

2022 Annual Meeting Survey Results



SSSP 2022 Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

September 19, 2022

With **472 attendees registered** and **107 total responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2022 Annual Meeting Survey on behalf of the SSSP Administrative Office. Thank you for taking time to participate in our survey. Your responses are vital in helping SSSP to provide a valuable conference experience and to continue our mission as a social justice organization.

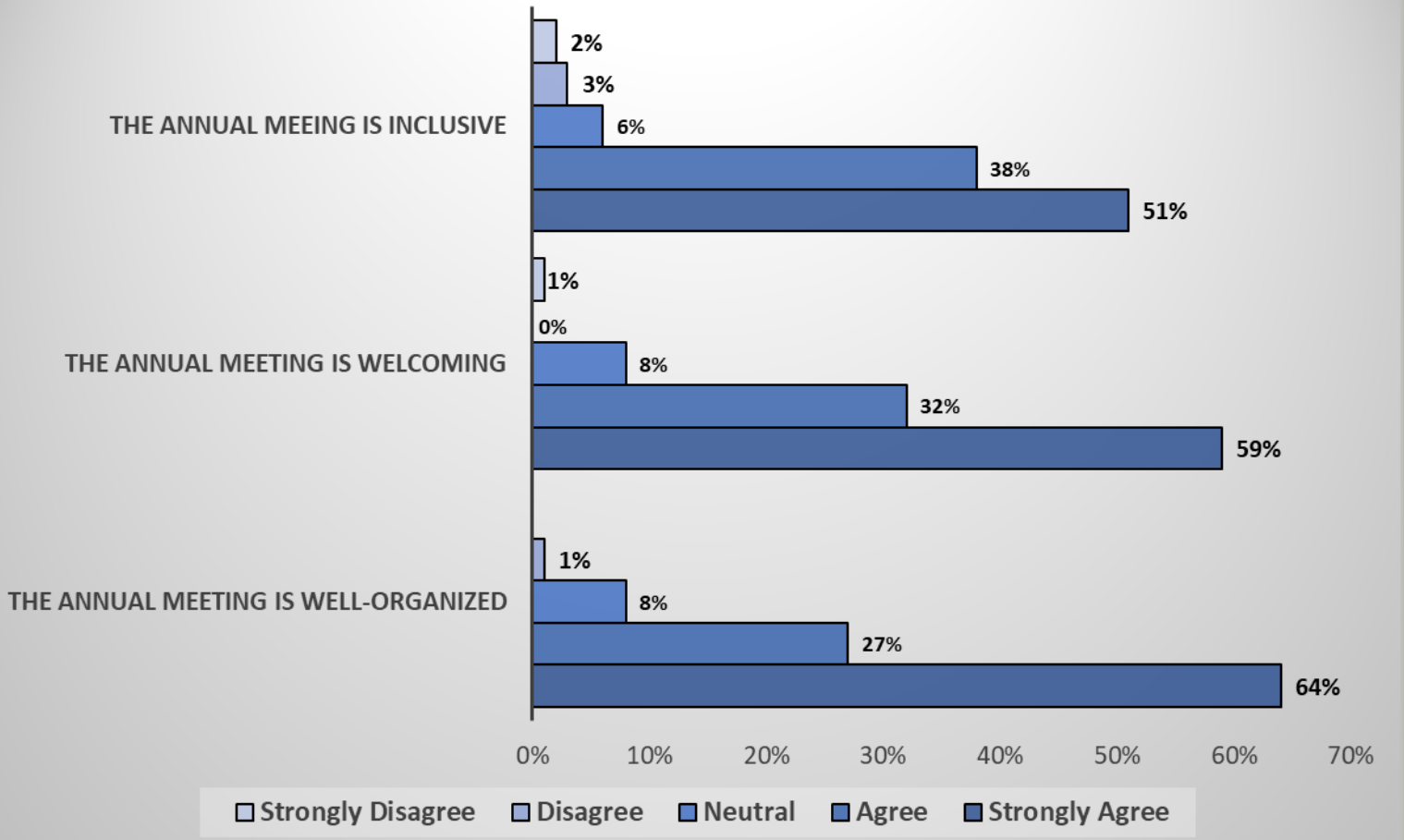
The survey ran for two weeks from August 16 through August 30 with a **23% participation rate**. Please note that the participation rate is based on the total attendees registered. In 2022, there were 76 paid registrants that did not attend the annual meeting.

In this report, you will see the survey questions, possible answers, summary of responses, graphs, and comments where applicable. The comments have not been edited and may contain misspellings and grammatical errors. Please note that, with the exception to open ended questions, comments are only asked for when an unsatisfactory response is selected.

Thank you for your participation.

Most sincerely,
The Administrative Office

Based on your experience, how do you feel about the following?



	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total Responses
The annual meeting is inclusive	2	3	6	38	51	100
The annual meeting is welcoming	1	0	8	32	59	100
The annual meeting is well-organized	0	1	8	27	64	100

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
The annual meeting is inclusive	1	5	4.33	0.87	0.76	100
The annual meeting is welcoming	1	5	4.48	0.73	0.53	100
The annual meeting is well-organized	2	5	4.54	0.68	0.47	100

Based on your experience, how do you feel about the following?

You stated that the annual meeting was not inclusive.

the lack of accommodations for people who are vulnerable to COVID-19 infection and adverse effects was appalling. This, at a time when the LA area was a major site of Omicron spread!

There is no online option. I know members who would have paid the registration fee and participated had there been a virtual option, but could not because they are immunocompromised/have health issues and could not travel. This is not just.

We are in the middle of a global pandemic. It continues to be unsafe for immunocompromised and many other disabled scholars to travel and participate in in-person meetings. Virtual options must be available and publicized in advance to promote equitable participation for all SSSP members.

Ableism in the decision making for this meeting - relying on vaccinations for which some disabled people are ineligible, no hybrid options for the ill or vulnerable, and that do not stop the spread of this virus variant as well as testing would (which could have easily been an alternative requirement). It was like the pandemic taught the society nothing about accessibility justice.

There were no board-approved virtual/hybrid options for sessions or hybrid options for business meetings. The cost was prohibitive for many to get to LA and with COVID-19 travel was potentially hazardous for others.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	5

You stated that the annual meeting was not welcoming.

the brusque response to my request for a hybrid/virtual option due to my inability to attend on site was off-putting. I was simply told that i would be taken off the program. Wow, i expected better from an organization like SSSP, which i have so deeply respected and relied on for decades!

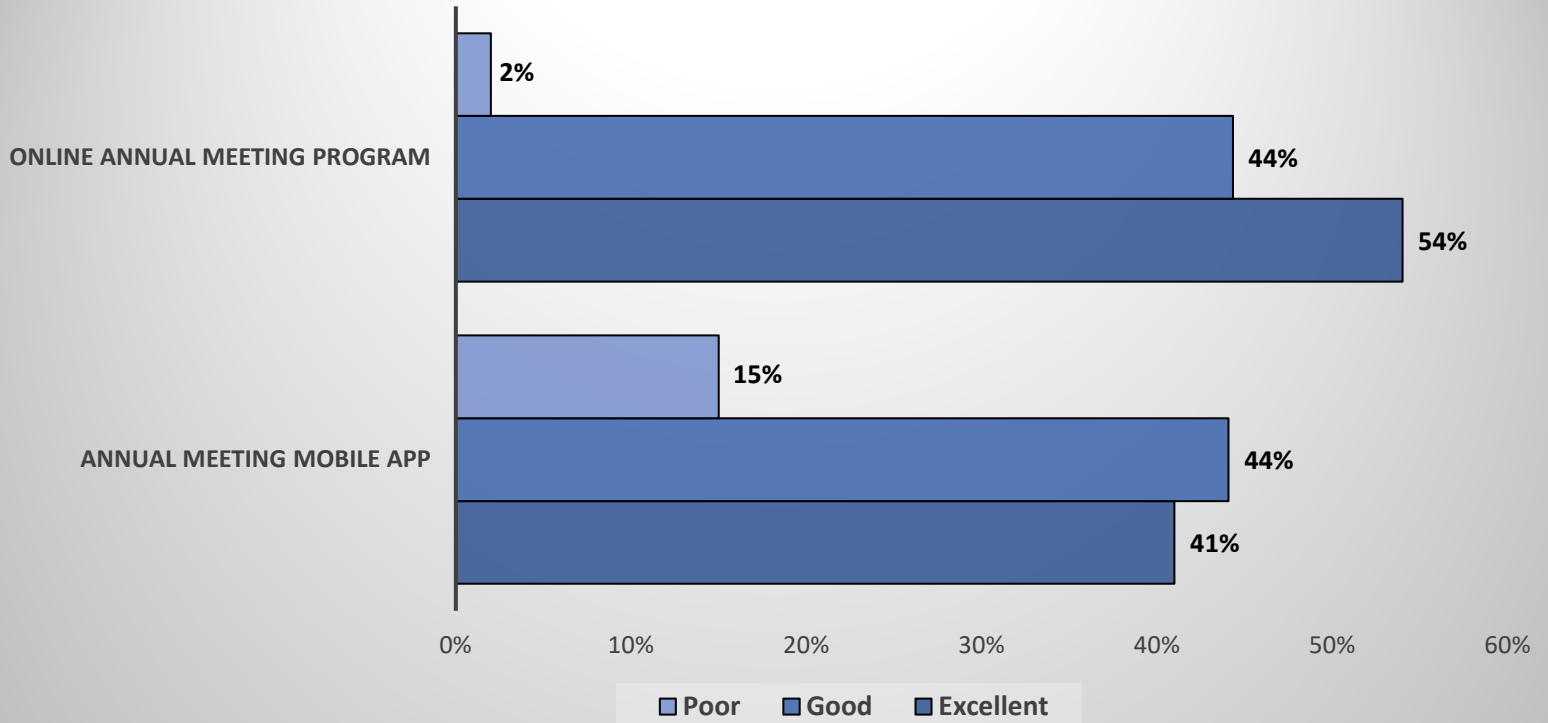
Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

You stated that the annual meeting was not well-organized.

Too many sessions with absent presenters. While that can't entirely be controlled, it should be possible to have a "living" online program that can better reflect those changes. Division Chair meetings scheduled at same time as Division sole-sponsored session, meaning key voices in the field/SSSP are not able to learn from/contribute to scholarship at the meeting.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.



	Poor (1)	Good (2)	Excellent (3)	Total Responses
Online Annual Meeting Program	2	43	52	97
Annual Meeting Mobile App	14	41	38	93

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Online Annual Meeting Program	1	3	2.52	0.54	0.29	97
Annual Meeting Mobile App	1	3	2.26	0.7	0.49	93

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.

You said that you are dissatisfied with an aspect of the online annual meeting program.

Difficult to read on my phone.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.

You said that you are dissatisfied with an aspect of the annual mobile app.

I could not figure out how to add sessions to my schedule in the app. The option may have existed, but I could not find it.

I could not figure out how to add a photo, or add things to my schedule. It was generally hard to navigate - but I was glad I could access the schedule that way!! I wish there was something between good and fair

Could not download it.

I often had to also use / check the online agenda to get the information I wanted

Well, it could have been better. I guess it was OK, just not great like most other meeting aspects.

Could not log in to build a schedule

I kept losing access to the "My Agenda" component requiring deleting and reinstalling the app.

hard to find the info, to cross reference, to keep track of things. BRING BACK PRINT

Should be updated to reflect absences of presenters.

It did not provide a way to integrate your schedule with google calendar.

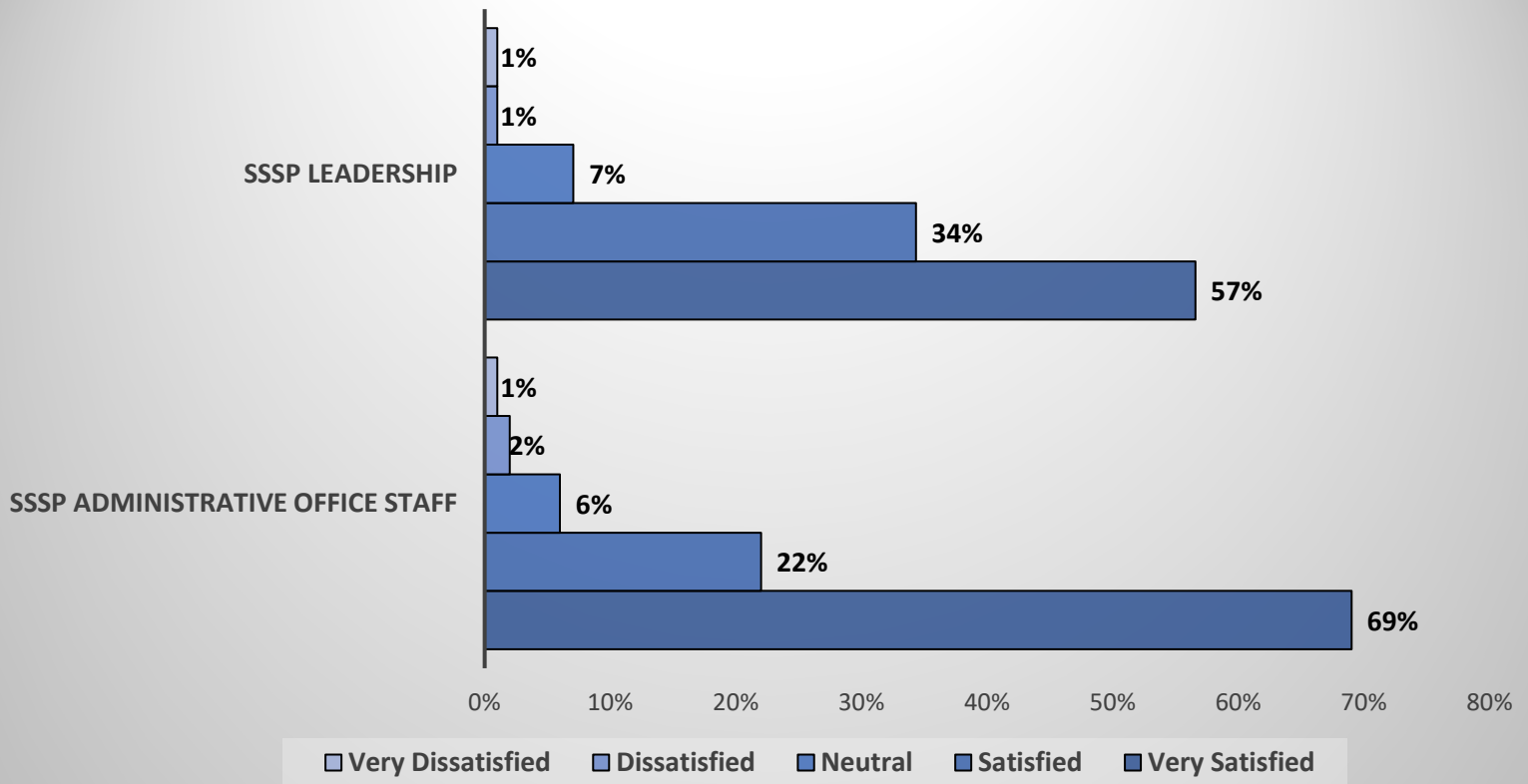
Time zones and calendar events were wonky - it saved the events as EST rather than PST in my calendar

I had trouble getting it to work for me. I wound up creating my own schedule in an Excel sheet instead.

This app was great when it worked, but crashed frequently.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	13

Based on your experience, how satisfied are you with the following?



	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)	Total
SSSP Leadership	1	1	7	34	56	99
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	1	2	6	22	69	100

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
SSSP Leadership	1	5	4.44	0.76	0.57	99
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	1	5	4.56	0.78	0.67	100

You said that you are dissatisfied with SSSP Administrative Staff and/or SSSP Leadership. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

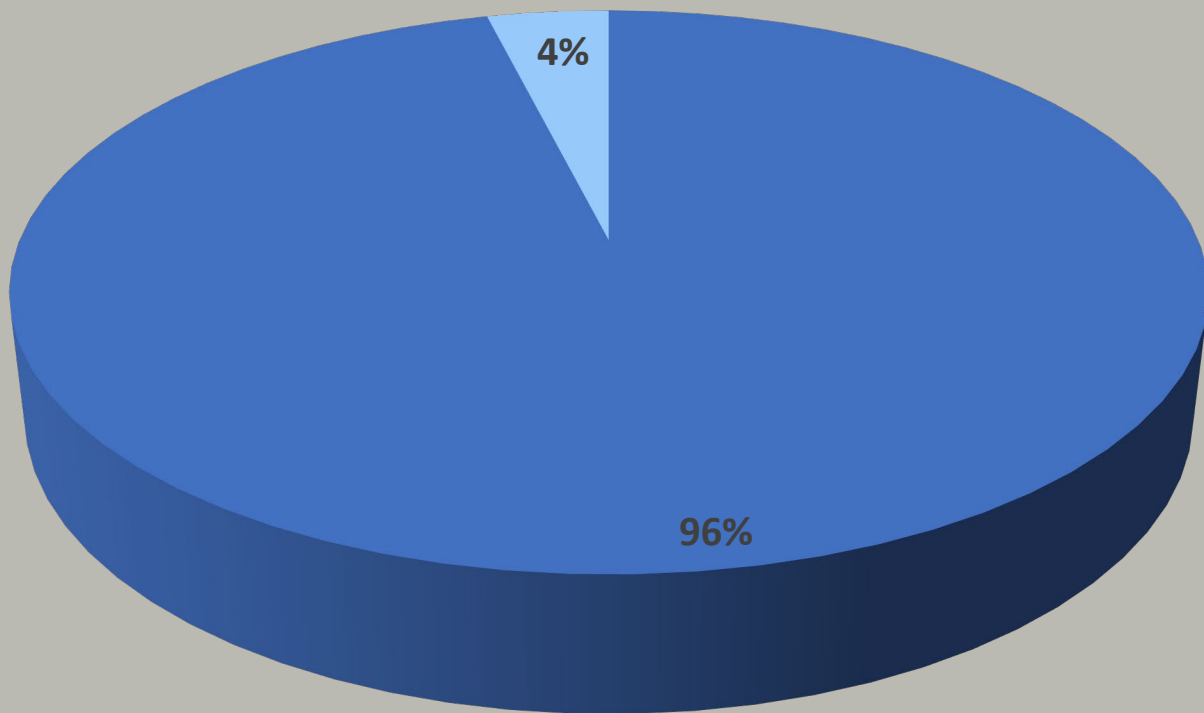
please see previous responses. some leadership and infrastructure that is attentive to disability justice and basic 2020s advances in conference infrastructure (esp. hybrid/virtual formats) is sorely needed.

Admin staff was very strict in the implementation of covid restrictions, to the point that it made no sense in my situation and I nearly could not participate - until someone from the Board intervened.

It is not clear that office staff proactively planned for the meeting realities or adjusted to on-the-ground developments

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

Did you pre-register for the Annual Meeting?

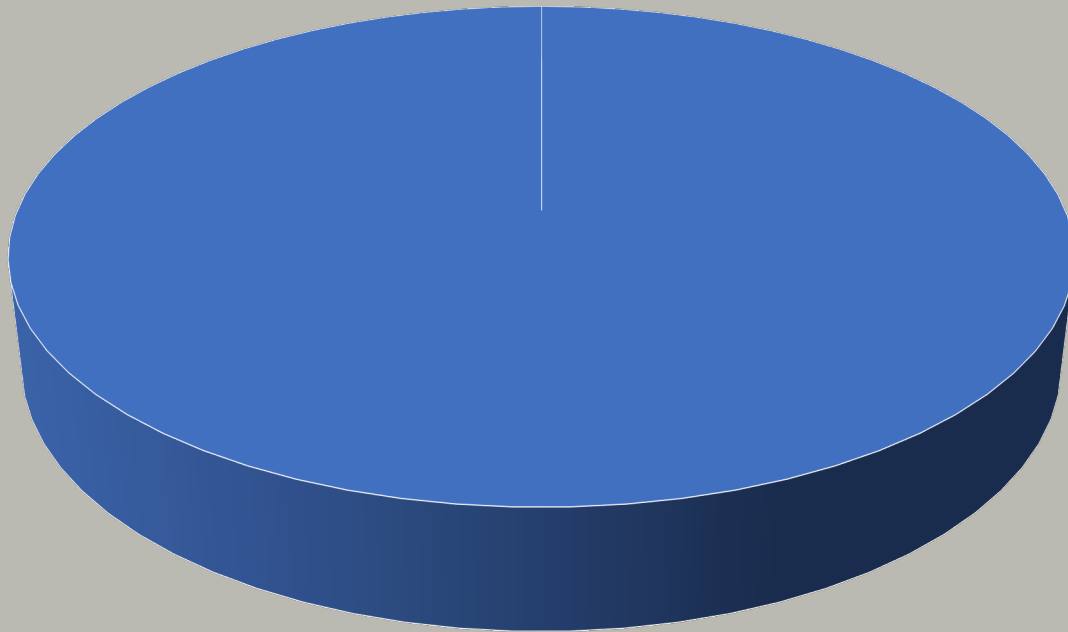


■ Yes ■ No

	Responses
No (1)	4
Yes (2)	98
Total	102

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.96	0.19	0.04	102

Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?

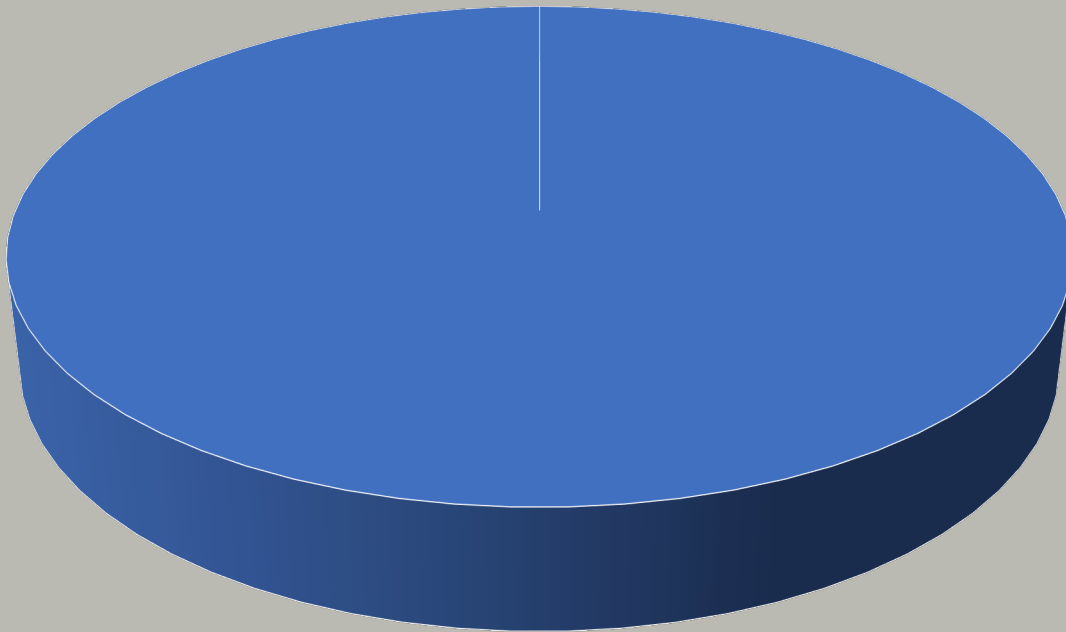


■ Yes ■ No

	Responses
No (1)	0
Yes (2)	98
Total	98

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	2	2	0	0	98

Was the onsite registration process satisfactory?

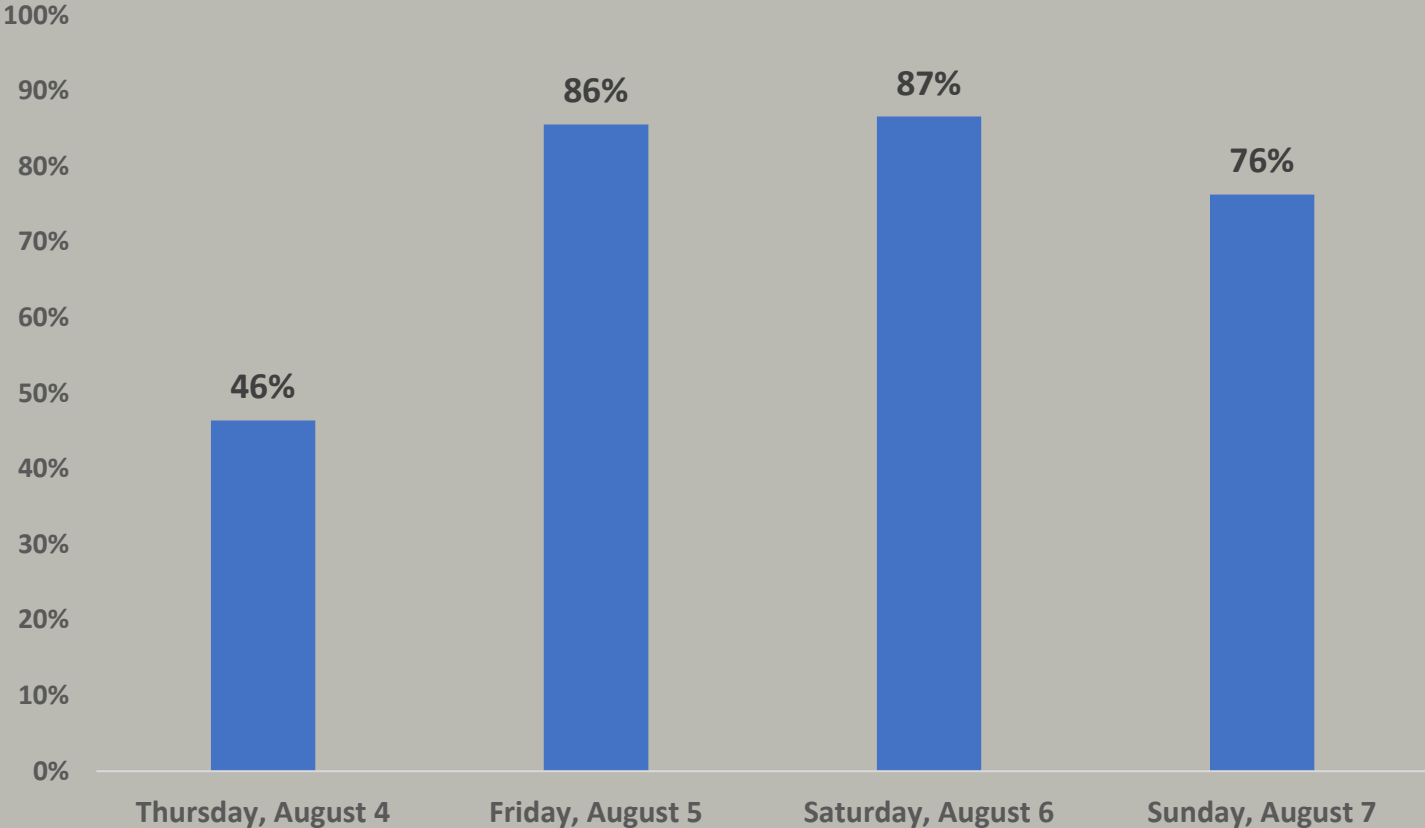


■ Yes ■ No

	Responses
No (1)	0
Yes (2)	3
Total	3

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	2	2	0	0	3

Please check the day(s) you attended the Annual Meeting.

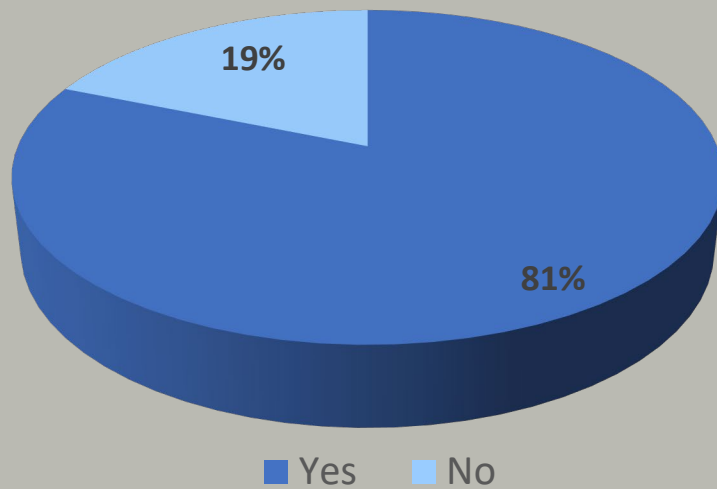


	Response	Percentage
Thursday, August 4	45	46%
Friday, August 5	83	86%
Saturday, August 6	84	87%
Sunday, August 7	74	76%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
286	97

Did you participate in the Annual Meeting in any of the roles listed below?

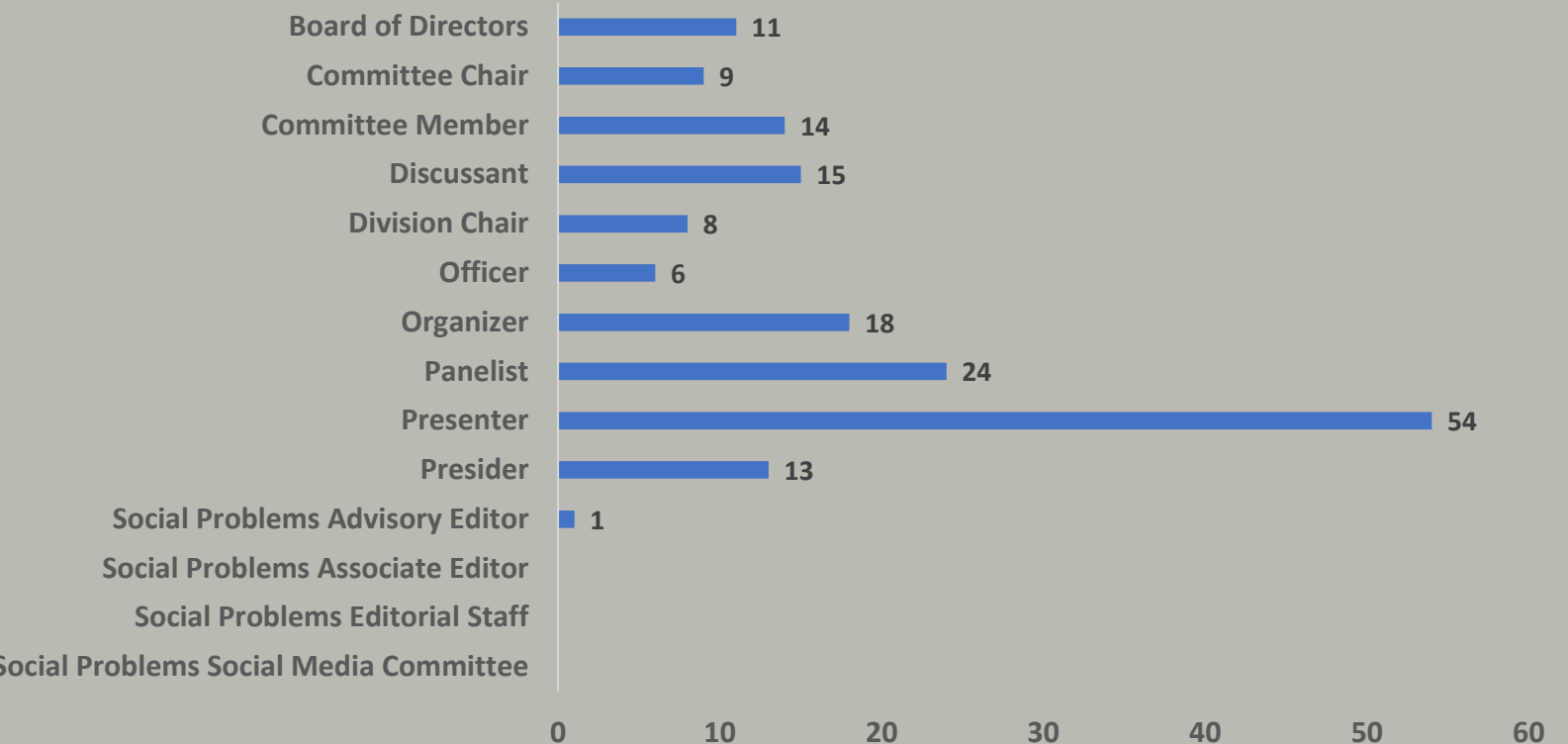
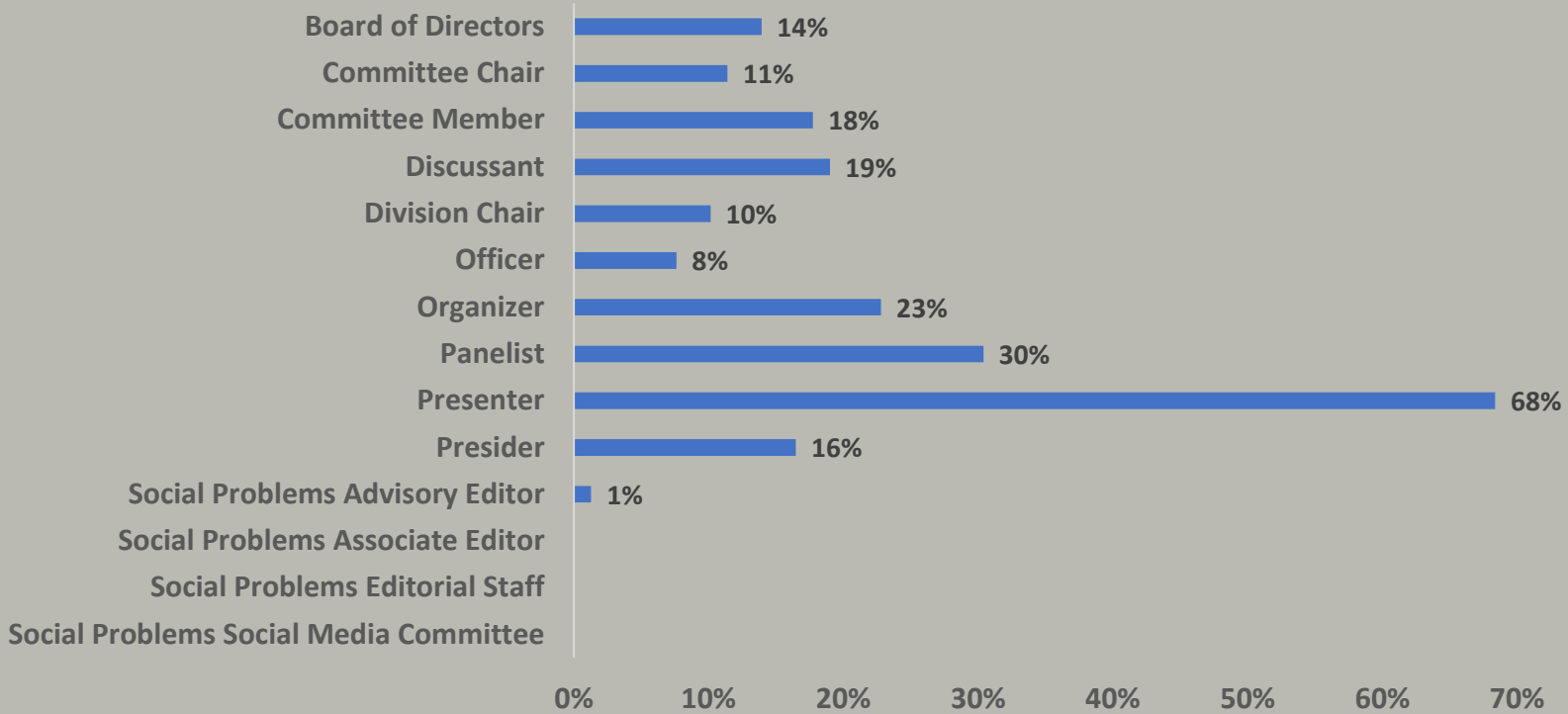
- Board of Directors
- Committee Chair
- Committee Members
- Discussant
- Division Chair
- Officer
- Organizer
- Panelist
- Presenter
- Presider
- *Social Problems* Advisory Editor
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- *Social Problems* Editorial Staff
- *Social Problems* Media Committee



	Responses
No (1)	19
Yes (2)	82
Total	101

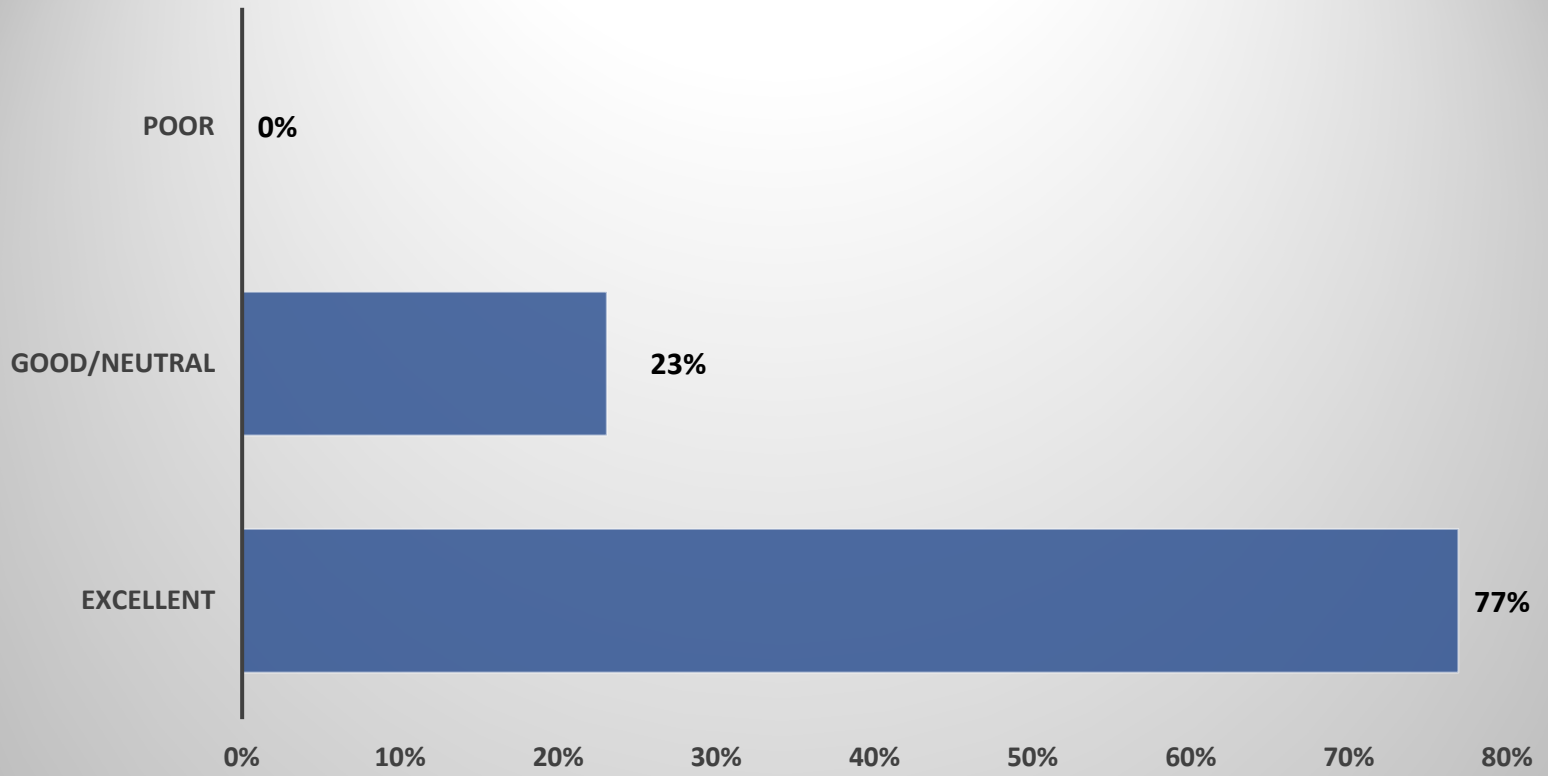
Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.81	0.39	0.15	101

Please indicate the roles you played at the Annual Meeting.



Total Responses	Total Respondents
173	79

Please rate your experience of the online Call for Papers submission process for the Annual Meeting.

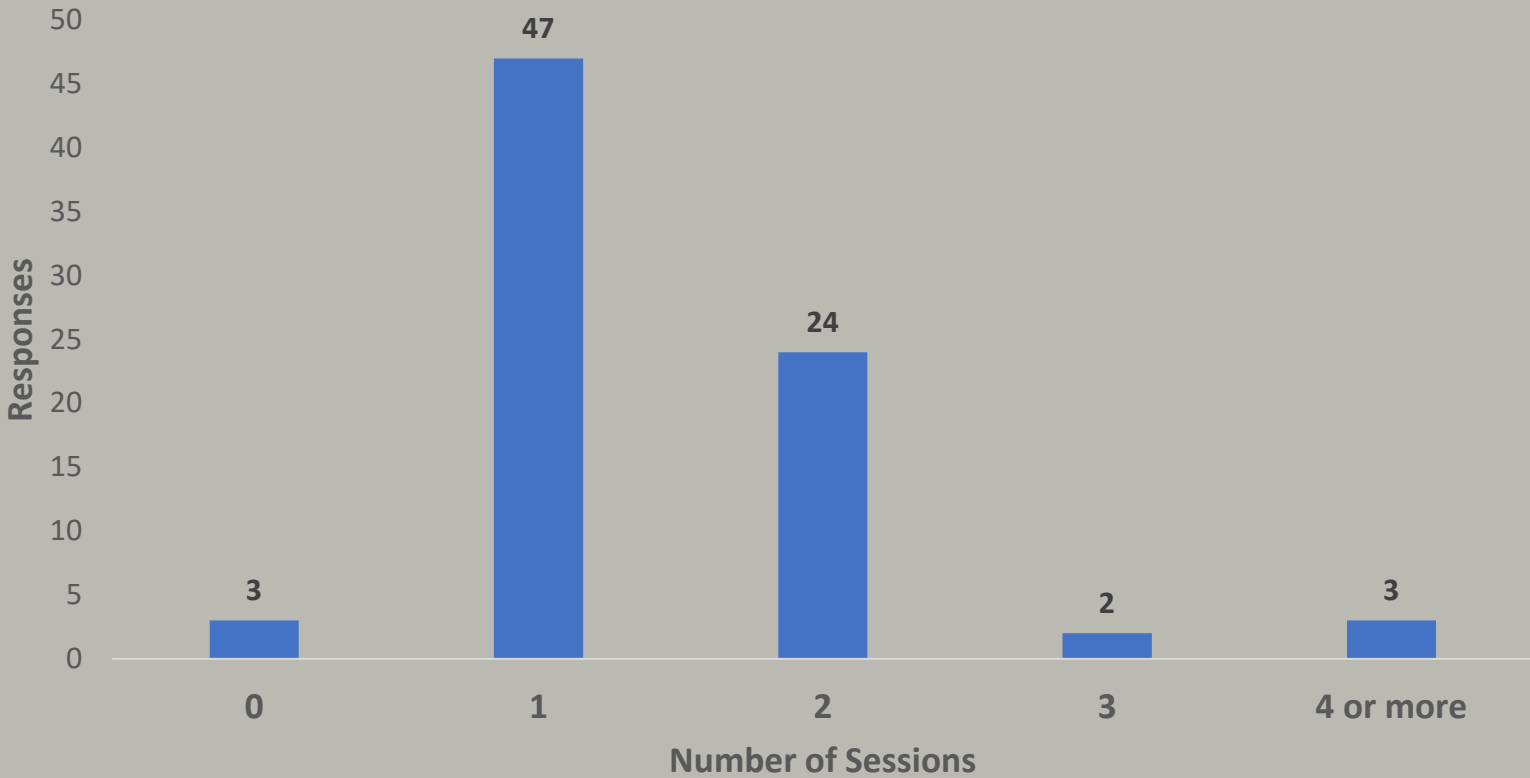
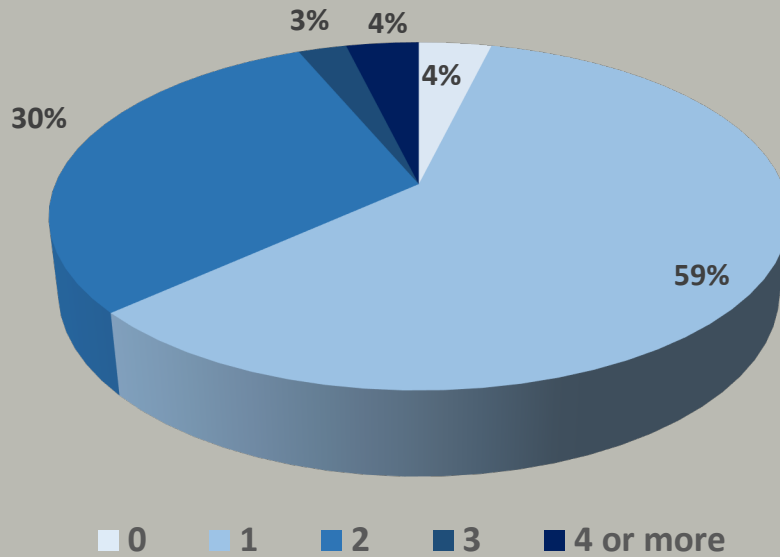


	Responses
Poor (1)	0
Good/Neutral (2)	12
Excellent (3)	40

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	3	2.77	0.42	0.18	52

How many sessions did you participate in as either Presenter, Organizer, President, Discussant, President/Discussant, and/or Panelist at the Annual Meeting?

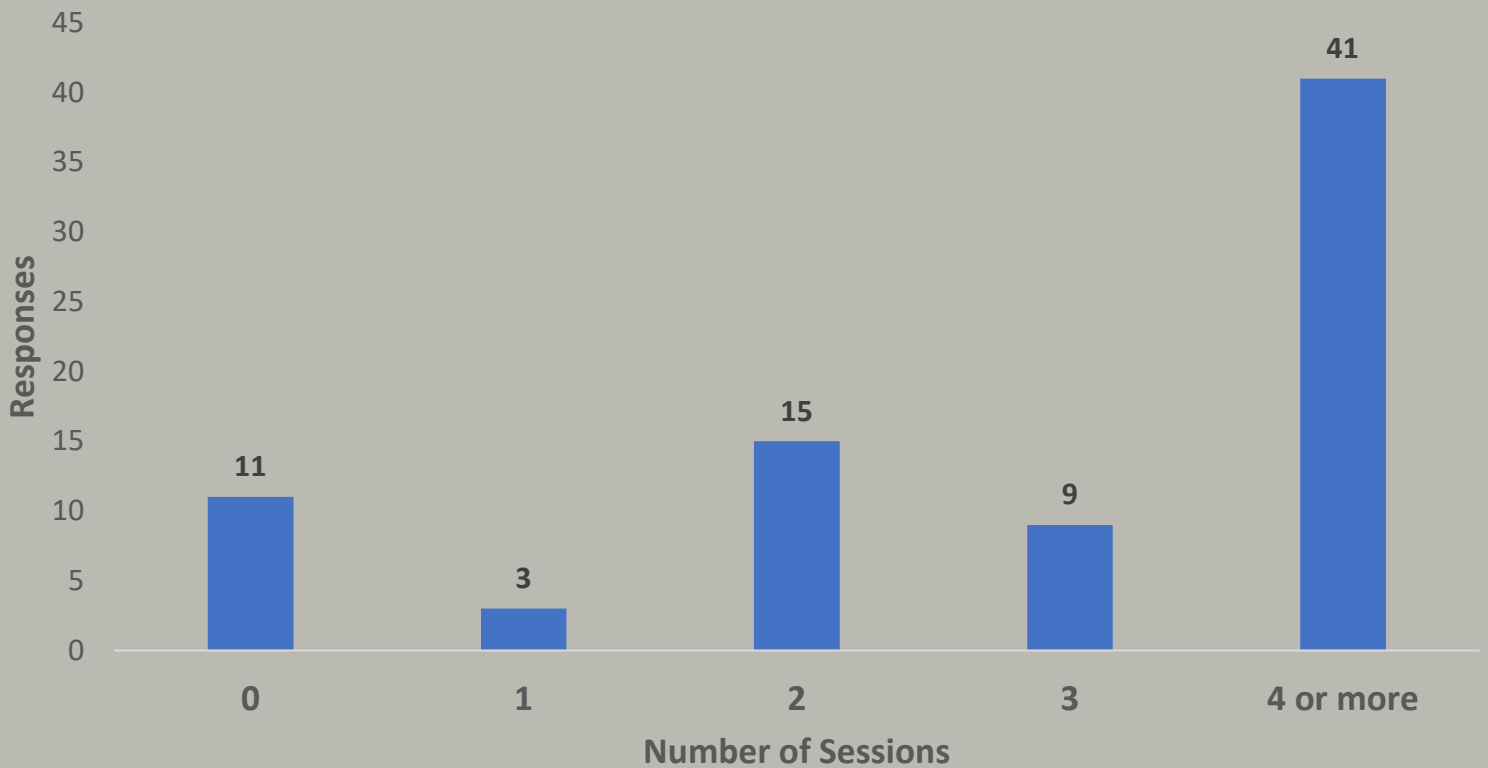
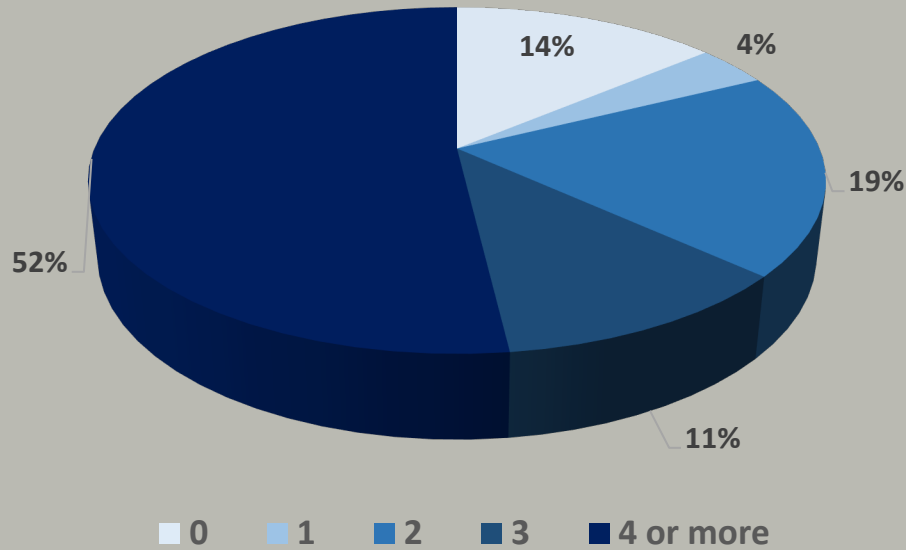
Number of Sessions Respondent Participated In



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	2.43	0.77	0.6	79

Approximately how many sessions did you attend, aside from those you participated in?

Number of Sessions Respondent Attended



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	3.84	1.44	2.09	79

**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions,
aside from those you participated in.**

It was unable to attend the bulk of the conference due to family obligations

The number of committee meetings I had precluded me from attending more sessions than the ones I organized.

Lack of availability on my side, in part because of ASA congress happening at the same time.

Busy with other duties.

I was only able to come for the afternoon I presented and spent the extra time getting to know the other panelists over coffee

Chronic illness and disability preclude me from attending many conference meetings. Because I was also involved in the ASA conference, I had to be incredibly careful with how I budgeted my energy.

We had our kids with us which dramatically limited our participation in the year's conference, unfortunately.

There were no virtual options for attendance. I paid the full registration fee but could only attend my own session, which I zoomed into. This conference was not accessible for immunocompromised scholars.

Too much to juggle with ASA, general overwhelm of so much interaction during COVID, social anxiety

Busy with committee meetings, business meeting, etc.

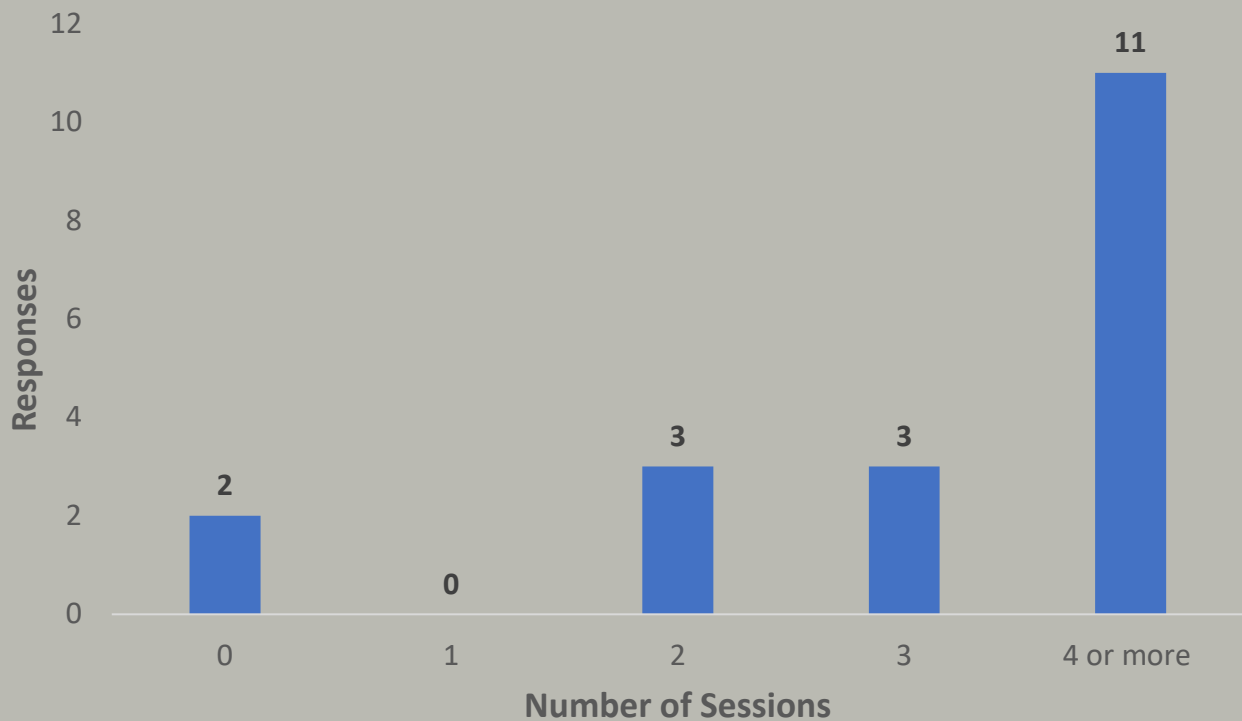
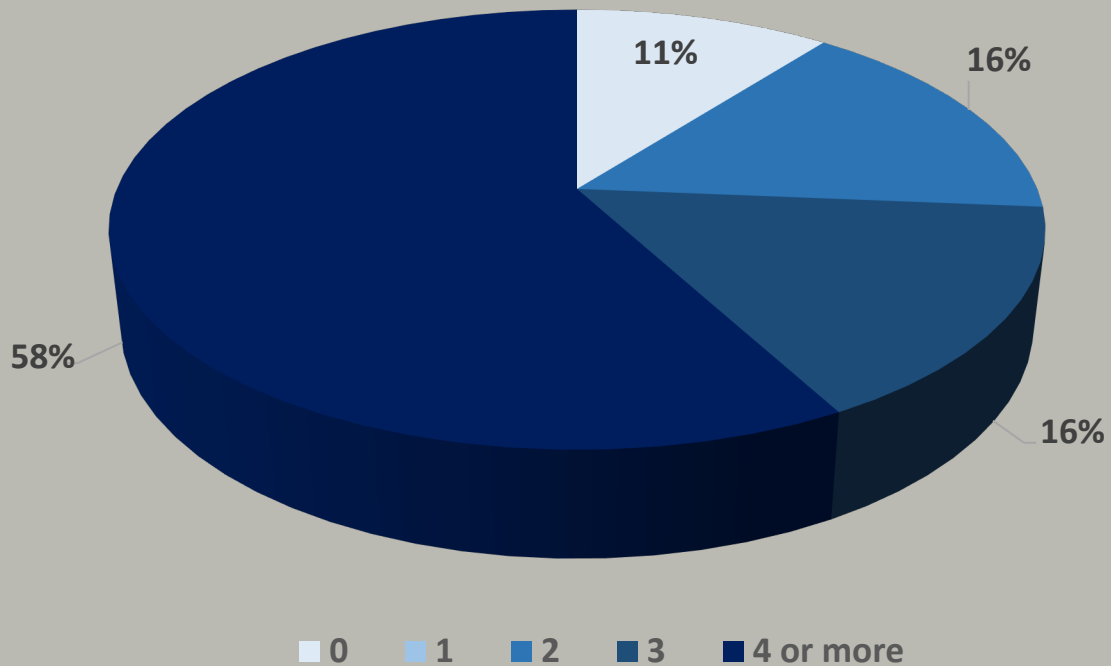
There were 3 division chairs' meetings that overlapped with sessions I wanted to attend. I also spent most of Saturday at ASA.

Busy/participation in ASA

Statistic	Value
Respondents	12

**Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the meeting?
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**

Number of Sessions Respondent Attended



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	4.11	1.29	1.67	19

**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions.
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**

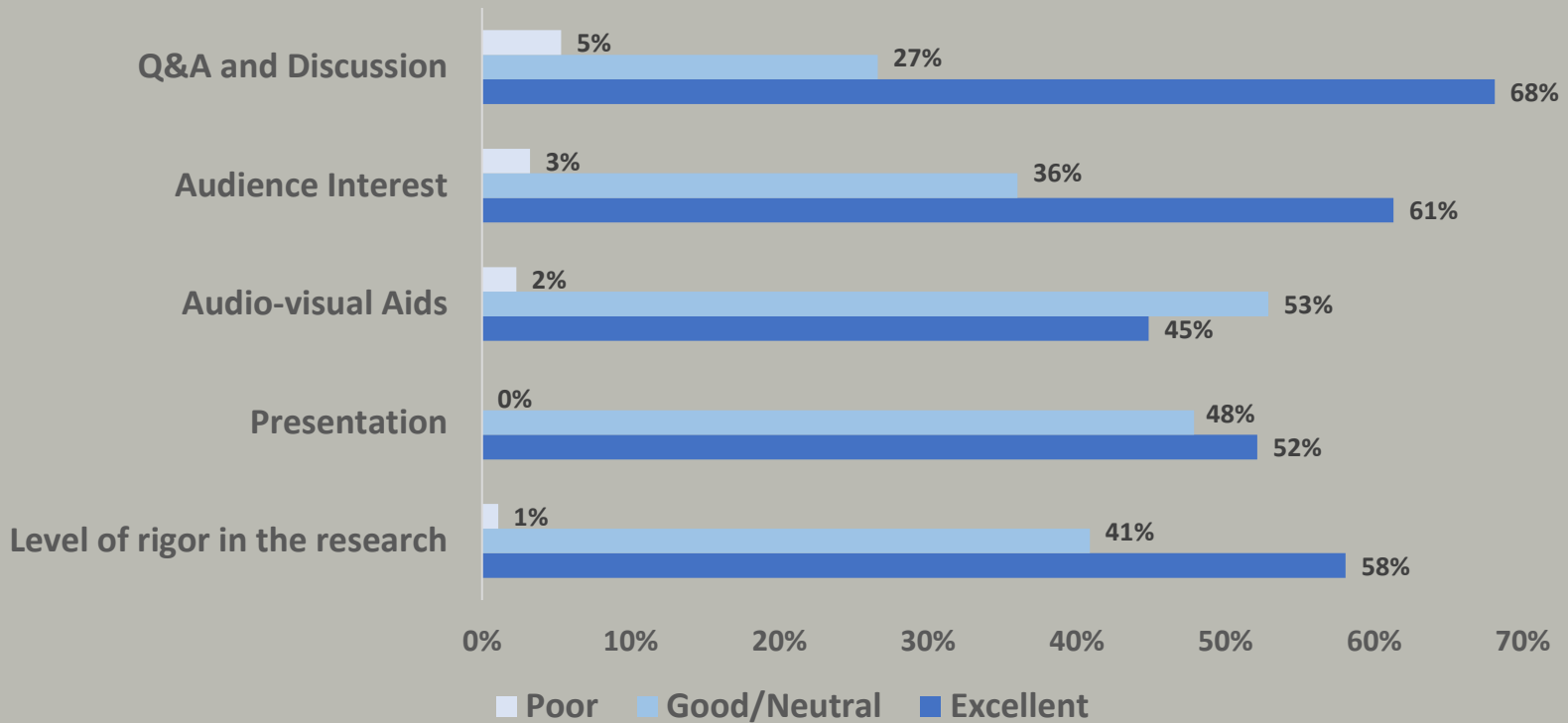
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In person only. I attended the session I was invited for, but we moved it online and independently advertised.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)



	Poor (1)	Good/Neutral (2)	Excellent (3)	Total
Q&A and Discussion	5	25	64	94
Audience Interest	3	33	57	93
Audio-visual Aids	2	46	39	87
Presentation	0	45	49	94
Level of rigor in the research	1	38	54	93

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Q&A and Discussion	1	3	2.63	0.58	0.34	94
Audience Interest	1	3	2.58	0.55	0.31	93
Audio-visual Aids	1	3	2.43	0.54	0.29	87
Presentation	2	3	2.52	0.50	0.25	94
Level of rigor in the research	1	3	2.57	0.52	0.27	93

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)

There were a number of AV issues in the sessions.

There were audio issues in one of the major panels in the session, and instead of dealing with the issue of the microphone not being on, the panelists chose not to use the microphone.

Discussion portions of sessions were dominated by session attendees who used the opportunity for making statements and/or declaration. I found this to close-off opportunities for a broader or more inclusive discourse and exchanges. The more meetings I attend the more I encounter graduate students saying the same things as other graduate students said the year before, as well. Entirely understandable and not controversial; in my experience, it leaves me unsatisfied. However, this may speak more to ways I need to evolve my participation and engagement in SSSP and the meetings as I have transitioned from graduate student to faculty -- something I have not quite figured out.

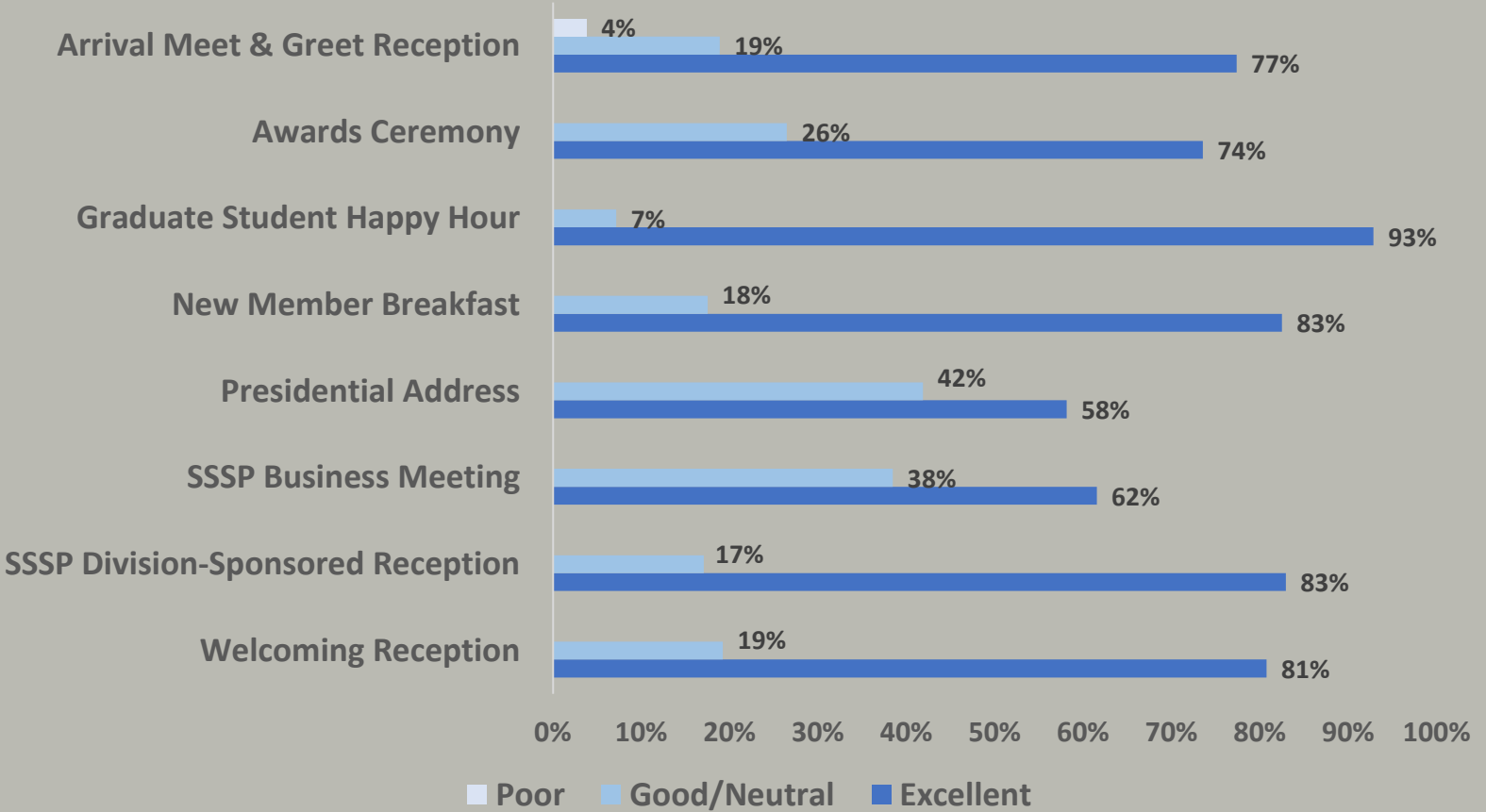
Not all the panels I attended had adequate time for questions.

Attendance felt very low, and there were a lot of cancelled speakers. Often the audience was the same size as the panel.

This year was hard due to COVID, but I think the audience could have been much more engaged. They were also a small audience. Maybe a HYBRID option would be best?

Statistic	Value
Respondents	6

Please rate your experience of the overall quality of the reception(s) and special event(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.



	Poor (1)	Good/ Neutral (2)	Excellent (3)	Total
Arrival Meet & Greet Reception	2	10	41	53
Awards Ceremony	0	9	25	34
Graduate Student Happy Hour	0	1	13	14
New Member Breakfast	0	7	33	40
Presidential Address	0	18	25	43
SSSP Business Meeting	0	10	16	26
SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	0	7	34	41
Welcoming Reception	0	10	42	52

Please rate your experience of the overall quality of the reception(s) and special event(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Arrival Meet & Greet Reception	1	3	2.74	0.52	0.27	53
Awards Ceremony	2	3	2.74	0.44	0.19	34
Graduate Student Happy Hour	2	3	2.93	0.26	0.07	14
New Member Breakfast	2	3	2.83	0.38	0.14	40
Presidential Address	2	3	2.58	0.49	0.24	43
SSSP Business Meeting	2	3	2.62	0.49	0.24	26
SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception	2	3	2.83	0.38	0.14	41
Welcoming Reception	2	3	2.81	0.39	0.16	52

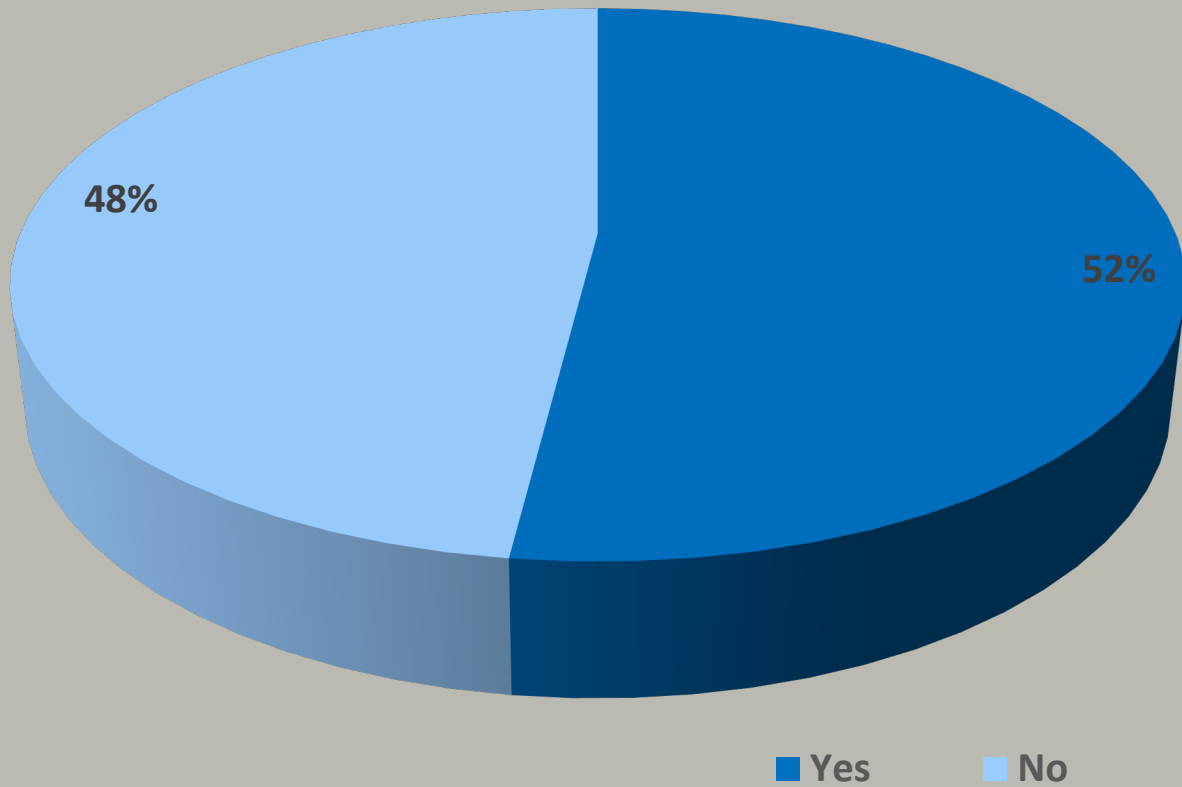
You said that you were dissatisfied with some aspect of the reception(s) and/or special event(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting. Please tell us why.

I felt very unable to fit in at the first event I attended, and wound up 'chickening out' of going to anything else. While it was nice that food was provided, there weren't really any vegetarian options, not enough info about what kind of food or drinks are available put me off going to more. Especially true because the actual schedule for the conference left very few / short gaps to go out and get food if that was something you needed to do. The breakfast worked better for me as a mixer.

little to eat

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

Did you stay at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza?



Responses	Count
No (1)	48
Yes (2)	52

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.52	0.5	0.25	100

What was the main reason you did not stay at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza?

Lived in city

I was also attending ASA and chose a hotel close to the Omni that would also shuttle me to ASA.

Price

Live in LA

NA

Also attended ASA, wanted to be closer to convention center. Also, Marriott is a better hotel.

Too expensive compared to another hotel and no transportation from the Omni to ASA.

I stayed with family in the area.

As a graduate student, I needed to split the cost of the room with someone. No other graduates in my department were attending SSSP. In order to room with them, I needed to stay in an ASA hotel.

It was more affordable elsewhere

Stayed at an ASA hotel nearby

It was WAY too expensive. The irony of scholars studying inequalities and then staying at such a pricey hotel in LA, especially as a graduate student who received no financial assistance from their university or SSSP is just.....a lot.

I stayed for free with a friend

Cost

I live in Los Angeles.

Money. I stayed at a hotel not far from the Omni for half the price.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza?

Wanted a more causal and cheaper accommodation.

too expensive and far from ASA

Cost

cost and room arrangements

stayed with local friend to save money

I had to bring my children with me, and rooms were not big enough (beds) to accommodate my family. I wish that SSSP would negotiate a discount on some larger rooms, or at least ensure there are some options with queen beds. There was just no way to fit everyone in one room and, given the small reimbursement my university provides, I could not pay for two rooms per night. We stayed at a nearby hotel that had more options in room/bed size. In general, I wish the society would think more about parents who travel to these meetings and have to bring along children with them.

Expensive!

I was in Australia

in between ASA and SSSP

Too expensive

I also went to ASA so I stayed at a hotel that was still within walking distance to SSSP and also on ASA's shuttle route.

I live in LA.

Cost

I watched the IE sessions via Zoom and did not travel to LA for two reasons: 1) CDC high risk in LA county-- increase in risk 2) very heavy monsoon storms across the desert to LA. I had planned to drive.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza?

We had our kids with us which made it difficult given the Covid situation.

I could not attend the meeting in person due to the ongoing threat that COVID-19 poses to clinically vulnerable people.

Too expensive and difficult to navigate driving (I drove to the conference from out of state). I know SSSP often has little say in where/when the conference is since it is scheduled around ASA, but the commitment to hosting in a major, expensive, and often inaccessible city has really been harrowing over the years. Grad students cannot easily afford conferences like this - this cost me \$1000 in accommodations alone and I may get no support from my university. Even if I make more in the future, the idea that we need to expend so much of personal expenses to attend such an important conference really is saddening every year.

too expensive

I did not have the budget

The price was very high

Cost

I was also attending ASA, so I chose a hotel that was located between the two conferences.

Commuted.

To save money at an Airbnb

It's expensive. Honestly the cost of the conference is still a lot and very difficult to swing with limited institutional support for travel, not to mention some of my coauthors who have no institutional support.

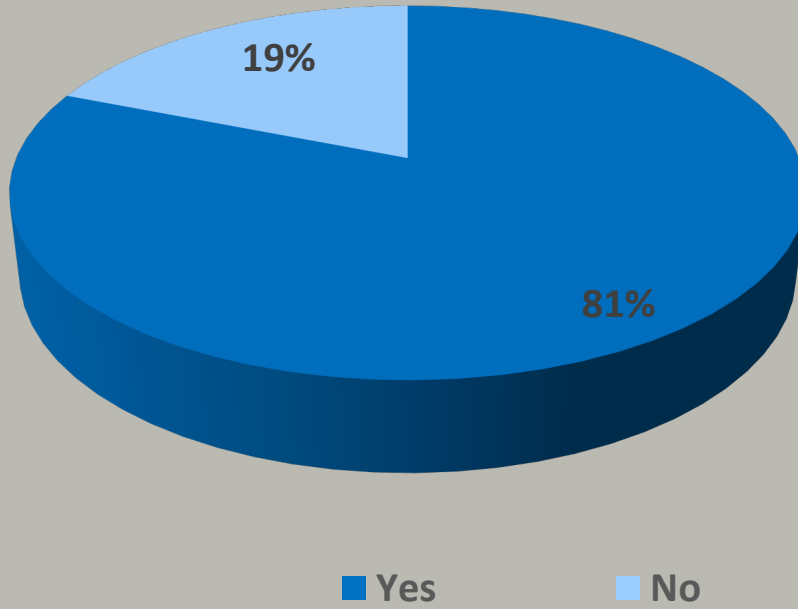
What was the main reason you did not stay at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza?

The SSSP rooms were sold out and the rate went up.

Too expensive/far from ASA

Statistic	Value
Respondents	43

Are you likely to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA?



Responses	Count
No (1)	19
Yes (2)	81

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.81	0.39	0.15	100

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA?

Retired

cost of travel and accommodation

Traveling to ISA conference

I wish I could answer "maybe." I would LOVE to, but the cost is so prohibitive. I was only able to attend in LA because I am currently in Oregon, and was visiting family in central CA, so I was able to drive the conference instead of fly. Flying across the country is unfortunately likely impossible.

I don't live in America. If I did, I would certainly participate.

Retired. Not presenting.

Funding, put off by low attendance and lack of accessibility (i.e. long sessions with few / short breaks, no recording or hybrid attendance options). If I can only get funding for one conference in north america, I might try something else.

unsure at moment if I will

Wasn't clear what value this provided for professional development or networking. Structures in place (e.g. overpacked schedule blocks, receptions, breakfasts) don't do anything to intentionally build connections. Everyone just joined together with known others.

There are no virtual options advertised for participation. I refuse to support organizations that engage in ableist practices that exclude immunocompromised or otherwise clinically vulnerable association members.

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA?

Location

Undesirable location

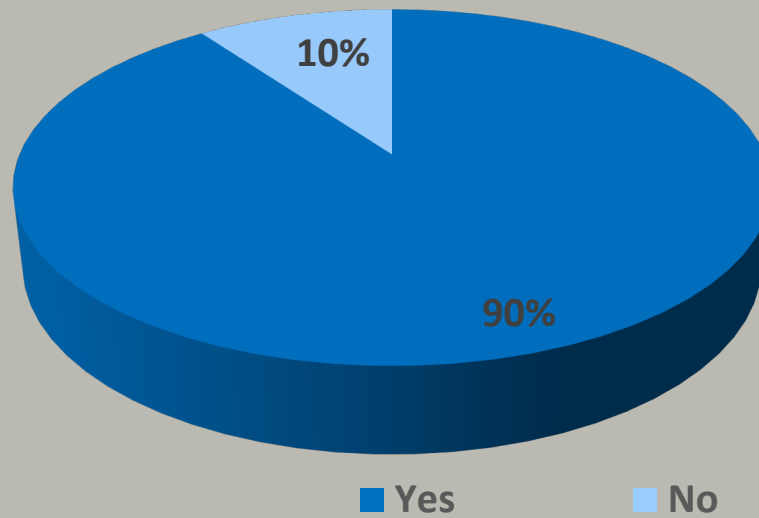
Funding

I will graduate by then and it is quite far from the West Coast where I live.

It's too far away, too expensive to attend.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	15

Are you aware of SSSP's policy on sexual harassment and other forms of harassment, including options for reporting instances of harassment?



Responses	Count
No (1)	10
Yes (2)	90

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.90	0.30	0.09	100

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#	Answer	%	Count
1	Physical assault and/or the threat of physical assault	0.0%	0
2	Unwanted touching	0.0%	0
3	Offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, put-downs, and/or name-calling	0.0%	0
4	Persistent unwanted attention and/or invasion of personal space	33.3%	2
5	Shown unsolicited suggestive or offensive materials	0.0%	0
6	Stared, leered, or ogled at in any way that made you feel uncomfortable	0.0%	0
7	Offensive remark based on your race or ethnicity, gender or gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or immigrant status, age, class or ability	33.3%	2
8	Other form of harassment not included in the above categories:	16.7%	1
9	Felt pressured by someone with more status or power to engage in uncomfortable or unwanted interactions	16.7%	1
	Total	100%	6

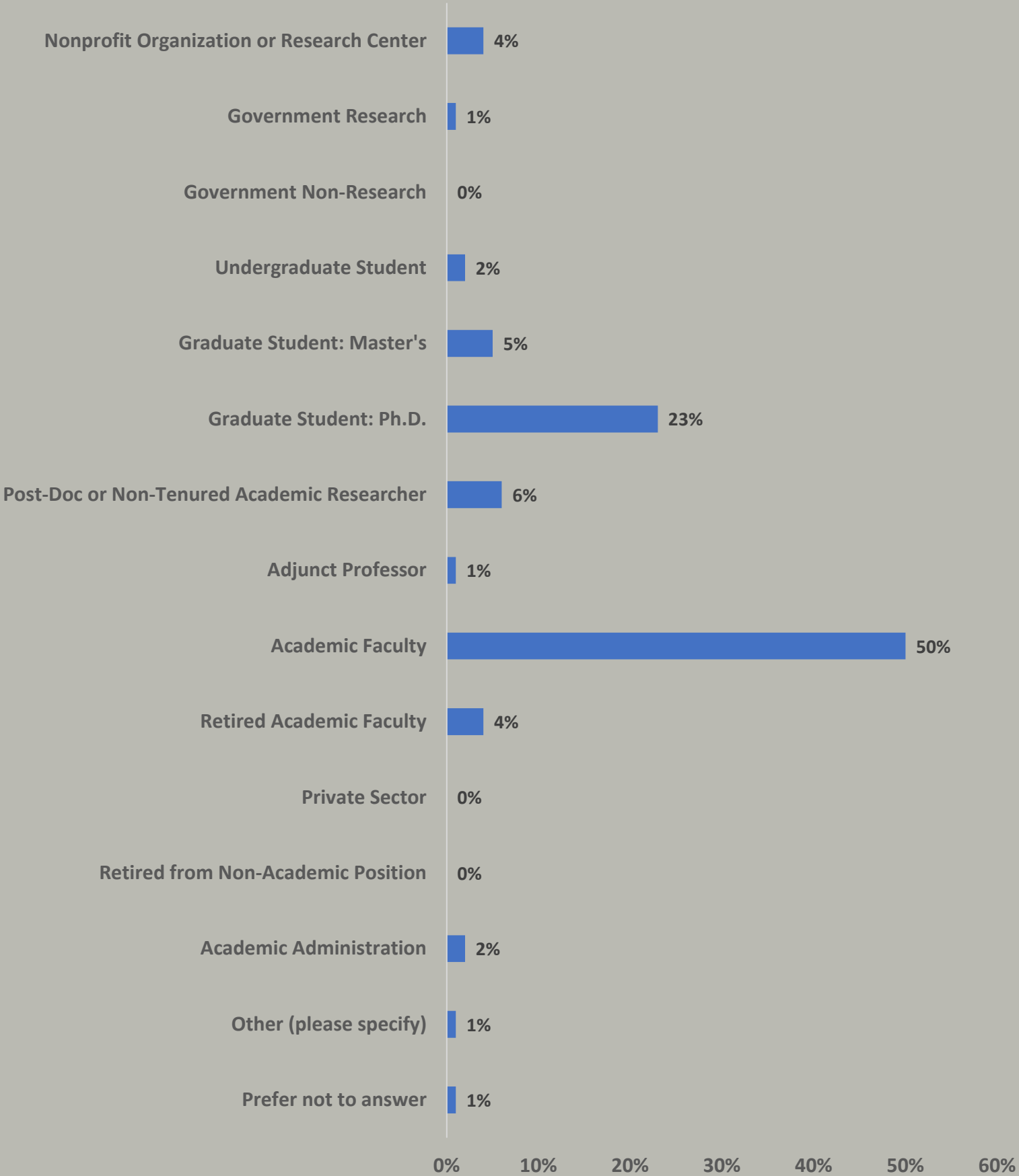
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Other form of harassment not included in the above categories: Text Response

No

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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Answer	Count	Percent
Nonprofit Organization or Research Center	4	4%
Government Research	1	1%
Government Non-Research	0	0%
Undergraduate Student	2	2%
Graduate Student - Master's	5	5%
Graduate Student - Ph.D.	23	23%
Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher	6	6%
Adjunct Professor	1	1%
Academic Faculty (i.e., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)	50	50%
Retired Academic Faculty	4	4%
Private Sector	0	0%
Retired from Non-Academic Position	0	0%
Academic Administration (i.e., Department Head, Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, President)	2	2%
Other (please specify)	1	1%
Prefer not to answer	1	1%
Total	100	100%

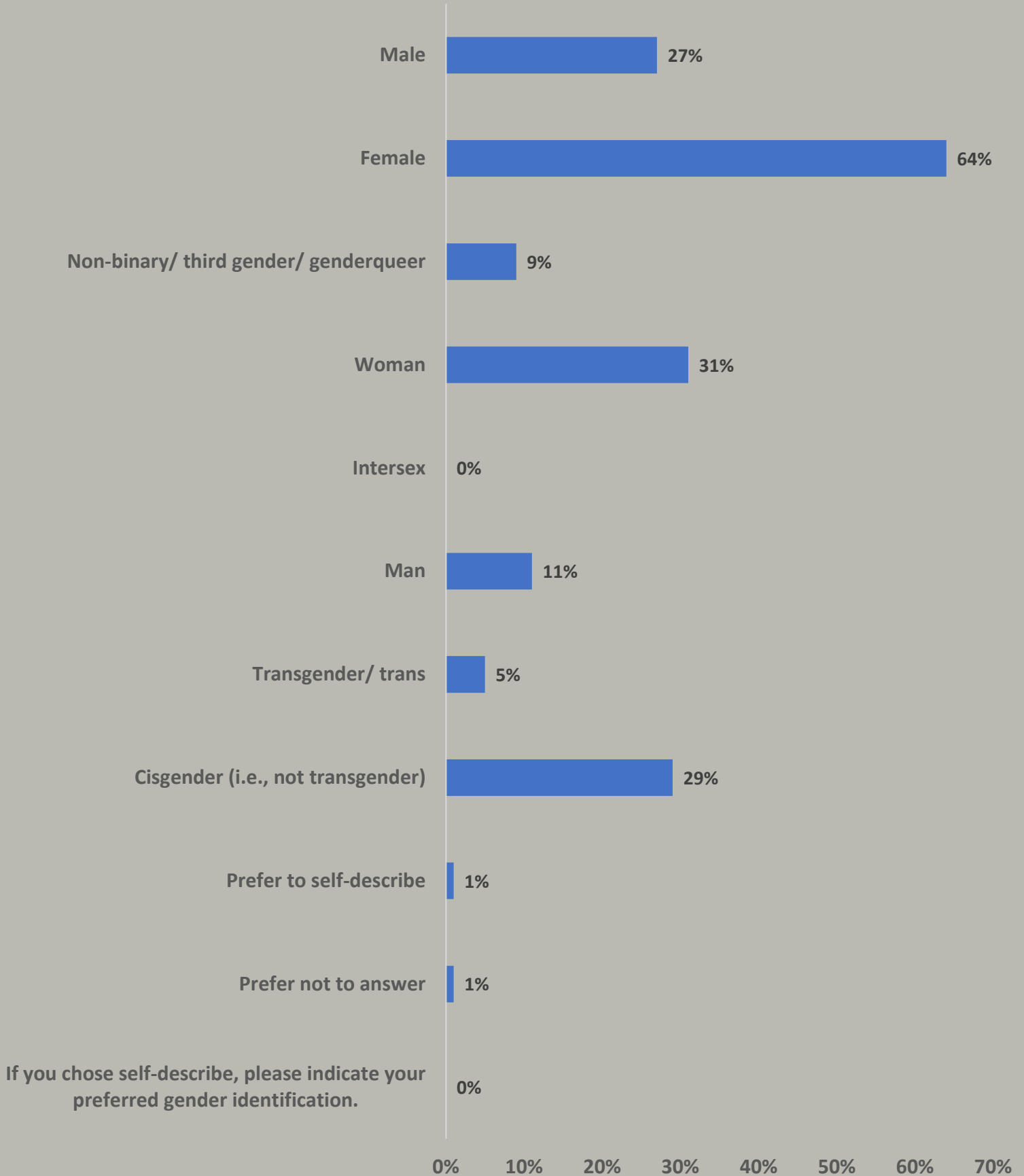
What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

Other (please specify) – Text Response

Self employed

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

What gender/sex categories apply to you? (please check all that apply)



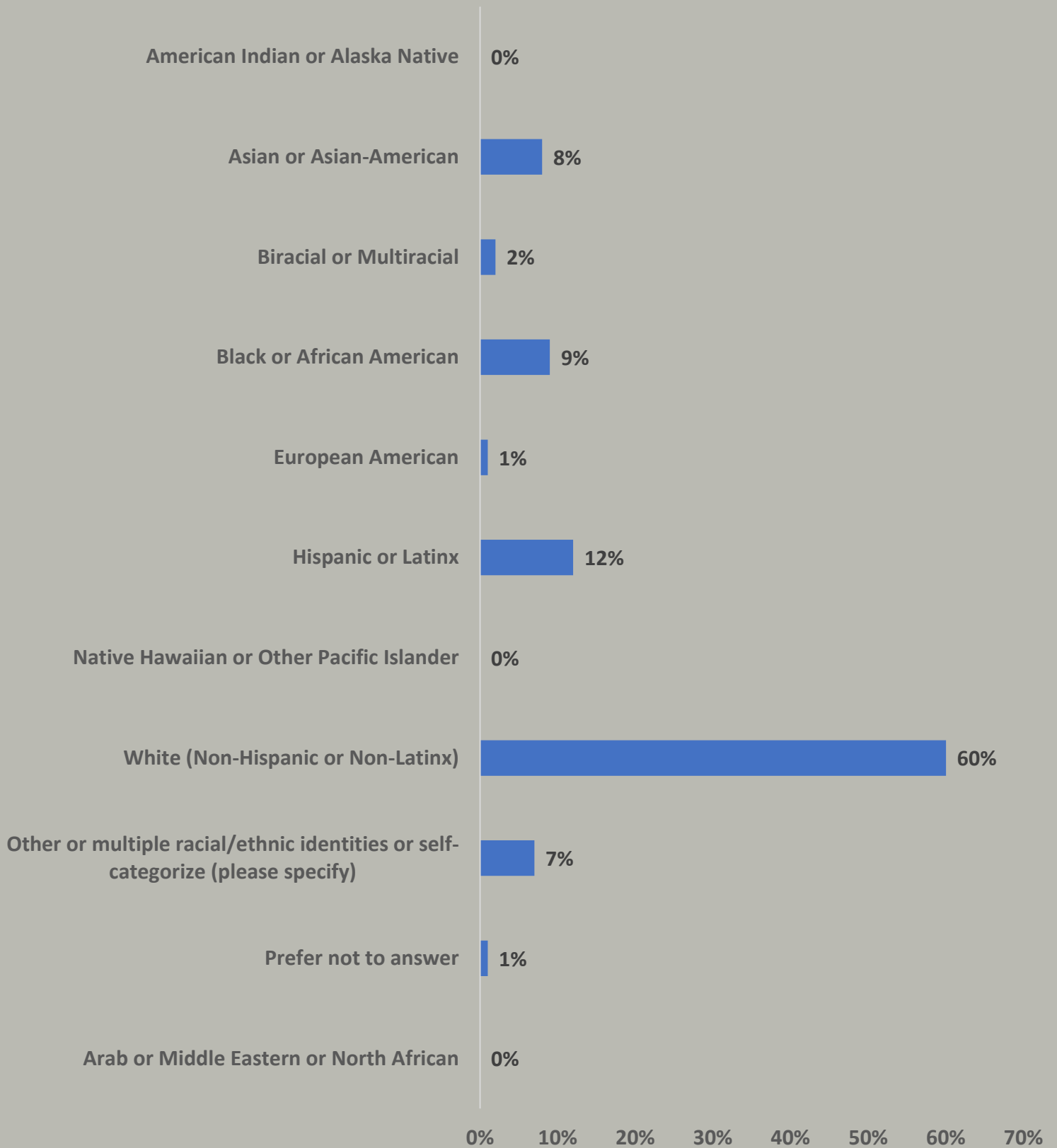
If you chose self-describe, please indicate your preferred gender identification.

What gender/sex categories apply to you? (please check all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Male	27	27%
Female	64	64%
Non-binary/ third gender/ genderqueer	9	9%
Woman	31	31%
Intersex	0	0%
Man	11	11%
Transgender/ trans	5	5%
Cisgender (i.e., not transgender)	29	29%
Prefer to self-describe	1	1%
Prefer not to answer	1	1%
If you chose self-describe, please indicate your preferred gender identification.	0	0%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
178	100

Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



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Answer	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%
Asian or Asian-American	8	8%
Biracial or Multiracial	2	2%
Black or African American	9	9%
European American	1	1%
Hispanic or Latinx	12	12%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0%
White (Non-Hispanic or Non-Latinx)	60	60%
Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)	7	7%
Prefer not to answer	1	1%
Arab or Middle Eastern or North African	0	0%
Total	100	100%

Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify) – Text Response

Italian-Canadian

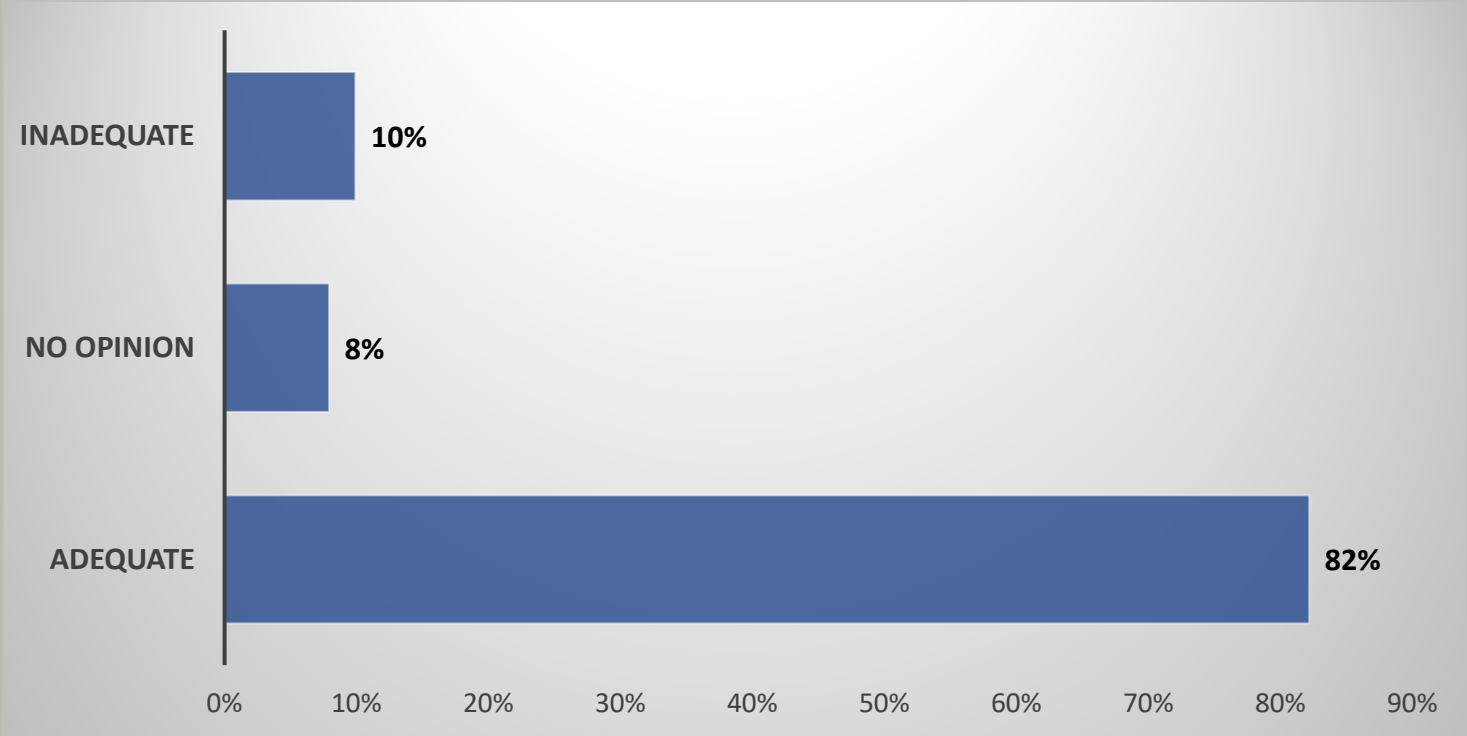
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Metis

White latinx

white/Asian

Based on your experience, please rate the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol.



	Responses
Inadequate (1)	10
No Opinion (2)	8
Adequate (3)	83

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	3	2.74	0.59	0.35	101

You said that based on your experience the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol was inadequate. Please tell us why.

We needed to have an online option for those of us who live with others that are high risk and unable to be vaccinated. Travel does not likely endanger me, but it puts members of my household at a higher risk if I end up getting COVID. Being in airports and other public spaces increased risks to a level I am uncomfortable with knowing that I must go home to someone who is high risk. At the meeting was fine, but the travel is the one area that could not be controlled.

booster requirement too strict, especially in some individual situations

There is no point in having in-person meetings during a pandemic. Risking my own health, and that of my family, just to present some research and see some old colleagues is simply not worth it to me. If there was an online option I would be far more enthusiastic and satisfied about the COVID-19 protocol.

I know it's a tough place to be in, and we all wanted to meet in person. But it's not great for an organization typically so committed to justice to not offer any online accommodations, at the very least. Of course, no one could have predicted a surge, but given our years of practice at this point, I think it is more than reasonable to "expect the unexpected" and plan accordingly.

Daily COVID-19 testing should be required for all attendees. Virtual participation options need to be made available for those who are likely to suffer severe consequences from COVID-19 infection.

See previous comment! Ableist

I know there are financial reasons for this but not having hybrid options is ableist and continues to promote the exclusion and ostracization of sick and disabled scholars and activists from the annual conference.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	7

**How did you become aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol
for the Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply.)**

Answer	Percentage	Count
Registration	32.5%	67
Email from Session Organizer/President	18.5%	38
Email from Division Chair	8.7%	18
Email from Administrative Office	33.5%	69
Word of Mouth	3.9%	8
Other	2.9%	6
Total	100%	206

**Please tell us how you became aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol
for the meeting: Other – Text Response**

Am member of Board of Directors.

website/ app

BOD

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

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I would just emphasize that its important for organizers and panelists to be aware of how to use microphones, so that people who are hearing impaired can fully participate. In the Presidential panel I attended, the first panelist to pick up the microphone, tried to use it, didn't hold it close enough to their mouth, then turned it off. When participants were told that they could not be heard, instead of turning the handheld microphone back on, they each walked to the podium to use the microphone there. That soon became an impediment to the flow of the panel, but instead of using the handheld microphone, they spoke without it. This was a powerful, poignant, and substantive panel. Due to a small issue, much of it was not able to be heard by some people in the room.

NA

If SSSP wants to actually be accessible to all and support those with disabilities and those unable to afford expensive travel, they would hold the meeting as fully or partially virtual. At a minimum, disability scholars should be able to attend the disability talks/discussions virtually. I know many people who would pay a conference fee to attend if they didn't need to travel and could watch from their home.

I was disappointed that the only gender-neutral restroom was a women's restroom with a paper sign. I recognize the effort (and appreciate it!!!) but I also would have loved other options or single stall options for those who still don't feel safe in a women's restroom. I also would have loved if we all created a fragrance-free space. Snacks more conscientious of dietary restrictions would also be a nice option!

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The all-gender bathroom signage wasn't clear. In the past, there was a recommendation to remove or cover the host site's signage and replace it with our own. It's difficult to treat a bathroom that says "women" on it as an "all-gender" bathroom just because there's a sign in the hallway saying it's an all-gender restroom. I always opted to use my hotel bathroom, but that's not an option for folks staying elsewhere. In the future, covering the existing gendered signage on the site's restrooms would make the space more accessible.

Several of us were surprised that there was no coordinated approach to pronouns. I personally would have welcomed something akin to color communication badges (often used in autistic and ND spaces). We also really felt that hybrid / remote attendance options were really needed, both to help include the more vulnerable people in our communities, and to help session attendance.

The face-to-face only conference format was very inaccessible to many division members for health and other reasons. My division set up 'clandestine' zoom sessions to make this more accessible. Whilst this was fabulous to be included (I could not have attended otherwise), it was not regular and the audio-video quality was so-so because it wasn't a proper set up. I strongly urge you to consider hybrid conferences in future - this is so important for people who can not readily attend in person to still actively participate in critical discussions

NA

It was unfortunate that ASL could not be offered for programs

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You cannot claim to be "accessible to all" when holding an "in person only" meeting during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Immunocompromised and clinically extremely vulnerable scholars are excluded from participation by design. This is ableist. As an immunocompromised person I was grateful for the opportunity to have special permission granted to present via Zoom, but this is not something I should have had to ask for. It should be listed as an option for everyone when registering. Moreover, attendees who can't attend in person due to such a disability should not be required to pay a full conference fee when other events are not accessible to them virtually.

Three vaccination mandate is not accessible for international speakers and doesn't keep people safe (hence a co-president of mine who actually attended in person contracting COVID from an sssp presentation and therefore missing our ASA session)

My only concern was the lack of microphones in smaller presentation spaces. I've been persuaded speakers should always use them. I would also recommend on the list of position titles on future versions of this survey that you rethink listing "adjunct professor" as not "academic faculty." Sure they are.

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I appreciated that some presenters used auto-generated closed captioning for attendees.

The lack of a board-approved virtual/hybrid option was prohibitive for those who couldn't travel due to cost or caution regarding the pandemic.

pronouns and preferred name, rather than legal name, should be listed on the nametags

I do think the conference could be more accessible in terms of physical ability, though it's not something that impacted me directly.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	16

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NA

In support of full accommodations and support for people with disabilities and people with a lack of travel funds SSSP should offer a virtual option. This does not mean that the entire conference needs to be offered virtually. During the first year it could just be a selection of presentations (including the presidential address) for those who cannot otherwise attend. This could be a reduced virtual program.

I really appreciated the food. It was wonderful to be able to grab food for breakfast and join other people informally, and terrific to have the receptions outside. We were all grateful to be together, and having food to share easily and in a safe space made it even more meaningful to attend this year. Thank you, Michelle!!!

I think more screening and vetting of presentations is appropriate. One presentation called for increased law enforcement to address the issue of sex trafficking, and increased collaboration of social work professionals with law enforcement, with NO discussion of why some communities may not view this as a move toward safety. I understand not everyone is on board with police abolition, but to disregard police violence as a concern entirely, is very, very alarming. This same presentation continually referenced "asian nail salons" which could very easily fuel AAPI discrimination. This kind of behavior does not seem to align with SSSP's values, and it was so disappointing to witness. Add pronouns to name tags, please!! And make stating pronouns a regular part of introductions. I was misgendered many times. I also wonder if there are ways to live stream the sessions, for folks who cannot attend due to medical concerns? Just a thought - I am no tech expert!

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I want to clarify that the offensive comment I experienced because of my identity came from a friend later in the evening when we were socializing with other SSSP friends not part of an official SSSP event/reception. It was jarring, shocking, and hurtful, but I wouldn't attribute it to SSSP as an organization. It was my friend being offensive.

I spoke to some grad students who, because of cost, were staying outside of the city or at least a far distance from the meeting site. There was a suggestion of adding amenities to the comfort room, so that folks who are in the conference hotel all day long might have someplace to rest other than in public spaces or at a table. There was discussion of some type of space to take a nap (the individual I spoke with had some fatigue issues, and they took their nap on a couch in a public space, but would have preferred somewhere more private). I know that might be a difficult thing logistically given COVID and such, but even some type of comfortable lounge chair or bean bag chairs, perhaps, that are portable and would allow people to recline might be of use. As far as the awards ceremony, a reach out to folks who received awards asking them about how to pronounce their name properly would, I think, create a more inclusive environment. I do want to say that this annual meeting was one of the best I've attended - the food was excellent, the administrative staff were super helpful, and the environment was (as always) friendly, welcoming and supportive. For the most part I think SSSP is getting things right - I offer the above suggestions in perhaps moving the needle a bit further.

Perhaps more workshops should be offered.

This was such a lovely conference to attend post-Covid. I had some of the best, intellectually exciting, and thoughtful conversations and interactions at SSSP. And, I've been slowly trying to get others--particularly those who are frustrated with ASA--to attend next year and become members.

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I really enjoyed how some Critical Dialogue sessions shifted their chairs into a circle. However, I noticed that the vast majority of those who occupied the "circle" seats were White, and people of color including myself were sitting off to the side of the circle. In one session, I was the only person of color sitting in the "circle" and tried to invite others to widen the circumference but I think the racial disparity of who was in those seats discouraged some folks from wanting to join the circle. During the session, this also impacted who was talking and was paid attention to, since those off to the side were sort of out of sight, out of mind, and out of our discussion. I understand folks were just filtering into seats but did not realize that they were taking up space.

- As someone who hasn't visited North America before, I actually felt quite unsafe in the surrounding area. The one time I did venture alone more than a block away, I got shouted at in the streets. Not sure what SSSP can do about it, but maybe more local info is helpful. There was no way I was going to venture out very far alone. - I would have benefitted from more social stuff aimed at international guests, or at least more social stuff earlier in the day as jetlag made evening things hard. Anything after 6pm was impossible. - No gap for lunch in the schedule was a bit brutal, I had to opt to miss at least one presentation slot a day...

Provide an online option for those of us who do not want to travel during a pandemic. I have a kid who cannot be vaccinated at this point in time. The conference ended up taking a couple week toll on my family life in order to reduce my child's likelihood of getting COVID.

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I've gone back and forth as to whether or not to address this, but it seems important to note. The session entitled "Successful strategies for community organizing" included a presentation by Linn Huff-Corzine and Debbie Griffin titled "Battling Evil: Organizing Research, Education, and Service to Combat Human Trafficking." During this session, they presented only carceral solutions to address the social problem of human trafficking. The researchers touted strengthened partnerships with police and coercive carceral solutions like halfway houses and house arrest as evidence the partnership was "working." They deputized those in the audience to inspect licenses at "Asian nail salons," using that phrase repeatedly, and encouraged audience members to call the police if the licenses "looked duplicated." Aside from the really bad design and results (an increase in arrests does NOT mean the intervention is working. A decrease in the number of human trafficking survivors might, but that is demonstrably not true year-over-year), I hope it's obvious that the harmful framing above is more than a difference of opinion, but represents some systemic violence against communities of sex workers, AAPI folks, and people of color more generally. As an organization who purports to be leading conversations on liberatory theories of change, this fell well short of that standard. Not to mention, the presenters of this paper also served as the presider and discussant of the session. I was really, really disappointed to see this somehow make it to the conference. Please reconsider your screening methods to include lenses that oppose state and systemic violence, and refuse papers that encourage increased surveillance against already marginalized communities.

See previous comment urging for hybrid events for future meetings

Nope. You folks did a superb job. Congratulations and thank you!

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It was amazing! It was a welcoming environment to present and discuss research in. Everyone was so friendly and it was very inviting to discuss my research and interests with others. Plus all of the food was phenomenal!!

please please print program! could be very basic, but please print

I was disappointed that SSSP did not provide a virtual meeting format also. I know it is costly, but my division on institutional ethnography organized a Zoom feature for many people unable to travel to LA. Did not compare to last year's SSSP meeting, but allowed many of us to tune in. The IE division is international. Many participants were unable to obtain funding to travel to US because of Covid or felt at risk because of increases in LA county in the weeks before the meetings and lack of mask mandates on air travel. Although I intended to come to meetings, had reservation at Omni Hotel, I cancelled for two reasons: 1) the increase risk of Covid per CDC guidelines of LA county as high risk level. 2) I had planned to drive to LA, but the national weather service began posting flash flood warnings through out the region along I10, the route I planned to drive. Monsoon rains particularly strong this season.

Offer virtual participation options for immunocompromised and disabled scholars from the outset. The COVID-19 pandemic will likely still be raging in 2023.

Cost can be prohibitive for community college faculty and adjuncts. More online options would benefit those who cannot afford to attend in person.

It was my first time, and I'm happy to return!

I was pleased with the meeting, glad to be back in person. The hotel was a good choice, too.

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Include pronoun stickers that could be made available for attendees to choose from if they want at the registration table. The presentation sessions were longer than usual and there were also at least 5 people in most panels so maybe having 4 people (with some exceptions) in each panel would be helpful.

Include pronoun stickers or indicators on nametags and remove institutional affiliation.

It was my first experience at the SSSP meetings and I enjoyed the more casual format. Still, I felt a little dislocated, coming from Brazil. I thought it was an international congress, but the topics are very US-centred and researches from other countries appear as just an "exotic anecdote".

I would strongly recommend looking harder into virtual/hybrid options for those who cannot attend due to cost or caution regarding the pandemic.

I think it would be worthwhile to consider going hybrid next year, particularly if the pandemic is ongoing. This would be more inclusive for those who are at high-risk and cannot attend without risking their health. It would also make the sessions hopefully feel less choppy. I know this was the first year back in person and there were some learning curves, which is to be expected! But there were a handful of panels very sparsely attended and in some cases presenters did not make it as well because they became sick at the last minute or had trouble with travel. Allowing for a hybrid option would allow people to opt-into the conference in the way that works best for them.

This was a great conference, thank you for it. I also appreciate the help in funding. Thank you for that support, I appreciate you all.

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I'd love to see us rethink how we go about organizing conferences. It's always so surreal and strange to be talking about social problems at a fancy hotel often in neighborhoods that are hit hard by issues like homelessness, and without active involvement of regular community members in the conference. It's very very academic, and very exclusive, and that's it's own interesting and useful experience to network with other academics, but I'd love to see more integration with the local community whether that's some aspects of the conference (like presidential sessions or something) that are more accessible to the general public to attend for a lower cost, and/or more engagement with organizers in the local region on campaigns that matter that we contribute and support during our time gathering together. Getting back to radical roots, and rethinking how to make conferences support social change would be a powerful shift. I feel like over the years SSSP has become more similar to ASA, rather than embracing the ways and reasons why it is unique and different.

Perhaps make it hybrid!

I would recommend that pronouns be included on the meeting badges next year. I heard from quite a few people that their pronouns were not used or respected in a session or by someone at the conference, so I think that including pronouns on badges could help to mitigate some of those issues at future conferences.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	30