

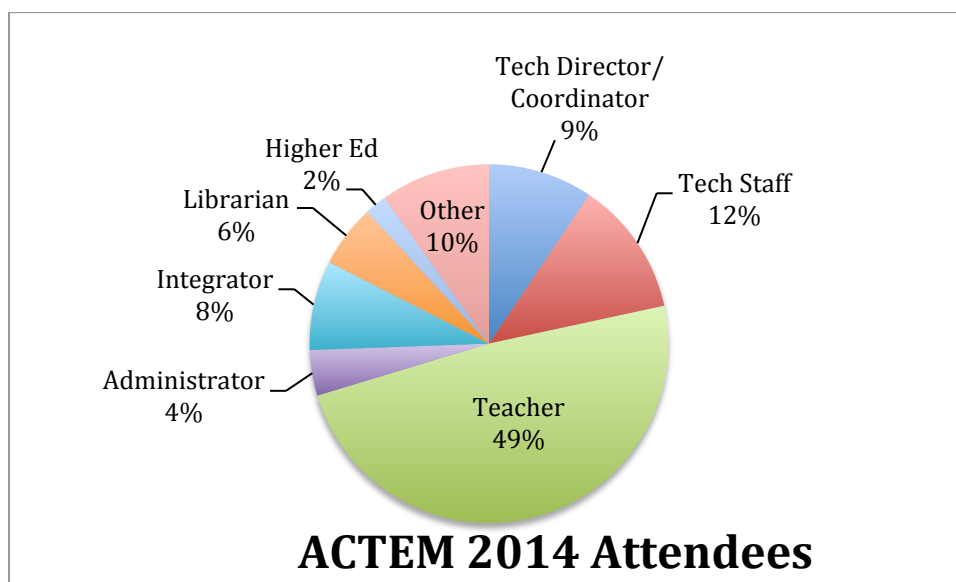
## 2014 ACTEM Conference Report

This year’s conference theme “Rebooted and Reimagined” brought a new look to many aspects of the fall ACTEM Conference:

- A full two-day conference.
- Keynotes each morning with Richard Byrne on Thursday and Chris O’Neal on Friday.
- A mix of conference sessions on both days.
- An awards reception instead of a banquet.
- The ACTEM store.
- Lobby Poster Session by the UMF students.

**Attendance:** Between attendees, presenters and vendors we had 410 people at the conference on Thursday and 689 people there on Friday.

The breakdown of attendees looks like this:



Conference feedback, based on 428 responses to the conference survey:

<b>SHARING</b> -- The conference facilitated knowledge sharing among participants.	96.9% Agreed or Strongly Agreed
<b>NETWORKING</b> -- I found new contacts and opportunities for future collaboration	85% Agreed or Strongly Agreed
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b> -- The conference was a valuable professional development experience for me.	95% Agreed or Strongly Agreed
<b>USEFUL INFORMATION</b> -- I learned material that will be helpful to me in better performing my job responsibilities.	94.8 Agreed or Strongly Agreed
<b>TOPICS</b> -- The session topics were important and timely.	94.6 Agreed or Strongly Agreed

## **Comments about what attendees liked most about ACTEM 2014:**

- The variety of session options.
- The fact that I learned new ideas that I can bring back to my classroom right away.
- I am always able to take things to apply to our building learning. LOVE real teachers teaching teachers with examples.
- 1/2 day sessions were a great addition. It gave time to work and complete projects.
- The eclectic mix of teachers, technology staff, and presenters were a wonderful collaboration of people. That brought about great discussions and interesting points to bring back and apply in the classroom.
- Knowledgeable presenters, Quality Facility, Well Organized, Exposure to SO MUCH new information and technology

Gary will have a detailed report on expenses during his report but it looks like the conference profit will be about \$35,000, most of which will go towards various professional development projects.

Thank you to all who helped out on the conference committee and board as well as all who presented and made this conference an excellent experience again this year!

## **ACTEM 2015 Conference**

October 15-16 - at the Cross Center in Bangor

Keynote Presenters – so far – Jaime Casap and Leslie Fisher

We plan on continuing the two day conference format that we started this year.

The call for session proposals will be going out early this year, look for the announcement in January.