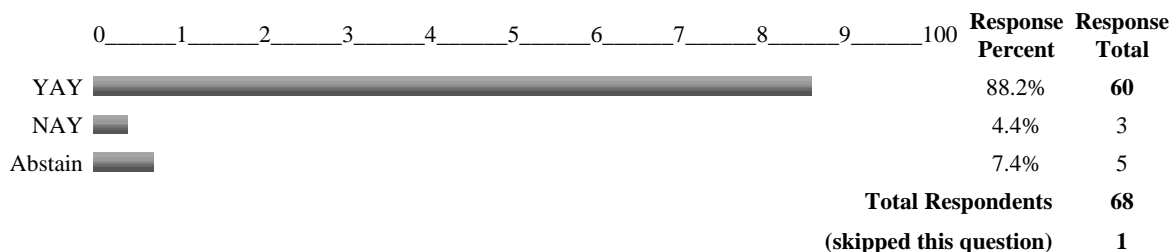


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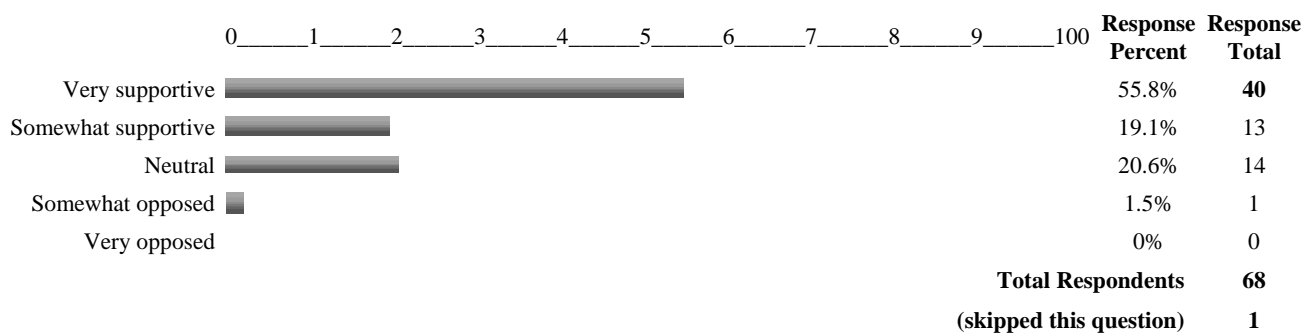
Results of 2005 SER-SC survey and bylaws vote

SER-SC Survey and Bylaws Ratification Ballot

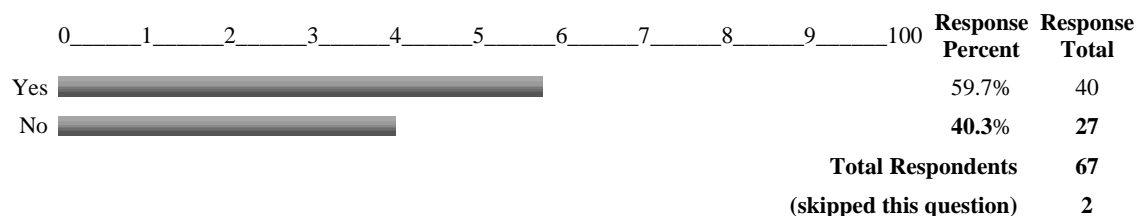
1. Do you vote to approve the SER-Student Caucus bylaws?



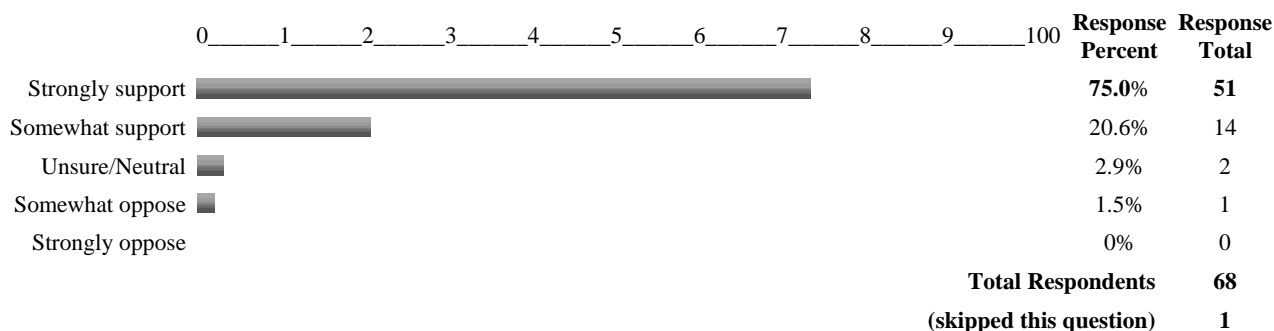
2. How supportive are you of SER-SC's roomshare program to facilitate cost-sharing of conference lodging?



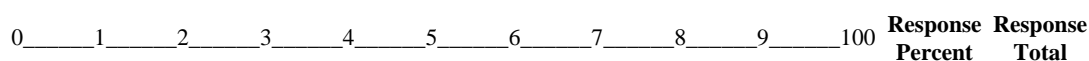
3. Would you likely consider using the SER roomshare program yourself this year or in the future?



4. How strongly do you support/oppose email-alerts regarding epidemiology fellowship-/job- opportunities being sent out on the SER-SC listserv?



5. Excluding this year, how many SER meetings have you attended in the past 3 years?



0		49.3%	33
1		35.8%	24
2		14.9%	10
3		1.5%	1
		Total Respondents	67
		(skipped this question)	2

6. If you did not attend all annual SER meetings in the past few years--> what were reasons why you did not attend some of the meeting?
(CHECK MORE THAN ONE BOX if applicable)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	100	Response Percent	Response Total
Registration too expensive												35.9%	23
Housing too expensive												37.5%	24
Travel too expensive												54.7%	35
Did not have a poster or presentation												46.9%	30
Not enough student programs												1.6%	1
Themes/topics did not look appealing												3.1%	2
Did not know anyone else attending from my school												4.7%	3
Too busy with personal/professional life												46.9%	30
Time conflict with another professional conference												12.5%	8
Other (please specify)												20.3%	13
												Total Respondents	64
												(skipped this question)	5

OTHER reasons:

- membership covered only one meeting; missed it
- class conflict in 2002
- If my poster was accepted by SER my institution could pay my all expenditure
- Prioritized attending mtgs in my technical area 1st
- illness
- presented at other subject-specific conferences
- can only attend so many conferences and this one received lower priority in temrs of spending money
- SER does not have any travel scholarships to permit me to attend
- Death of close family member
- just joined this year
- Since I didn't have anything to present last year, I couldn't get my expenses covered to attend
- I didn't know about SER.
- was not familiar with the conference

7. Excluding this year, do you plan to attend any SER meetings in the next 3 years?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	100	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes												95.4%	63
No												4.5%	3
												Total Respondents	66
												(skipped this question)	3

8. How frequently do you read/browse the American Journal of Epidemiology? (print or online)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	100	Response Percent	Response Total
Every 2 weeks (every issue)												47.1%	32
Once a month												35.3%	24

Once every 2-3 months	17.6%	12
Once every 4-6 months	0%	0
Once every 7-12 months	0%	0
Less than once a year	0%	0
Total Respondents		68
(skipped this question)		1

9. Please suggest ideas for future student programs for SER-SC and at SER annual meeting

Total Respondents 14
(skipped this question) 55

- Cutting-edge methods workshops Career fair Opportunities for students to stay at local college housing (e.g., dorms) or rent low-cost rooms. More travel grants or at least more information on where to get them
- Grantsmanship
- Annual Meeting: Meet with an expert one on one -- GREAT for discussing specific methods issues Annual meeting -- have a Student (SC) social so we can mingle among other students
- I attended the breakfast with the experts last year and thought it was great. I plan to do so again this year. Perhaps a seminar on careers in epidemiology with a panel comprised of epidemiologists from academics, consulting, government, pharma, etc. would be helpful. Another workshop I would find very useful would be on writing and submitting manuscripts, I think this is a difficult step for students... The problem is that there is always so much to do and see at SER, I realize it'd be hard to squeeze in another program.
- more student oriented programs are needed including: greater opportunities to present studies that are not yet completed or with little preliminary results, presentations with emphasis on teaching and demonstrating sound epidemiological principles, more gene environment interaction topics are certainly needed.
- Paper of the Month Blog via the SER-SC homepage. Each month a paper relevant to epidemiology that is a --must-read-- for students is posted. Students can then submit views, etc. to the associated blog and (hopefully) an on-line discussion ensues. A moderator would be needed to provide the papers and initial blog entry to spark discussion. The list-serve could be used as reminders/advertising for each month's reading.
- I would like to see chapters of SER-SC organized at universities. I have used the roommate matching feature and am happy to report I found a roommate.
- Student social event to get to know our peers from other schools on an informal basis.
- I think that the methodologic viewpoint is the most important in the meeting.
- Mentoring with faculty/members at other institutions; job networking at meetings
- I have no idea what student programs have been done in the past - so no, I don't know what could be done in the future. I have no idea what the room-share program is, either. Was this sent over the list-serv?
- I think that the student workshop is an excellent idea. It might be helpful to have sessions also aimed at earlier students (pre-dissertation) to facilitate ideas for becoming an independent investigator. Some ideas may be grant and proposal writing, CV basics, finding funding and/or jobs, methodologic workshops (aimed specifically at students rather than all SER members), etc.
- SER-SC can support developing countries members a little bit more.
- more awards for papers (not posters), e.g... best methodology paper best cardiovascular epi paper best cancer epi paper best perinatal epi paper best [INSERT CAT] paper

10. Are there any other suggestions/comments about student membership in SER in general?

Total Respondents 13
(skipped this question) 56

- Better maintenance of the web site for the meeting. We are the 'epi' people who are supposed to know their ways around PCs, and it was a bit shameful when many links for the web site did not work this year.
- I'm glad you instituted the student caucus -- the events at last year's SER 2004 geared for students were great! reserving spaces in the meet-the-expert breakfasts, etc. GOOD JOB!
- It would be interesting to know some descriptive statistics of the epi student members.
- membership fees are still expensive
- Keep up the good work!
- Re: a job opportunities listserv - it seems like a good idea, especially if the positions are exclusive (first-listing or only listing) on this listserv. Please make a provision for digest-mode.
- I'm curious why I did not receive notification to vote in the 2005 SER-SC election when I am a paid SER-SC member. Has there been an election?
- would be nice to have a monthly (or less frequent) e-mails with updates/job notices, etc.
- To not overwhelm students (who already get a lot of e-mail) send out no more than bi-weekly e-mails about what is going on. Initially, there were WAY too many e-mails. Now, it has gotten better and may already be at the bi-weekly rate. More than that & people (such as me) won't read them.
- I think that if a person outside of the United States could pay his/her travel to the reunions of the SER, this person could be chosen as president (SER-SC).
- Despite being a member of the SER (and apparently the SER-SC by default), I have gotten nothing out of my membership other than the print version of the AJE. I see the list-serv e-mails talking about SER-SC elections & constitution, but what else do you do, and how do others get involved? Nothing has seemed particularly appealing or inviting thus far.
- Glad it seems that the SER-SC is becoming more official and organized. Good work.
- 1) reduce meeting registration for students! 2) locate SER meetings in cities with cheaply available airplane tickets! (toronto is just way too expensive

with \$350+ for plane tickets)