The State Association Caucus Interest Survey was opened on April 26th, 2016, and open for 14 days, in order to gauge the interest in creating an IAEM Caucus for State Association Presidents, as well as to gauge the interest in actually participating in such a caucus. There were 36 responses out of the 50 invites, with the results being overall positive and encouraging towards the creation of such a caucus, with a promising showing of interest in the actual participation in the caucus, as well as its value to its constituents.

The survey concluded with a question regarding which activities the constituents would like to see a State Association Caucus perform, with responses given by 23 of the 36 survey-takers. The submitted answers tended to favor a caucus that would focus on the creation of standard practices for the caucus members to follow, as well as a caucus with a primary focus on increasing the quality and quantity of communication at all levels of IAEM membership.

Q1. Do you support the creation of an IAEM Caucus for State Association Presidents? n=36

- Yes: 72%
- Maybe: 22%
- No: 6%
Q2. If a State Association Caucus were created, how likely would you be to participate? n=36

- Very Likely: 33%
- Somewhat Likely: 56%
- Not at all likely: 11%

Q3. How valuable would a State Association Caucus be to you? n=34

- Very Valuable: 35%
- Somewhat Valuable: 56%
- Not at all Valuable: 9%
It should be noted that of the survey responders, only 4 survey-takers indicated that they would be in support of the creation of the caucus, very likely to participate in it, and would be interested in helping in the formation/leadership of the caucus. 1 survey-taker indicated that they would be in support of the creation of the caucus, and interested in its formation & leadership, but would only be somewhat likely to participate; as shown below.
Of the 23 answers provided to Question 5, many included multiple suggestions and proposals. This data was broken into 49 discrete items and sorted.

Question 5 yielded diverse answers. Initially, there were two answers that were not pertinent to the subject (counted under “other”). As well as one redundant answer that preferred the enhancement of existing systems (counted under that label), which would have been counted under Question 1.

Additional sorting of answers was done to create the general categories for the above graph. Answers suggesting intrastate aid, trend analysis, and suggestions of the cooperation of different levels of government were counted under the Collaboration/Coordination section. The Training/Education tab is where all answers regarding accreditation, training, and scholarship programs have been counted; the Communication tab includes all answers pertaining to the sharing of best practices (which is also the most common suggestion provided), as well as the observation of other successful strategies, or simply that the respondent feels that improving communication between offices should be a focus of the caucus.

The Policy/Standards tab includes all answers regarding the adoption of plans, standards, positions, or requirements. Also counted under Policy/Standards is any answer that regards branding, and any answer providing more general direction to the question (i.e. “[focus on] similar issues among local municipalities”).