

Introducing the BRAIN Byte (proposed subject line)

Welcome to the first BRAIN Byte, a bimonthly communication tool providing important “bytes” of information to BRAIN members.

TOP NEWS: We currently have 966 members! As we approach 1000 members, we are offering the prize of a coveted preparation textbook to our 1000th member, so keep the sponsorships coming. Look forward to more exciting opportunities for participation and prizes!

Recently, we asked you to complete a survey with the goal of guiding the future efforts of BRAIN leadership. Each upcoming BRAIN Byte will provide a brief summary of results from survey questions, as well as updates regarding how the BRAIN leadership is planning to address, or has already addressed, the issues and challenges proposed. We are excited about many of the new projects that are on the horizon and welcome your feedback!

From the survey, we gleaned valuable information from Question 4 and Question 5, summarized below:

Respondents rated the following parts of BRAIN to be the most helpful (n=196):

- Practice written exams (63%)
- Study material (59%)
- Wiki website (49%)

The parts of BRAIN that are the least useful/helpful (n=168) included:

- Listserv (29%)
- Study group (27%)
- Mentoring support (26%)

With this information, we have decided to focus our initial efforts on revising the Wiki page, developing more practice written exams, and adding additional study materials to our library. Soon, we will be announcing the opportunity to write practice exam questions and earn prizes! Stay tuned!

We are looking forward to the exciting developments in store and continuing opportunities BRAIN has for ensuring success in board certification among our members. Please let us know your thoughts and needs moving forward.