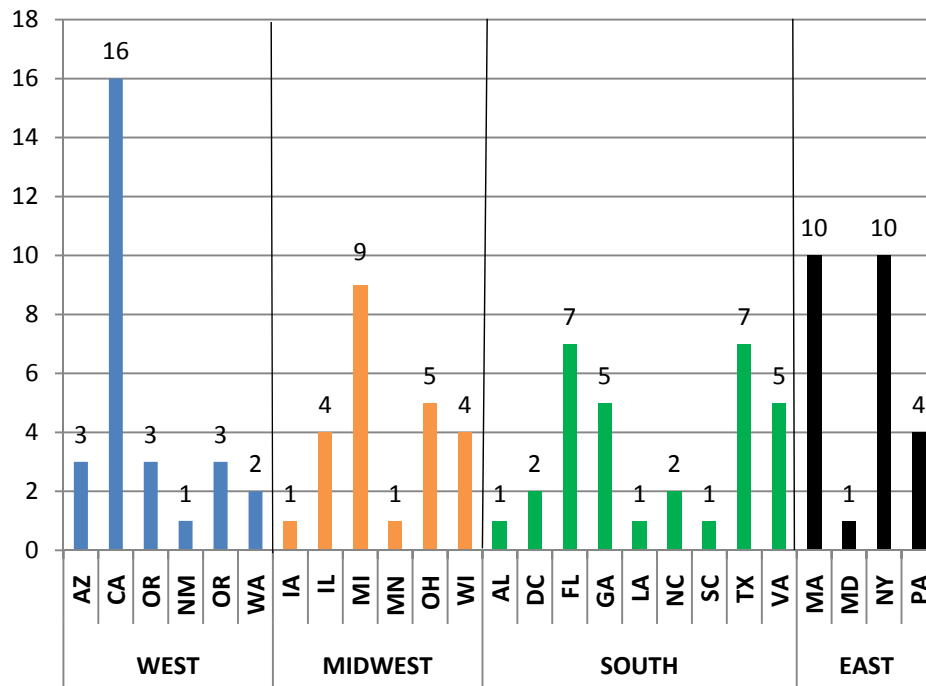


Figure 5. Respondents by United States region and state

## Communication Preferences

The survey respondents showed a marked preference for communication via email (108) followed by web site updates (48), phone conferences (15), then Blogs (11). Twitter (1) and Facebook (other, 2) were also mentioned as possible means of communications. (see Figure 6).

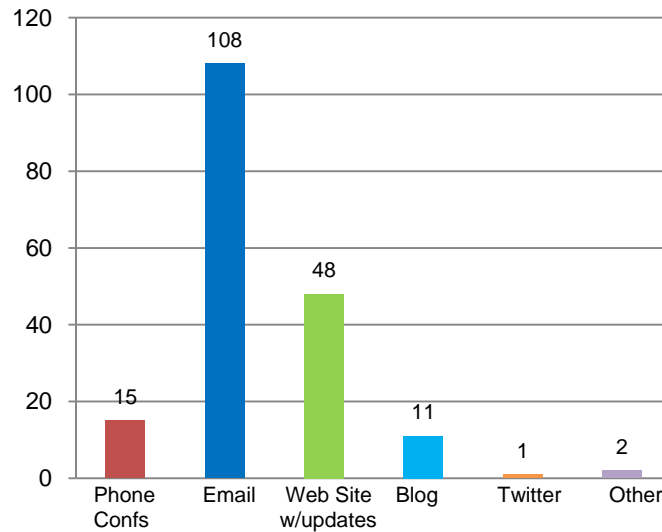


Figure 6. Communication preferences

In addition to the communication preferences discussed above, the survey respondents also desired annual meetings at various conferences with 93 respondents interested in an annual luncheon at the ACSP National Conference, and 55 respondents interested in an annual business meeting (see Figure 7).

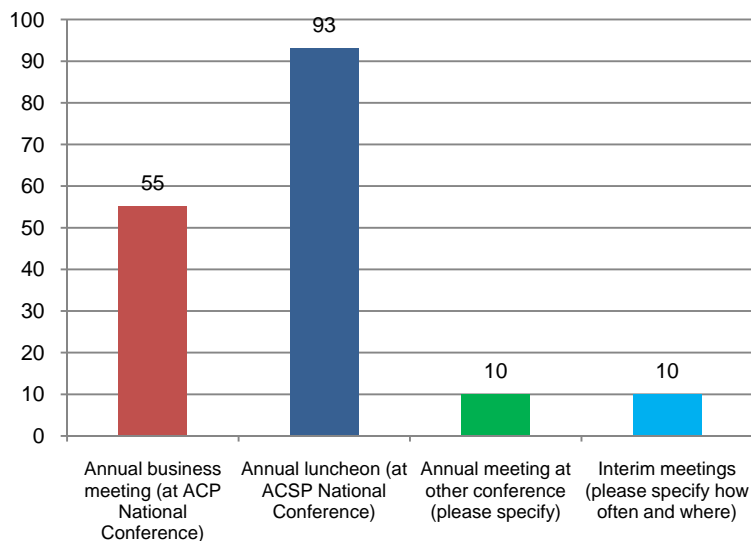


Figure 7. Communication at conferences

Additional comments regarding meetings are contained in Table 1.

**Table 1. Additional comments on meeting at conferences**

Annual business meeting (at ACP National Conference)	Annual luncheon (at ACSP National Conference)	Annual meeting at other conference	Interim meetings
this meeting is always tucked into a very tight program with lots of conflicts making it a very difficult opportunity to conduct meaningful work	networking	APA	not sure how to do regional FWIG meetings
		UAA	there has been very little communication on the FWIG listserv. This does not help build informational links among the membership
		UAA	state level, 1/year
		AAG	Regional networking opportunities with other FWIG members.
		I attend regional science association meetings - informal get together with other fwig members there would be great	either in conjunction with or separate regional meeting
		Association of American Geographers	only other meeting I attend regularly is UAA
		IPHS, SACRPH	Skype/GoToMeeting etc
		international conferences ought to have as part of the program a way for the women attending to meet and network	twice a year, regionally
			quarterly, regionally

## Additional Comments from Respondents

Text Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks for all your efforts!:-)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FWIG is great but I'm concerned about leadership having enough time/resources for FWIG to do all it can. Would increased participation opportunities juice it up a bit? New ideas from "outside" the usual group?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep up the good work. This survey is a great idea!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a junior (and female) researcher, I particularly appreciate the efforts that FWIG has taken to expand the network and to promote the career development of female professionals in planning. Prof. Karen R. Polenske kindly and generously bought me a ticket to the FWIG luncheon at the ACSP; that is how I was first exposed to FWIG. I was greatly inspired by the colleagues the lunch meeting. I would appreciate your adding me in the FWIG list and am happy to contribute to the organization whenever needed. Thanks!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your workshops on career development, getting the first academic job, self-presentation, tenure review, and networking have been good and I hope that you will keep them up.</li> <li>• What about FWIG reaching out to the Women in Planning Division of APA for some collaborative projects? What about FWIG preparing an annual or biannual report on the status of women faculty which includes not only number employed by rank and those kinds of basic stats, but publications, grants, and other measures of impact?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not sure if the pilot info was kept so I filled this in again. It may be a duplicate.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I haven't been that involved in recent years, but continue to support FWIG's mission and purpose, and hope to become re-engaged in the future.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keep up the mentoring matching thanks for doing this!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks for doing this. I just wanted you to know that I have signed up and been a minimal member of FWIG (attending the luncheons and signing up for the list-serve) from 1999 onwards. However, I have never received any communication till this survey. I'm not complaining, but thought you should know that there have been glitches before. Thanks again!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glad you are doing this survey and look forward to seeing what you find with the younger scholars who are entering academia. Hopefully it is easier.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go for it! This is an important organization to support our women faculty. I know younger women are not sure they need it, but the women at the top got there through the help of other women and some enlightened men. Things haven't changed that much.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACSP-FWIG has been a great source of support. Thank you for all you have done.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for all that you (all) do to keep fwig running</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have a great experience with being a FWIG member. Thank you!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks for putting together this survey and for asking our comments and opinions, Best, TV</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy to talk; thanks for asking.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for inclusion of non-tenured faculty, bucking the neoliberal structure of academia, making sure diversity is practiced, and daring to 'rock the boat'</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As I have for the past several years, I again mention the need for substantial nominations for the APA Diana Donald Award. Again this past year, the award was not given. This will allow APA to eventually put the award in hiatus or eliminate it. This is a huge omission in acknowledging what women have offered to planning and the profession.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For regional reps. It would be wonderful to have an orientation via the web or tele-conference.</li> </ul>