

ABM Finance Survey Results

Members were asked to complete a finance survey during the 2024 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to provide feedback on issues related to the Commission's general finances, proposed dues increase, fees, and budget allocations. After the ABM, Treasurer Greg Lynch (WA) and staff contacted members who did not complete the survey or did not attend the meeting. If a Commissioner was absent from the ABM but sent a proxy, then the Commissioner and ABM proxy were asked to complete the survey. This was done to garner feedback from the proxy present during the finance presentation at ABM and the Commissioner currently serving as the state's voting representative.

As of Monday, November 18, 2024, 50 members had completed the survey. Of those, 48 were Commissioners, Designees, or ABM proxies, and 2 were Ex-officio Representatives.

1. What is the purpose of the Commission? Answers to question #1 created the word cloud provided. The larger text indicates words submitted more frequently by responders, revealing the most prominent or common themes.



2. What is my role as the commissioner or ex-officio member?

All of the above – 92%

- Promote the purpose and mission of the interstate compact 6%
- Develop working relationships with stakeholders
- Act as a liaison between the Commission and my state/organization
- Ensure states are compliant with and support the Compact

No Response – 2%

3. What is the purpose of the Annual Business Meeting (ABM)?

- Discussing issues, current topics, and trends regarding the Compact 40%
- Receiving information to take back to my state to ensure alignment and implementation of the Compact – 22%
- Networking: meeting colleagues and school liaisons 20%
- Gain a broader understanding of federal and national initiatives that support our Compact efforts 8%

No Response – 10%

4. As a representative of your state or organization, what are the benefits for you attending the ABM in person? Answers to question #4 created the word cloud provided. The larger text indicates words submitted more frequently by responders, revealing the most prominent or common themes.



5. Would you recommend the Commission explore a compliance fee assessment for noncompliant states?

Yes – 50% No – 26% I don't know – 24%

- 6. If you had to make a decision today, would you support a non-compliance assessment fee?
 - Yes 48% No – 34% I don't know – 18%
- 7. If you were directly responsible for the Compact implementation and compliance outcomes at the national level, and a dues increase is approved at the 2025 ABM, would you continue to organize and budget for an annual in-person ABM?
 - Yes 78% No – 14% I don't know – 8%
- 8. Consider the amount of influence state Commissioners have around budget planning in their state. If you had to predict today if your state will support a dues increase in FY27 what would your prediction be?

Yes – 80% No – 2% I don't know – 18%