



IDAHO'S
HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Building our Story, Expanding our Reach

Our thanks to you!

On behalf of the Heritage Partners, I'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the attendees at the first Idaho's Heritage Conference, and especially those who traveled great distances across our state to attend in Boise.

After the conference, we polled you to see what you thought, and the results are astounding. Of 60 respondents, 55 of you — 91.7 percent — rated the conference as "Excellent" or "Very Good."

“The range of topics discussed relating to history, the variety of people speaking in sessions, and the expertise of the people presenting made the conference an excellent event.”

More results from our poll:

- 98 percent of you say the Idaho's Heritage Conference should be an ongoing event, with 48 percent saying it should occur every two years
- 91 percent of you were Extremely Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the bus tours.

“Lived in Boise for four years, visited many places, however, I still saw places that I had never seen. Excellent.”

- 59 percent of you were extremely satisfied with your Tour Guide.

“I loved that we were able to make use of the rooms at the capital building. That was very special to me and I think it is a great use of our state building.”



Attendees at the first Idaho's Heritage Conference listen to the Opening Welcome at the Idaho State Old Pen. An overwhelming majority of the attendees were pleased with the event. Photo courtesy Michelle Lynch.

- 63 percent said it had a great deal of value.
- 90 percent of you were extremely or very satisfied with the Idaho Statehouse as a venue.



Field trip attendees check out Hop Lee's Placer Claim during the Idaho's Heritage Conference. Photo courtesy Jan Bates.

"I loved the networking and new connections I made. Also, many helpful things we would like to incorporate into our organization."

- 89.7 percent of you found the classroom subjects extremely or very interesting.
- 36 percent of attendees are in historic preservation; 30 percent are in museums; 16 percent archaeology and 14 percent are involved in general history. The remaining four percent are students or "other."
- 93 percent were extremely likely or very likely to recommend the conference to a friend.

"Meeting people from the different regions and different venues gave me a chance to learn how others handled different problems. Finding these people are out there and willing to help was good news."

And we heard your feedback: Although many are happy with Boise as the host city, other attendees pointed out that the opportunities for field trips would expand and more people would be able to attend if the conference were moved to different locations throughout the state.

The Heritage Partners are soliciting communities that would be willing to host the Idaho's Heritage Conference in the future. Though the Heritage Partners remain dedicated to the conference, an event outside of Boise will necessitate the committed engagement of local partners to ensure its success. If you believe that your city or town would strengthen the Idaho's Heritage Conference,



Dr. Brent Glass engages the audience in a discussion about American youth's interest in history at the Idaho Statehouse. Dr. Glass is Director Emeritus of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Photo courtesy Michelle Lynch.

please submit a letter of interest to the Heritage Partners. This letter should outline the potential venues, lodging availability, and other support your community can offer to host a conference of 200 people. We look forward to working with you to fully engage the state of Idaho in the recognition and preservation of our history.

Please submit your request for Community Submittals to Katherine Kirk, Idaho Heritage Trust, PO Box 140617, Boise, ID 83714, by March 15, 2014.

Thank you for helping preserve Idaho's past and expand its future!

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