

Q6. What would inspire/encourage you to participate more in the Alliance?
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More Time *

What I heard from many people was some variation on, “If I had more hours in the day, more days in the week! * ... If I had more time + energy! Can you help with this?” Many people sited time constraints due to family obligations, some sited involvement in other professional organizations, some sited the being in psychoanalytic training, etc. Many stated they “already participate at a high level.” Some said they would, but live out of town. One sited needing a break from participation.

- I like having the choice whether to be involved or not and still be a member
- I like the Forum Newsletter as a form of communication when I am not involved

More transparency / less politics *

- Understanding how the Alliance operates
- Probably, being invited to contribute to something
- Having been invited [to participate] ... was certainly encouraging
- Small jobs
- How does one get on a given committee? Are there calls for participants on committees in news letters? Who chooses chair? Is there a vote or does control remain with those who seize it? Maybe this could be outlined someplace?
- Less politicization – respect for wider range of views

More social/networking opportunities *

- Probably getting to know more members
- More gatherings that are purely social/networking, rather than clinical
- Less formal activities, i.e. more dinners & more social, informal activities
- More openness. More dialogue.
- Maybe something more purely social
- More networking. (x2)
- More of a sense of inclusion (from a non-clinician)

More advanced psychoanalytic dialogue *

- More inquiring / explorative / compelling dialogue
- More cutting edge offerings
- A sense of intellectual challenge
- More synthesis of various factions

Educational opportunities.

- An expanded educational program
- I'm interested in ongoing small group consultation
- More consults
- As a member of the LGBT community (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered), I would enjoy some focus on presentations that include the dynamics and issues of sexual minorities

- Bring in people like: Daniel Segal, Jack Kornfield
- Intersection of Arts, Religion, and Psychodynamic theory

Logistical

- Weekend or Friday events
- Meetings closer to public transportation
- If I were to take the opportunity to write for the Forum
- Earlier meetings
- Saturday morning (or afternoon) offerings would be easier than Thursday nights
- Love mtgs. & events at the Good Shepard Center

Clinical Issues

- The difficulty of client/analysand and therapist/analyst being in the same organization, and how much richer the conversation would be if the voices of each could be heard
- “Clients do put therapists on pedestals – its part of the process – but the therapists sometimes do not want to climb down”

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