



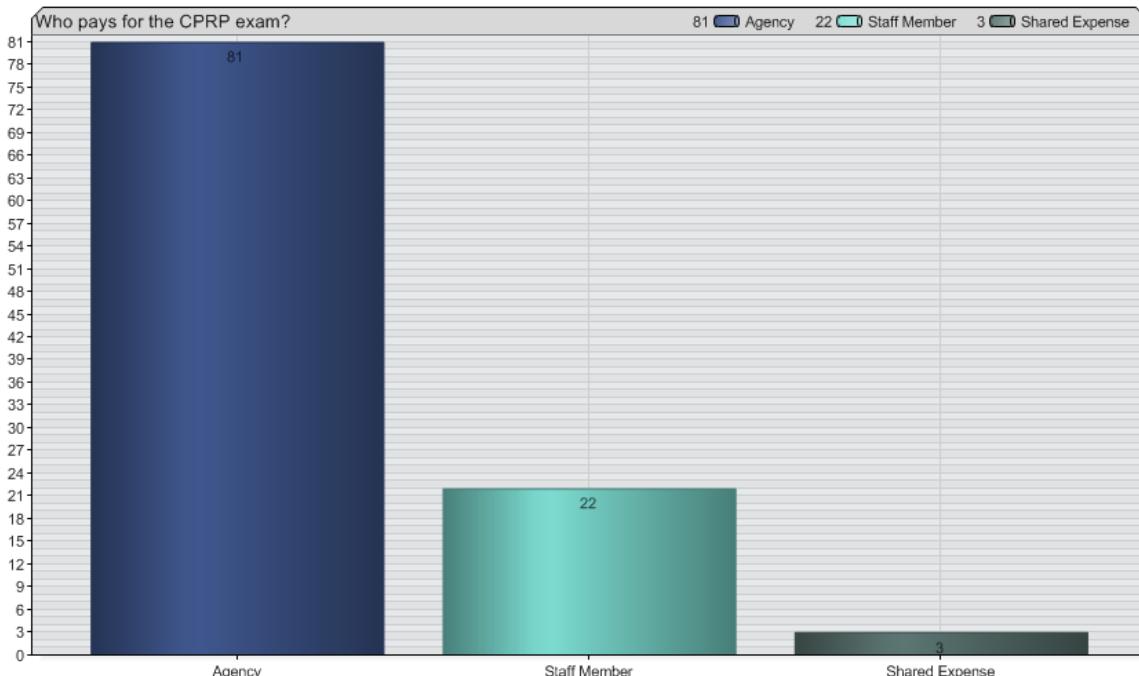
Survey: CPRP/CPRE Certification

Report: Default Report

Survey Status	Respondent Statistics	Points Summary
Status: Closed	Total Responses: 106	No Points Questions used in this survey.
Deploy Date: 02/22/2012	Completes: 98	
Closed Date: 03/02/2012	Partials: 8	

1. Who pays for the CPRP exam?

	Responses	Percent
Agency:	81	76.42%
Staff Member:	22	20.75%
Shared Expense:	3	2.83%
Additional Comments:	9	8.49%
Total Responded to this question:	106	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	106	100%



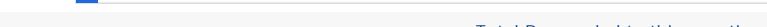
1. Who pays for the CPRP exam?

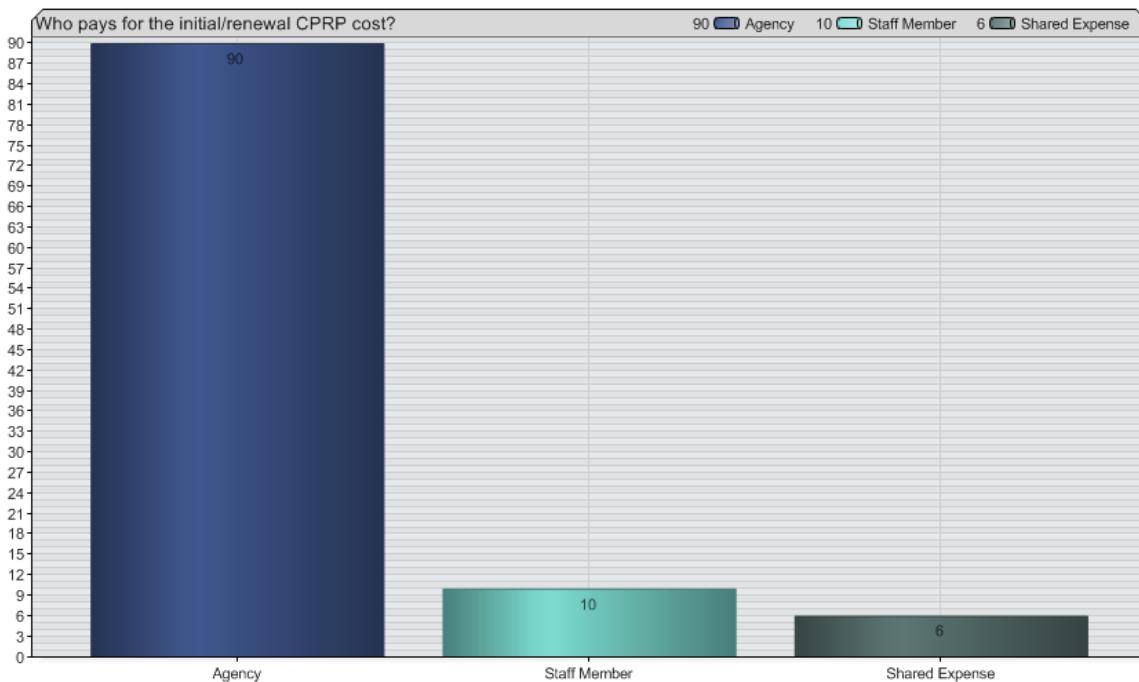
Response Comments

- 1 If budgeted
- 2 For one test only. If staff fails, they pay for repeat attempts
- 3 Staff have had no interest to take exam
- 4 The staff pays up front and if they pass the agency reimburses the cost.
- 5 If staff does not pass the exam they have to pay for the next exam out of their own pocket.

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| 6 | Don't have to take the exam. |
| 7 | If passing score is achieved |
| 8 | If they do not pass, they take again at their expense |
| 9 | If it is required for the position |

2. Who pays for the initial/renewal CPRP cost?

		Responses	Percent
Agency:		90	84.91%
Staff Member:		10	9.43%
Shared Expense:		6	5.66%
Additional Comments:		3	2.83%
Total Responded to this question:		106	100%
Total who skipped this question:		0	0%
Total:		106	100%



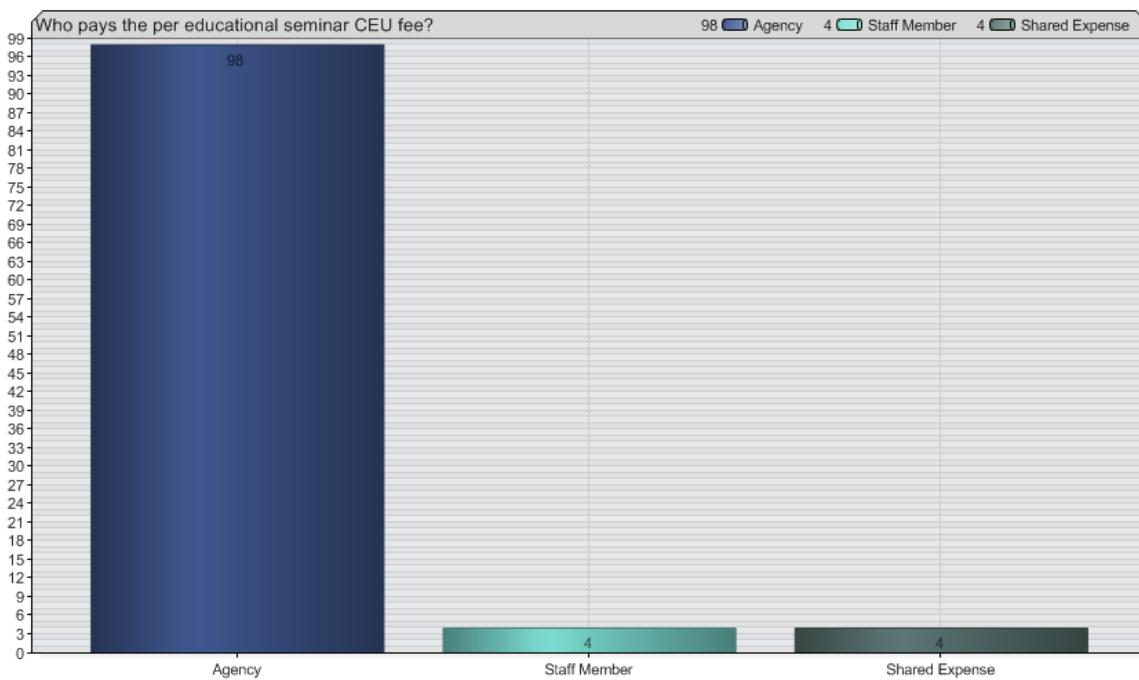
2. Who pays for the initial/renewal CPRP cost?

Response Comments

- 1 If budgeted
- 2 Initial 50/50 - any renewal agency 100%
- 3 That's two separate questions. Each has a different answer.

3. Who pays the per educational seminar CEU fee?

		Responses	Percent
Agency:	<input type="text"/>	98	92.45%
Staff Member:	<input type="text"/>	4	3.77%
Shared Expense:	<input type="text"/>	4	3.77%
Additional Comments:	<input type="text"/>	3	2.83%
Total Responded to this question:		106	100%
Total who skipped this question:		0	0%
Total:		106	100%

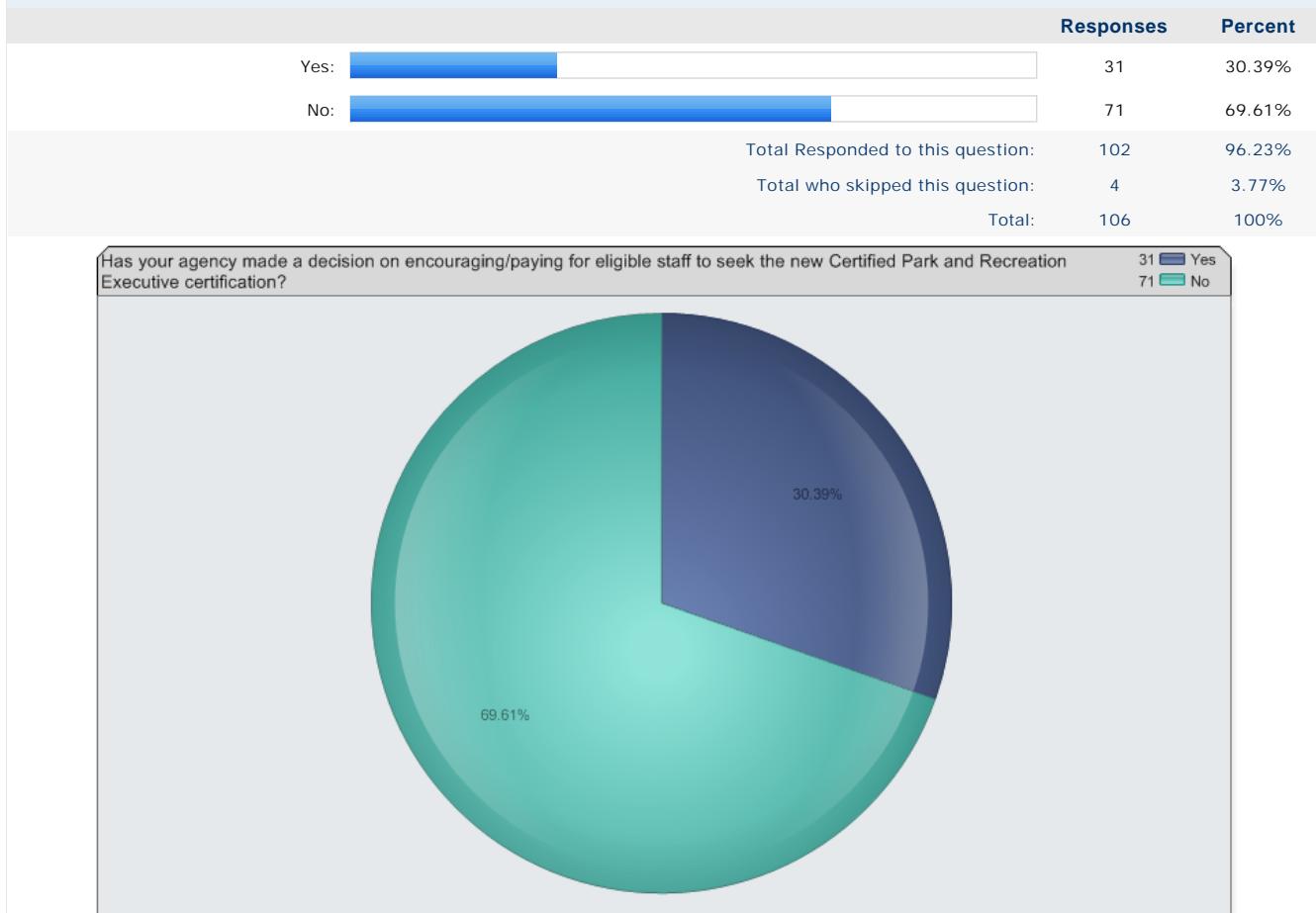


3. Who pays the per educational seminar CEU fee?

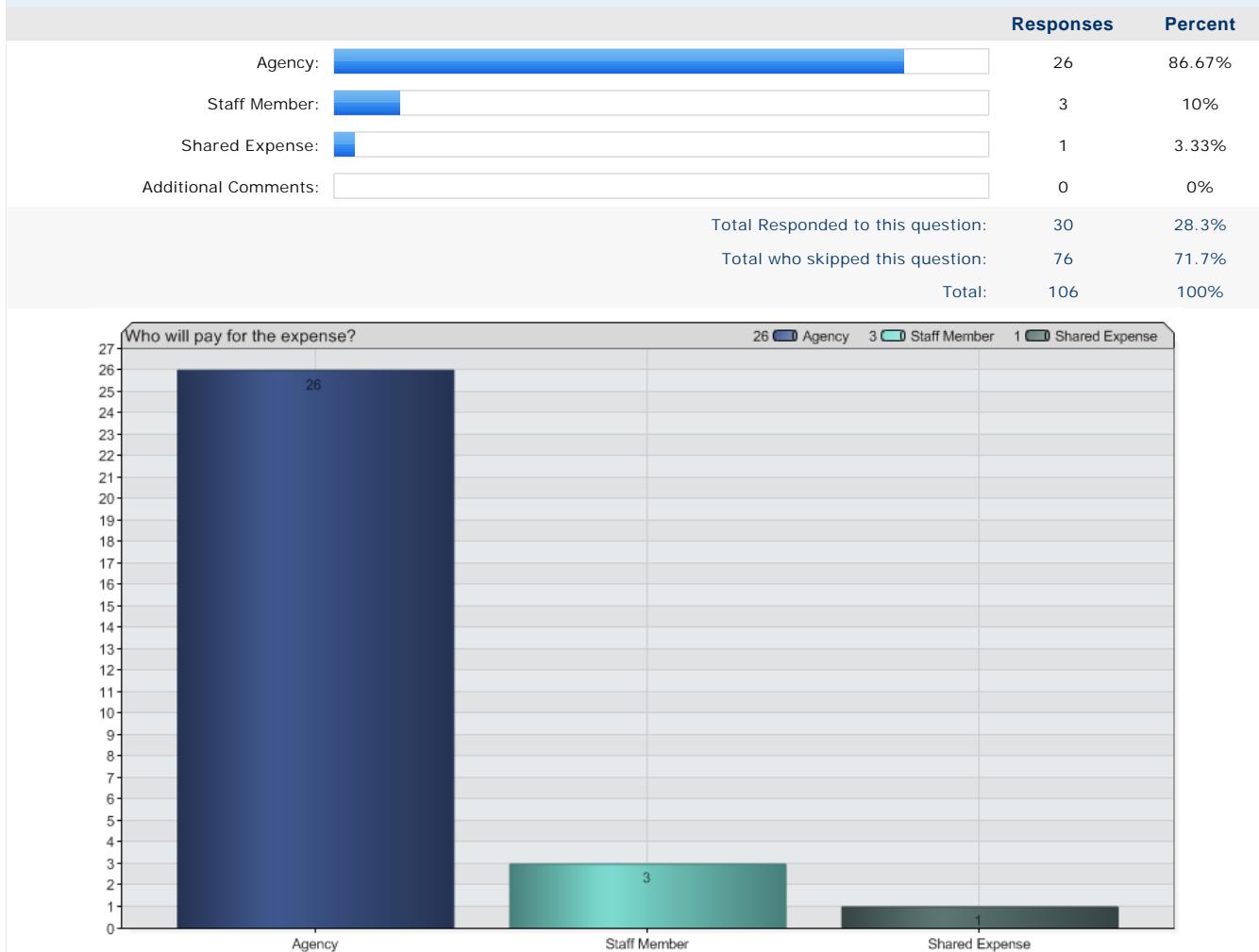
Response Comments

- 1 If budgeted
- 2 If over budget then I pay for what I want to attend.
- 3 Why would the taxpayers?

4. Has your agency made a decision on encouraging/paying for eligible staff to seek the new Certified Park and Recreation Executive certification?

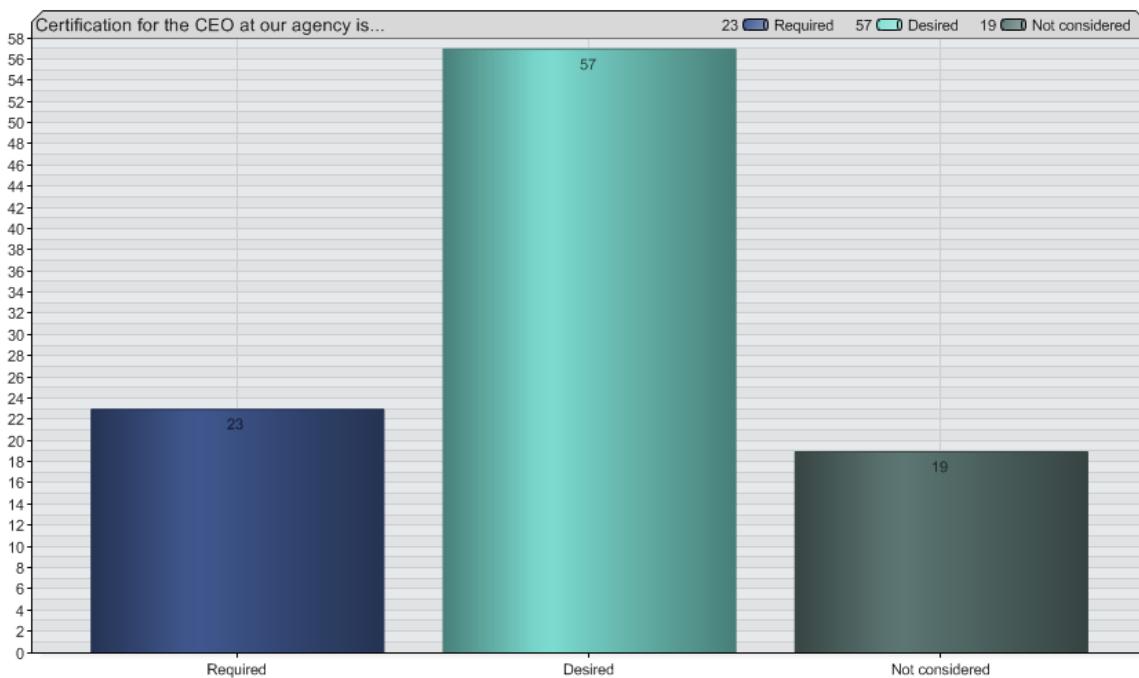


5. Who will pay for the expense?



6. Certification for the CEO at our agency is...

		Responses	Percent
Required:	<input type="text"/>	23	23.23%
Desired:	<input type="text"/>	57	57.58%
Not considered:	<input type="text"/>	19	19.19%
Additional Comments:	<input type="text"/>	7	7.07%
	Total Responded to this question:	99	93.4%
	Total who skipped this question:	7	6.6%
	Total:	106	100%



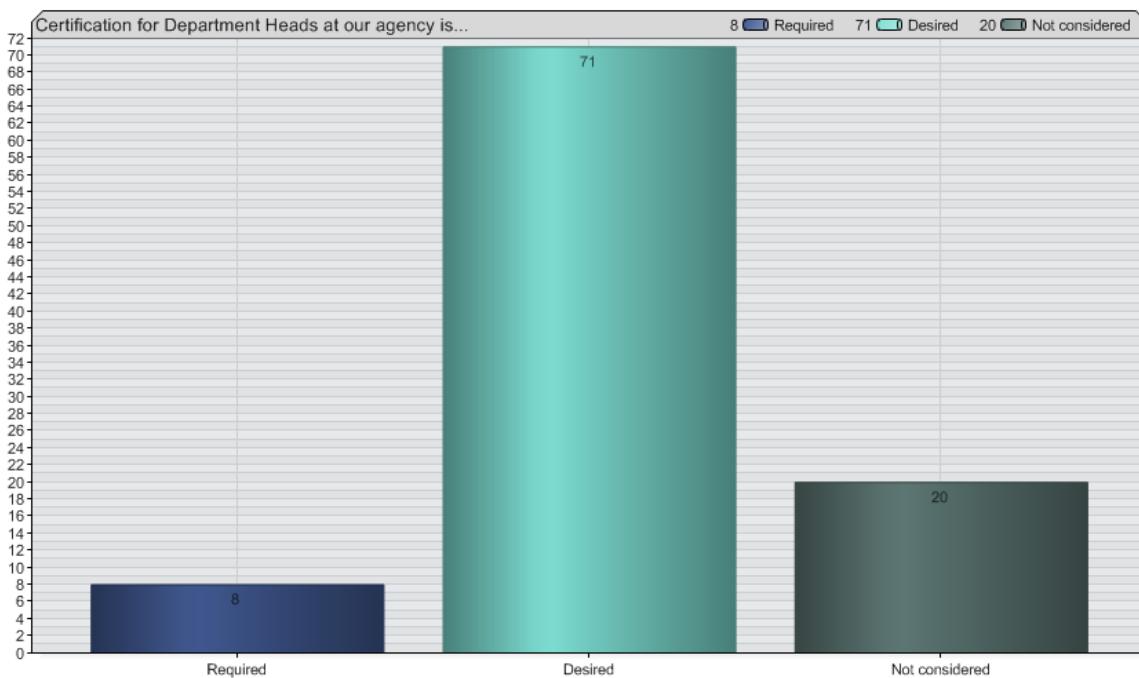
6. Certification for the CEO at our agency is...

Response Comments

- 1 Village Manager form of government
- 2 As certification has proven useless at best, and an embarrassment to our profession at worst, why would any board care to require it?
- 3 CTRS is more important for SRAs
- 4 Not a priority
- 5 Certification is expected for CEO in for their individual professional affiliation for Distinguished Agency standard
- 6 A CTRS Certification is preferred for all of our staff, as this is specific to TR professionals
- 7 Making Mandatory 2012-13

7. Certification for Department Heads at our agency is...

		Responses	Percent
Required:		8	8.08%
Desired:		71	71.72%
Not considered:		20	20.2%
Additional Comments:		5	5.05%
Total Responded to this question:		99	93.4%
Total who skipped this question:		7	6.6%
Total:		106	100%



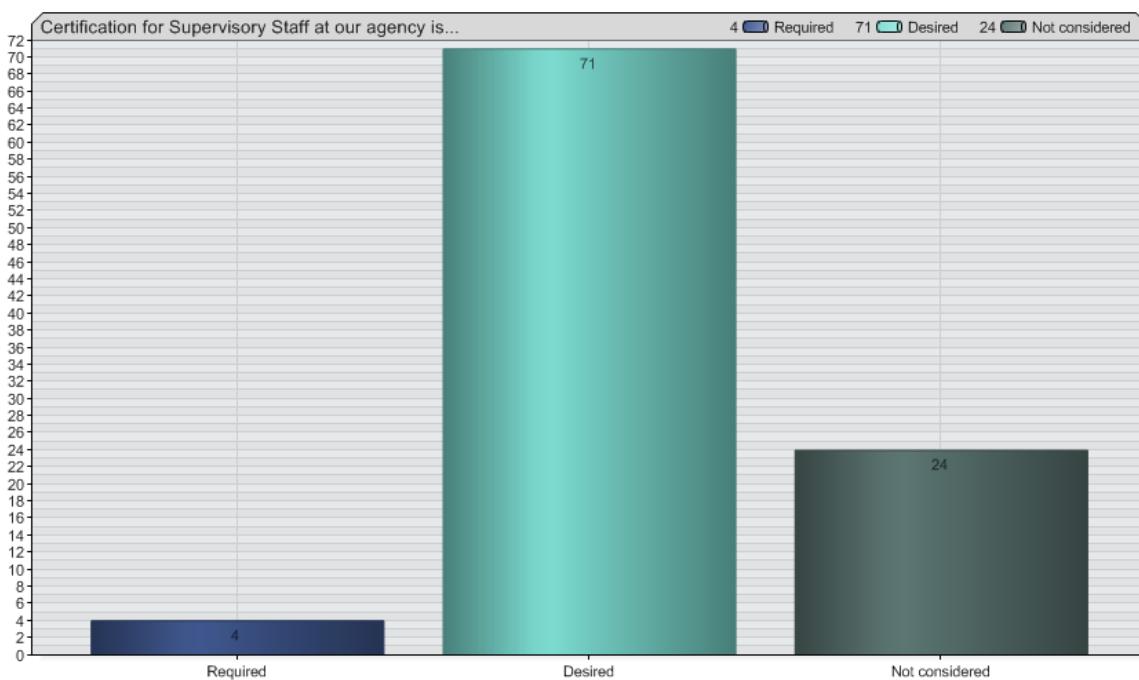
7. Certification for Department Heads at our agency is...

Response Comments

- 1 There is absolutely no correlation between certification and the jobs required of our department heads. None.
- 2 Depends on the Department
- 3 same as above
- 4 Suggested
- 5 Encouraged in Some Fields - Executive Required 2012

8. Certification for Supervisory Staff at our agency is...

		Responses	Percent
Required:		4	4.04%
Desired:		71	71.72%
Not considered:		24	24.24%
Additional Comments:		5	5.05%
Total Responded to this question:		99	93.4%
Total who skipped this question:		7	6.6%
Total:		106	100%



8. Certification for Supervisory Staff at our agency is...

Response Comments

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| 1 | Need I say more? |
| 2 | Depends on the Department |
| 3 | CTRS is encouraged |
| 4 | same as above |
| 5 | Suggested |

9. Please share your comments on the NRPA certification program.

		Responses	Percent
Responses:		33	100%
Total Responded to this question:		33	31.13%
Total who skipped this question:		73	68.87%
Total:		106	100%

Graph/Chart function not relevant for this question type.

9. Please share your comments on the NRPA certification program.

Response	Response Text
1	Seems like another level of rules & administration & cost.
2	Let's be honest. Certification exists to generate \$\$ for NRPA (previously for the states) directly via test fees, and, indirectly by requiring attendance at NRPA sponsored educational (and not-so-educ) events. In Jan, I took the practice exam. It's just embarrassing and sad for pub parks and rec. Every seasoned professional should feel the same. It is just awful. Anyone who has worked 6 mos or more knows that almost none of it is relevant. Either overhaul it or dump it.
3	Not recognized as important compared to 5-8 years ago!
4	We value, for the most part, the training opportunities that we receive and pursue them to the fullest. Staff do not need CEU's as a reason for attending an 8 am Saturday morning educational session or workshop. I view the professional certification and required CEU's to maintain it as artificial incentive to drive conference attendance. True conscientious professionals will seek out development and educational opportunities to better themselves without the certification requirement.
5	Honestly? I feel that it's another hoop to jump through and a way for NRPA to make money. Most agencies don't pay higher salaries if you have the certification. What's wrong with a college degree??? If you're going to have a certification program then keep it open for those who have two year degrees, consideration for years in field etc. Last I heard, they changed all that. Honestly, I don't keep up with the process anymore since it fell out of IPRA's hands.
6	As the Executive Director at our agency, I encourage all of our staff to get certification as either a CPRP or a CTRS.
7	I feel certification is important as a result I have been a CPRP, CLP, and whatever else it has been titled in the past 20 years. CPRPE is not necessary and in my opinion provides little benefit.
8	The CPRP certification has been around for years and still lacks value compared to a teacher certification. The new CPRE certification will probably be the same as the CPRP in value. When being certified means more income than they will have value.
9	Not a lot of reasons to pursue it. Small agencies do not reward for it.
10	I am sorry but I have let my CPRP lapse and currently do not plan to renew it any time soon. I live and work in the same town and have been here for 12 years now and do not intend to go anywhere else right now and do not feel it is something I need right now for my current job. I am sort of a one-man band and will survive without it. I was glad I had it for the time that I did as I was certified for I think 15 years.
11	not sure the change was needed
12	costly and timely, though a good idea.
13	I support the certification program, but I preferred it when it was administered by the state associations.
14	I feel certification is essential for our field. Certification can protect an agency from "political appointees" and patronage.
15	I feel that the new CPRE is a way for NRPA to generate additional funds and not sure if it works to advance professionals in the field of parks & recreation.
16	Continuing education/certification is a valuable tool to stay on the cutting edge as well as in compliance with state/federal laws (that are constantly changing) in Parks and Recreation—the benefits far out weigh the costs to the agency.
17	Nice to see it improved.
18	Seems to be working.... I like the new CPRE opportunity.
19	looking forward to it. At this time it appears the training and testing dates are limited.
20	I am most concerned that the tracking of CEUs is accurate between IPRA, IAPD, and NRPA. I am not sure it is at this time.
21	I don't see any benefit to the new Executive Certification other than it being a fundraiser for NRPA.
22	I have always wished as a Therapeutic Recreation professional that the CTRS designation was accepted by IPRA and other entities as "in lieu of" CPRP. Since most SRA's in Illinois require or prefer this certification for their staff, it would be nice for individuals and for agencies already paying for their employee's CTRS exams (\$400?) and annual re-certification fees of \$80. Thank you for your consideration.
23	I have considered taking the exam, but don't see much benefit at this time. I am hopefully at my last District and as the Director, there isn't anything else to "climb" to.
24	The CPRE certification isn't really needed. Students coming out of college do not meet the qualifications as they would for the CPRP. Also, other than it being a 3 year cert. and more money how is it different? Same testing requirements, same categories..
25	No issues. Can I check or track my CEU's on-line?
26	Going well so far!
27	I am considering taking the CPRE and got the "Management of P & R Agencies" book that NRPA recommends and says the test is based on. The book is like an academic's approach to understanding our field - very dry, difficult to read, and limited practicality in 681 pages. If the CPRE is like the book I think I will pass on the test; if the test is more like what we really encounter in the real world than I plan on taking it. I would love to hear from those who have taken the CPRE to know.

28	I guess its ok!
29	Agency Director had to drop certification due to lack of funding to attend workshops/conferences due to travel expense as workshops were not offered in the area . . Could not maintain CEU's as required. Now that webinars are being offered and increased workshops at annual State conference CPRP and CEUs are much more achievable.
30	Letters after your name not much more.
31	Unfortunately, the CPRE seems like nothing more than a money grab for NRPA. Very difficult to understand how they justify the fee structures involved.
32	I don't see the benefit of receiving this. So until someone convinces me otherwise - I probably won't seek to take the test.
33	I do not think certification has any bite here in Illinois. Look at the previous hirings by various park boards. Some hirings are individuals outside of P & R, business, etc. If certification is important...park board members are the ones that need to enforce the certification program in their agencies. This will then truly make the program valuable.