LIFE (Level-of-Interest Feedback Evaluation) As We Know It: Current Practices and Update

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Overview

- Overview of Evaluator's LIFE Responsibilities

- Evaluator Survey Results:

  - What is the State of LIFE?

  - Evaluator Comments and Requests

- Update on Wireless Option

- Discussion

Evaluator's LIFE Responsibilities

- Before IAB Meeting:
  - Confirm w/CD regarding LIFE collection process (paper vs. electronic mode)

  - If electronic, enter research projects into LIFE website (http://isl.ucf.edu/LIFE/)

- During Meeting
  - Provide overview of LIFE process to IAB

  - Ensure adequate time allotted after each presentation given to filling out forms

  - Collect forms & summarize comments (for paper mode)

  - Ensure LIFE comments are available to IAB and Center Researchers

- After IAB Meeting
  - Get copy of LIFE comments to Center Administrator for distribution to all IAB members
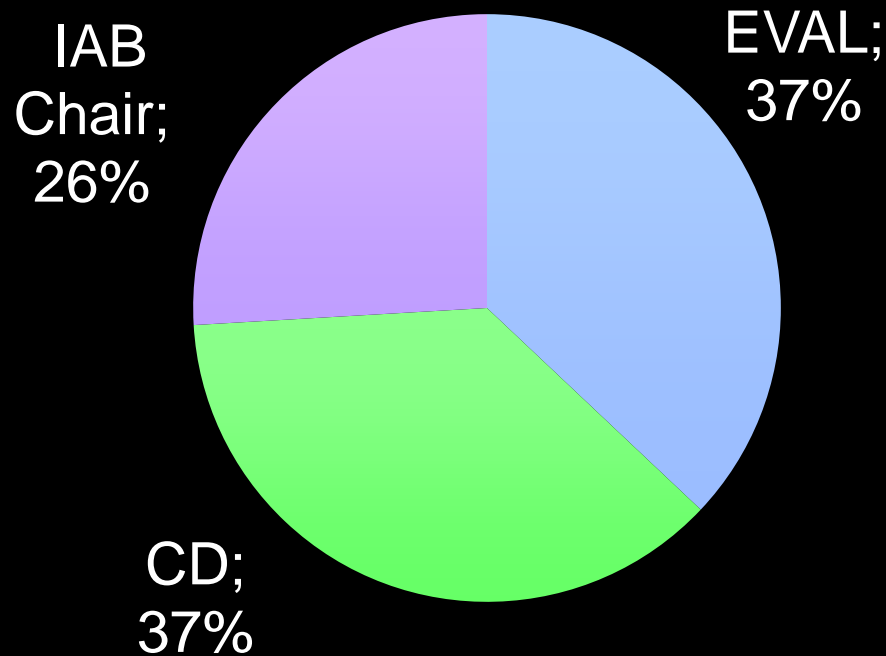
Survey Results

- Response Rate: 11 Evaluators • 27 Centers

- Which LIFE modalities used:

  - 52% Hard Copy
    41% web-based
    7% Wireless

- How are LIFE results reviewed at the IAB Meeting?

  - 80% Prepared Summary
    12% Original Life Form
    8% No Report-Open Discussion

Who's Facilitating?

- Primary facilitator the LIFE discussion evenly split.

Pie chart:
- EVAL; 37%
- CD; 37%
- IAB Chair; 26%

Suggested reports or "tools" for web-based LIFE

- CFSP uses their own electronic LIFE forms capability with the ability for the PIs to provide their feedback during the IAB review

- Summary report for the Directors that is a 2-dimensional matrix with the list of LIFE projects down the y-axis and a column along the x-axis for each member.

- Tabulation of interest rating by firm rather than project.

- Ability to select a smaller set of projects for review and reporting.

Comments on LIFE review process

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- Paper and pencil version easy enough to use (but) leaves out IAB members unable to attend the meeting

- LIFE forms and summary reports generated in WORD as well as .pdf to allow the evaluator to edit as needed.

- A way to enter IAB-level data on each project at the research review meeting. The results would be printed with the individual-level LIFE feedback but marked as "IAB Consensus Feedback."

- A foolproof, self-hosted version and/or a version distributed via jump-drive easily uploaded into reports.

Questions & Discussion