

Q3. What do you like least about the Alliance? (66 of 117 answered)

Going too far a field from the mission *

- I wonder what is in fact the mission
- I would like to see this group/organization really tackle some of its characteristics in regards to identity and mission
- The lack of actual analytic ideas
- Sometimes things can get too amorphous and not have analytic depth
- At times it feels somewhat chaotic or amorphous ... perhaps a feeling of diffuse identity?
- Dilution of focus

Not as many truly interactive presentations/dialogues between members as I'd like *

- Need more diversity, complexity and dialogue in presentations
- I would like to see more complex professional events that are designed to provide more serious clinical discussion
- I would like to see the introduction of more diverse themes, specifically, gender identity, substance abuse, social and ethnic diversity
- Lack of controversy
- It saddens me when I hear people feel diversity of opinion is sometimes unwelcome *

Some programs are in an analytic model I'm not directly involved in *

- I wish the Jungian perspective could be incorporated. It's goofy that the various psychoanalytic "schools" are so separate. I understand the historic problems, but still ...
- Not sure – some of the presenters seem to be more Object Relations oriented
- It seems too stuffy and serious. Could stand to have a little more edge, a la Lauren Slater or Adam Phillips
- I don't seem to meet many SPSI folks. Not sure why?

It can feel a little like a closed club – perhaps because I am not as active a member *

- Insider/Outsider politics
- Sometimes feels like a clique
- Personality conflicts. Power trips. Denial of aggression – gets acted out
- Some people control without open ears, which requires 1) butt kissing, 2) back off/out – not worth work of navigating egos
- Lack of inclusion of patients as equals (patient/clinician)
- Discussions displaying top-dog attitudes
- It's politization
- Incompetent people elevated to the level of their incompetence
- Wish it were more culturally & ethnically/racially diverse

I do not know how to become involved *

- Need more outreach and networking
- Lack of networking opportunities
- It could reach out more to membership, like this survey!

The arts focus *

- I find the “events” organized around helping members display their personal artistry tiresome. While I understand the need for expression and social interaction, I would still like to know how these endeavors fit into the organization’s identity
- Focus on “the arts” in the Forum. Just not my cup-of-tea.

Applied Psychoanalysis

- Wish there were some way to reach a wider public with analytic ideas; my sense is that the general public has only the vaguest ideas about psychotherapy – and no one provides meetings where the public can learn what it’s about
- That there aren’t more folks from all professions, who share an interest in the unconscious

Logistical

- Scheduled events on weekday nights
- I don’t like giving up a whole Saturday to a speaker
- Good Sheppard Center less convenient because of traffic
- Not enough time to attend events
- Risk that I may run into my former therapist
- Closing the low-fee [internship]
- Too many things to choose from

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