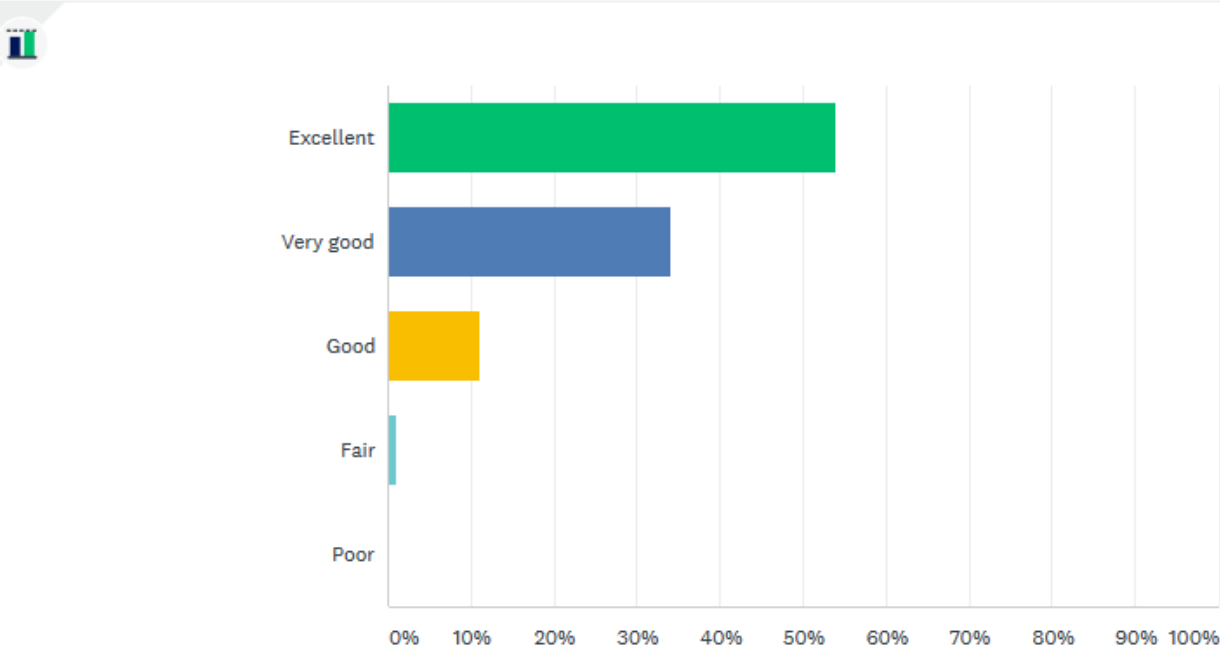


# MDGFOA 2019 Annual Summer Conference Survey

Overall, how would you rate the MDGFOA 2019 Annual Summer Conference?

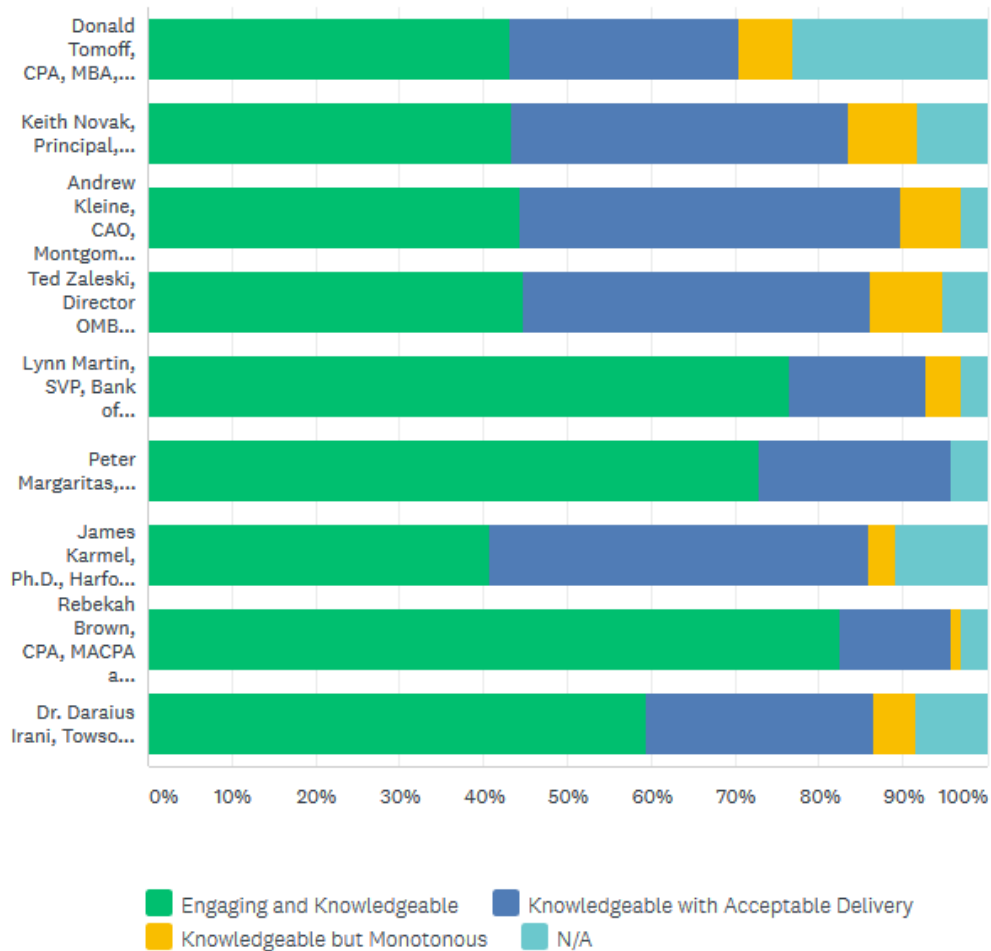
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Excellent	54.00% 54
▼ Very good	34.00% 34
▼ Good	11.00% 11
▼ Fair	1.00% 1
▼ Poor	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

# Our Presenters were...

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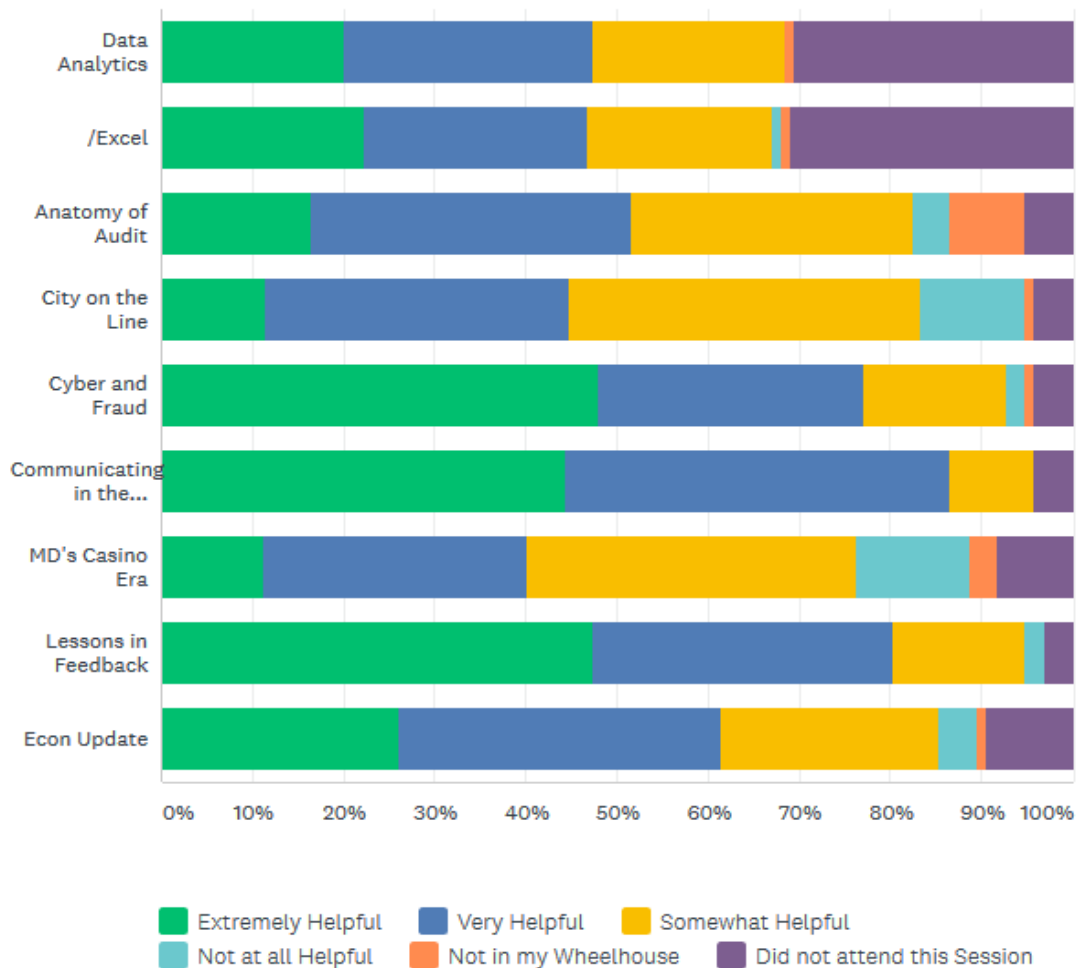


## COMMENTS

- I enjoyed the interactive technology during Friday's presentation
- Professor Karmel was an excellent presenter but spoke more like an industry lobbyist than an academic. Further, his analytical arguments and proofs offered to support expanded gambling in MD were very weak and I was a little embarrassed they were presented at a MD GFOA Conference.

# How helpful to your career did you find the Sessions?

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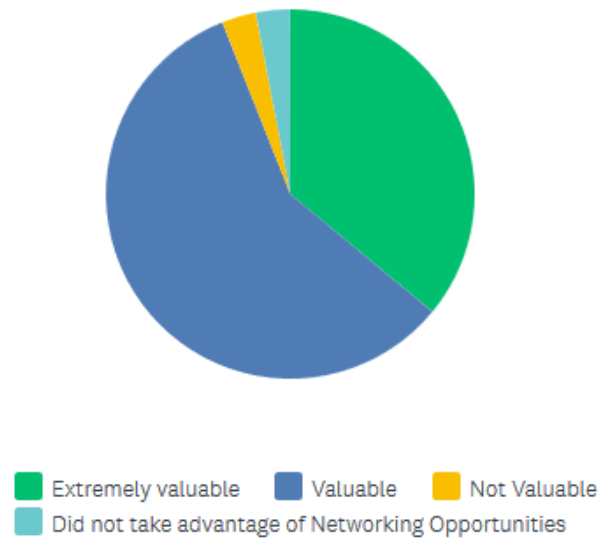


## COMMENTS

- When possible, the session should be 1 hour. Some of the 2-hour session seem to get a bit repetitive. Also, when possible, have an outdoor session. Many times, the speakers do not have slides, so could be easy to do outside
- The session with the Author Interview was awkward sitting in the chairs. I spent more time trying to see who was talking then listening to what was being said. Would have worked in a theatre type setting where the speakers could be seen.
- Some of the sessions were too long - a max of 50 minutes for each session with a short break between each would be preferred. It would also be nice if continental style breakfast items were offered outside the sessions if attendees wanted to skip a sit-down breakfast and go straight to the sessions.
- Great conference. Topics were timely and relevant. Great networking and vendor exhibits. Bank of America dessert event moved to Golden Sands was a great upgrade.
- BBQ was excellent.
- Friday sessions should have started and ended 30 minutes earlier.

# In terms of your career development, how valuable were the networking opportunities at the MDGFOA 2019 Annual Summer Conference?

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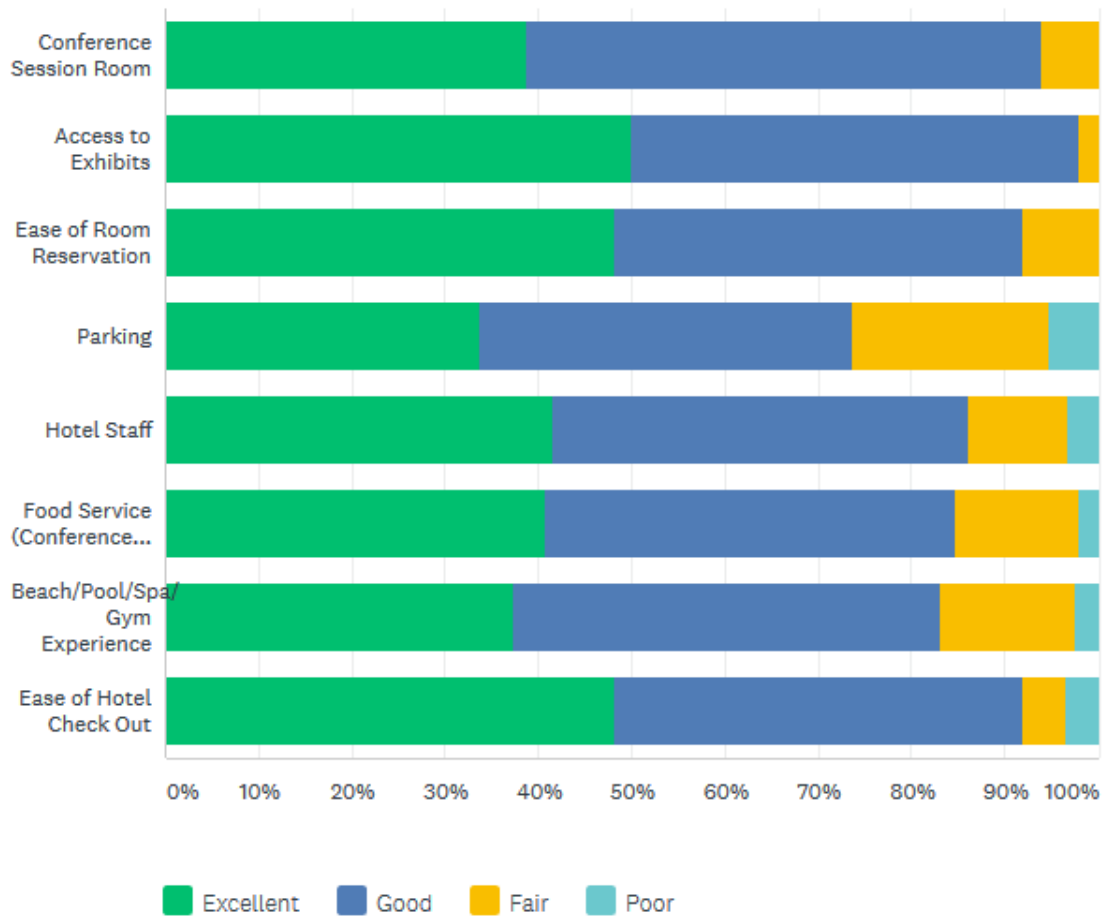


## COMMENTS

- Coffee should be available in the morning in the exhibit area starting first thing in the morning, not just at the first break. There was too much down time throughout Thursday and Friday. There does not need to be a networking session before lunch on Thursday. Friday should start earlier or have Thursday go an hour longer. Either option would add a session which would provide additional CPE or training.
- Conferences should align with hotel check out times. I missed a session because I had to check out.
- Provide hot water for tea throughout the entire time we are present in sessions for the conference. Thank you.
- I think there is too much down time in this conference - such as the 3 hour window between Thursday sessions and dinner. There could be more learning opportunities, which is the purpose of the conference.
- Topics were great and engaging
- I thought the presenters were all very engaging. The topics were fairly diverse, which meant not all were perfectly applicable to my job, but I took valuable information from each session. Thanks to all who help put on this conference every year!
- Overall, great job!
- The family events were very well planned and entertaining. What a great time!
- Loved the Bank of America Event!

# How would you rate the Clarion Resort Fountainebleau Hotel?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 6



- think it is time that MDGFOA seriously look at another location for this event. The Clarion has been deteriorating, they were no rooms available upon the check-in time, which I had to wait for quite a while. There are better venues in the area to be settling on a hotel that keeps going downhill.
- The hotel does seem a bit run down. Updates like at the BWI Marriott would be nice.
- Lunch on Friday was disappointing.
- The hotel is old and out of date a different/more modern location would be nicer.
- Not sure how the hotel signed me up for a craft beer package and charged me an incorrect rate. I am still not straightened out.
- The only problem I had with the Clarion was the difficulty I had with the state sales tax. Counties are tax exempt (sales tax only, not room tax) and even though I had the exemption certificate with me them they were very reluctant to remove that from my bill.
- Room is never ready at check-in time. Was 4:45 when available.
- Hotel is outdated and needs to invest in itself.
- Terrible check in. Room wasn't ready until 4:50, had to wait!! Once in room, electrical issues and had to move us, which required packing up.
- Enjoy the veggies the first day Tacos for lunch on Thursday was underwhelming Vendors in the "landing" area was a little crowded Did not stay at the hotel, so couldn't answer those questions
- Bring back the Irish Coffee event to the Clarion
- The hotel is dated, and the cleanliness of the rooms and dinnerware is an issue that needs addressed. MDGFOA needs to seriously consider other hotels in OC for the conference.
- Friday lunch was below measurable standards. Bring back the ice cream.
- Hotel is dated