

Results of AEGIS Membership Survey

Since late 1996, AEGIS members have been mailed one of every three members a form which asked them to rank in importance the various services which we provide. The scale is as follows:

- [0] Not Important At All
- [1] Somewhat Important
- [2] Moderately important
- [3] Very Important

The nature of the various services should be obvious from the name or otherwise familiar to *AEGIS News* readers.

Scores for each service were obtained by adding the responses (i.e., if a respondent thought the service Very Important, we added three to the score; if Somewhat Important, we added one to the score. We then divided by the number of respondents to obtain the mean, or average.

We make no pretense that the sample is representative of the transgender community at large, or even of AEGIS members. The data which follow represent only that subset of AEGIS members ($n = 99$) who chose to return the form. Still, we believe the results are instructive, and so we present them here.

We looked separately at the responses of professionals (those who offer a professional service to the community, $n=18$) and nonprofessionals ($n=71$).

All Respondents (Professionals + Nonprofessionals)

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Service</u> |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 2.89 | Education of Professionals | 12 | 2.42 | Research & Publishing |
| 2 | 2.85 | Information & Referrals | 13 | 2.38 | Book Publishing |
| 3 | 2.75 | Medical Advisories | 14 | 2.26 | Mail Order Book Sales |
| 4 | 2.69 | <i>Chrysalis</i> | 15 | 2.21 | Vendor Booths at Prof. Meetings |
| 5 | 2.68 | Information Booklets & Pamphlets | 16 | 2.20 | Internet Services |
| 6 | 2.60 | <i>Transgender Treatment Bulletin</i> | 17 | 2.16 | Historical Preservation |
| 7 | 2.56 | Advocacy | 18 | 2.17 | Public Service Advertisements |
| 8 | 2.57 | <i>AEGIS News</i> | 19 | 2.15 | Position Statements |
| 9 | 2.56 | Public Education | 20 | 1.73 | Affiliate Organizations |
| 10 | 2.44 | Peer Counseling | 21 | 1.67 | Copy Service |
| 11 | 2.43 | Seminars & Workshops | | | |

Rank Order, Professionals

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Service</u> |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 2.93 | Information and Referrals | 12 | 2.35 | Peer Counseling |
| 2 | 2.92 | Education of Professionals | 13 | 2.33 | Historical Preservation |
| 3 | 2.88 | <i>Transgender Treatment Bulletin</i> | 14 | 2.32 | Book Publishing |
| 4 | 2.77 | Medical Advisories | 15 | 2.29 | Advocacy |
| 5 | 2.72 | <i>Chrysalis</i> | 16 | 2.28 | Position Statements |
| 6 | 2.67 | Public Education | 17 | 2.21 | Public Service Advertisements |
| 7 | 2.63 | Information Booklets & Pamphlets | 18 | 2.12 | Vendor Booths at Prof. Meetings |
| 8 | 2.52 | <i>AEGIS News</i> | 19 | 2.04 | Mail Order Book Sales |
| 9 | 2.52 | Internet Services | 20 | 1.65 | Affiliate Organizations |
| 10 | 2.50 | Seminars & Workshops | 21 | 1.58 | Copy Service |
| 11 | 2.44 | Research & Publishing | | | |