

ESC-US Convening October 12-14, 2017, Brookline/Boston, MA

Comments submitted via evaluation forms

Julie, I only attended the first half of the Saturday session – as a panelist – and enjoyed it very much.

Great conference. Your team has a vigorous vibe.

This was the first conference I attended and I definitely learned a lot. Very impressed with the commitment and professionalism of the attendees. Thanks so much. (Especially loved the vegetarian lunch!!)

A great meeting. The energy among the group was strong, the engagement with the Empower Success Corps folks was great, and the preparation was apparent. My only disappointment was with the meeting room – many-legged tables and difficult air system.

Thank you for organizing this conference. I found it very helpful to hear issues/approaches of other ESC. I only wish I could have attended more of the conference.

You and your team did an excellent job and made us all feel so welcome! A few things I might have added to the eval because of how special they were – a rating for those who went to the event the night before. That was soooo excellent, so I wanted to be sure you had that feedback. I also thought the lunch on the second day (the vegetarian one with the hummus, etc.) was excellent! Also, I would have said the opportunity to network with others was excellent. Additionally the opportunity to get new ideas, which we might implement – I came away with a lot of that. Finally, Boston was a great city for holding the conference. I think we all loved it and you and your team made us all appreciate the wonder of the city – wonderful hospitality and the jackets, hats, scarves, etc. that you all brought really helped. The Isabel Stewart Gardner Museum has to be a new favorite for me. Thanks again and look forward to connecting next time – either on one of our calls or in person.

You and Ulea (and the rest of the staff) really put your hearts and souls into this conference – and it showed. I might add that the Wednesday night celebration was outstanding! I'm not a car person but the food was out of this world and the managing editor's talk spoke to my heart. I was a journalism major who went into PR instead of journalism. Always wanted to be a reporter! Only thing I would change, I guess, is having enough seats for everyone at the conference table. Also, consultants arriving after the meeting started was a little disruptive. Bravo, you two!! Take a bow.

Food was excellent! City was excellent! Hospitality was excellent! I really appreciated the group breakout session led by Ulea. Maybe we could have one breakout session per day. Meeting everyone in person will help now when I participate in monthly ESC-US phone calls.

As an ESCSC Board member I was honored to have been invited and to participate. I think the diversity of approaches is well worth understanding and analyzing as it provides, along with the sharing agenda, a way for each organization to explore alternative best practices that they may not have otherwise considered. I appreciate how well prepared all of the presenters were and how enthusiastically the attendees participated.

Enjoyed attending the convention. It was quite informative. It would be appreciated if a summary of different sessions of ESC-US conventions (this and in the future) could be made available to the members of ESCNE to keep them abreast of the status of ESC-US and its various initiatives.

Everything was fabulous! Such a great group of people and a true culture of sharing! Looking forward to next year. Thanks so much for all the hard work that went into planning and hosting!

Thanks so much for all your work – I learned a lot and really enjoyed myself- so much so that I'm considering what it would take for us to host next year here in Pittsburgh– do you have a checklist or list of responsibilities that we could review to get a complete sense of what's required? **Breakfast healthier Saturday than on Friday!

Networking alone was worth attending the event (and that's not to say the planning and preparations didn't also contribute to the conference value). Bonus: now have faces to go with voices on share calls. Also, particularly impressed in the weather you secured for our visit. The excellent hard work of the Boston crew was abundantly displayed – many thanks to you for taking such good care of all the details. Sorry I couldn't arrange a later flight Saturday so I could have seen the full Encore and marketing presentations.

Great value, great participation, great planning. The total effort in all points definitely showed. Without regard to the presentations (I'd have abstained from rating those items), I felt the discussion around the survey results and Illustrating Impact were terrific. Not sure about the long-term benefits of so much time spent on Encore, though hearing from Donna and the Fellows definitely pulled it from average to good. As usual, seems like our best value is from our own, internal resources.