

2025 Annual Meeting Survey Results

Insurgent Sociology in a Time of Crises



SSSP 2025 Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

September 12, 2025

With **443 attendees registered** and **81 responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2025 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.

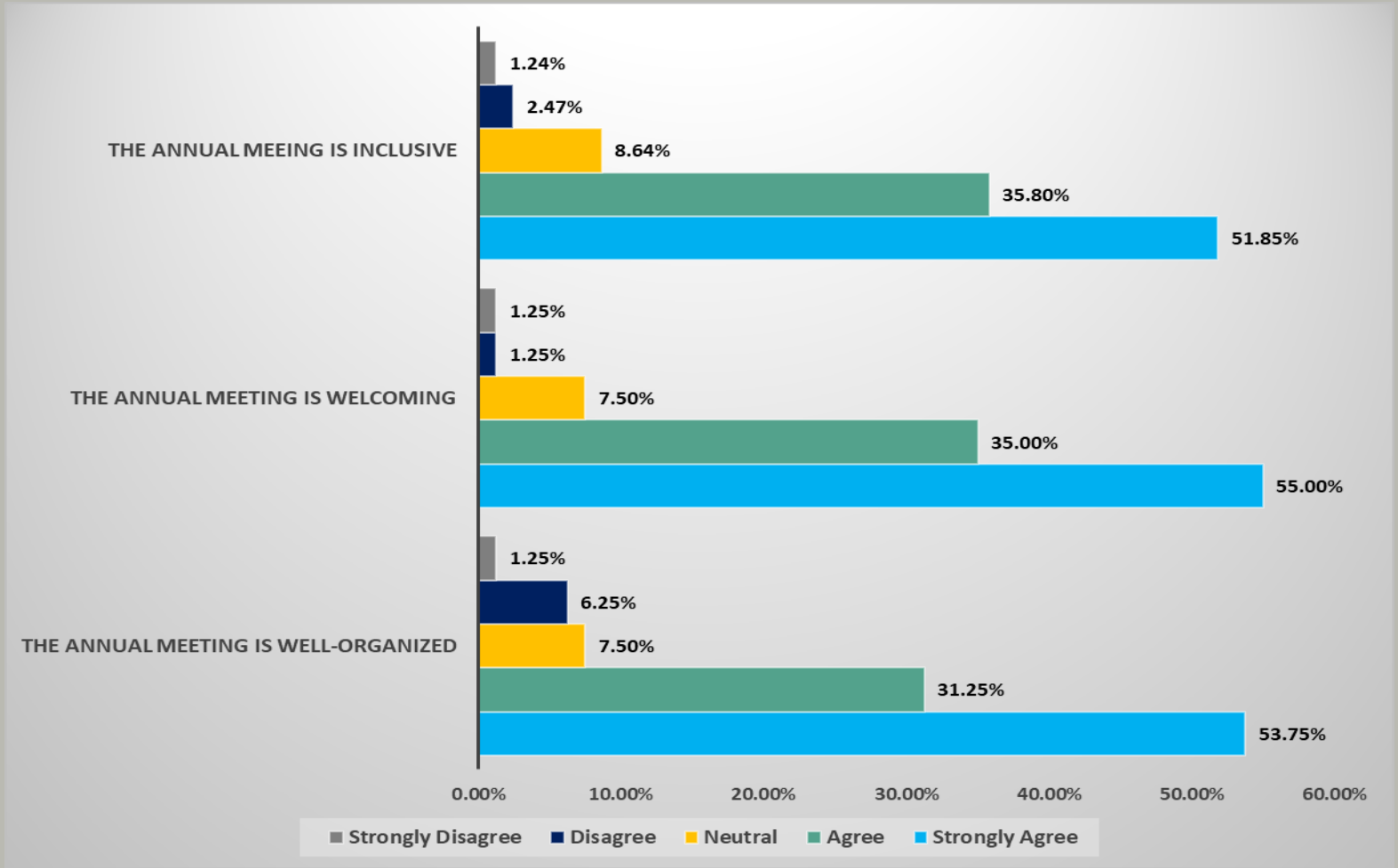
The survey was open for two weeks from August 20 through September 3 and achieved an **18% participation rate**.

In this report, you'll 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 of 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 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 29 | 42 | 81 |
| The annual meeting is welcoming | 1 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 44 | 80 |
| The annual meeting is well-organized | 1 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 43 | 80 |

| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| The annual meeting is inclusive | 1 | 5 | 4.35 | 0.83 | 0.7 | 81 |
| The annual meeting is welcoming | 1 | 5 | 4.41 | 0.79 | 0.62 | 80 |
| The annual meeting is well-organized | 1 | 5 | 4.3 | 0.94 | 0.88 | 80 |

You stated that the annual meeting was not inclusive.

please consider that a virtual component is necessary. Many colleagues and students are experiencing lack of funds for travelling and conferences, therefore the risk of a decrease in attendance is real. A hybrid or virtual option would include those who, for several different reasons (e.g., disability, coming from different states and countries, low income, etc), cannot participate in person.

It was extrememly difficult for our Canadian scholars to attend with no consideration for travel restrictions.

As a white male (with very diverse background) I feel I need to walk on egg shells and judgment is always right around the corner. Not sure if SSSP is a safe and inclusive place anymore.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 3 |

You stated that the annual meeting was not welcoming.

The young woman at registration desk did not volunteer information. Nothing in the big room that pulled people together. Didn't see much smiling or interest in talking to people from other attendees.

Same as above.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 2 |

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

It felt like the organizers want to push our working group out of the organization and made it very difficult to form our final schedule.

The presider of my panel was late and mentioned she didn't know she was assigned this role until she searched for her name in the online program the night before. Given that my session was a critical dialogue, the role of the presider was crucial. Since she didn't even know she was the presider/discussant, she didn't read the papers and, therefore, could not provide helpful comments to the presenters. It all felt very disorganized. The presider didn't even know the dynamic of a "critical dialogue" session, and I had to explain to her what it was and what her role was supposed to be.

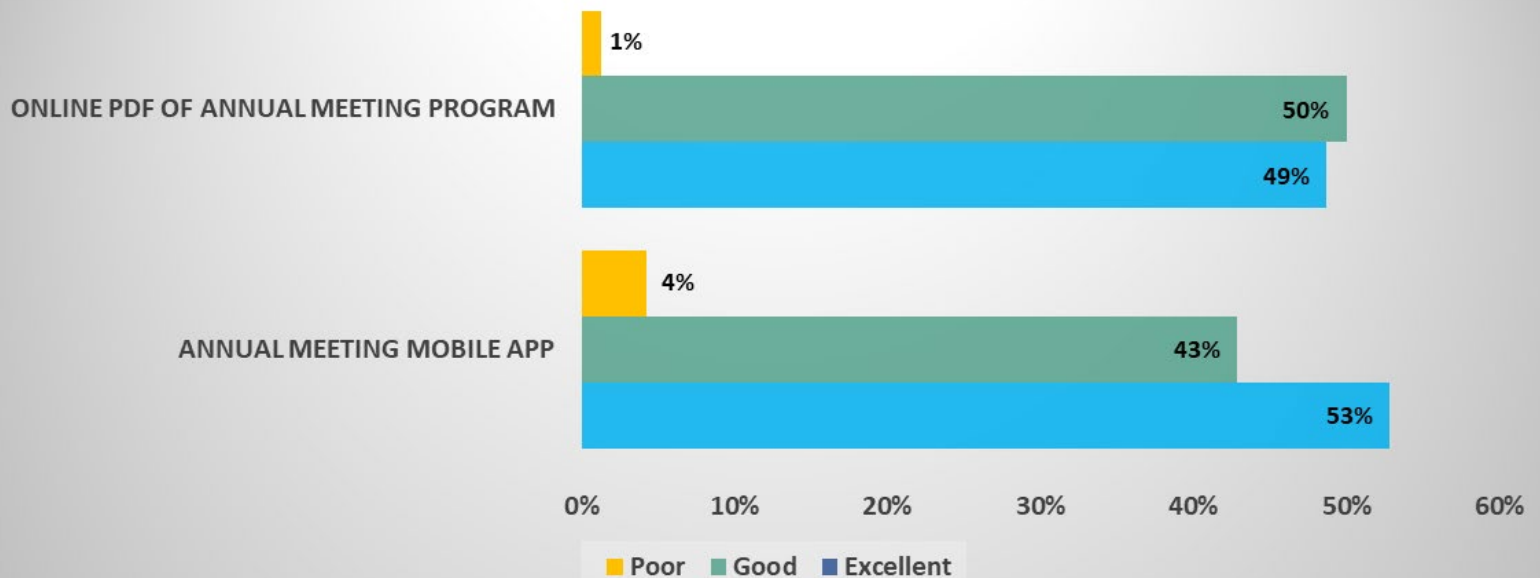
The hotel was a labyrinth and not a lot of clear communication about what was where. It was also unclear when key events were- more emails would have been great.

The hotel was an absolute maze. I looked for directions in e-mails and the app for clear instructions on where to check in for registration and found nothing about the 6th floor being "home base."

Presiders quit at the last minute. Presenters complained about being poorly assigned to paper sessions. All paper sessions I attended went over the allotted time, causing delays for the next session.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 5 |

Based on your experience, please rate the following items.



| | Poor (1) | Good (2) | Excellent (3) | Total Responses |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Online pdf of Annual Meeting program | 1 | 39 | 38 | 78 |
| Annual Meeting Mobile App | 3 | 30 | 37 | 70 |

| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|------------------|----------|-------|
| Online pdf of Annual Meeting program | 1 | 3 | 2.47 | 0.52 | 0.27 | 78 |
| Annual Meeting Mobile App | 1 | 3 | 2.49 | 0.58 | 0.34 | 70 |

You said that you are dissatisfied with the online .pdf of the Annual Meeting Program.

| Statistic | Value |
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| Respondents | 0 |

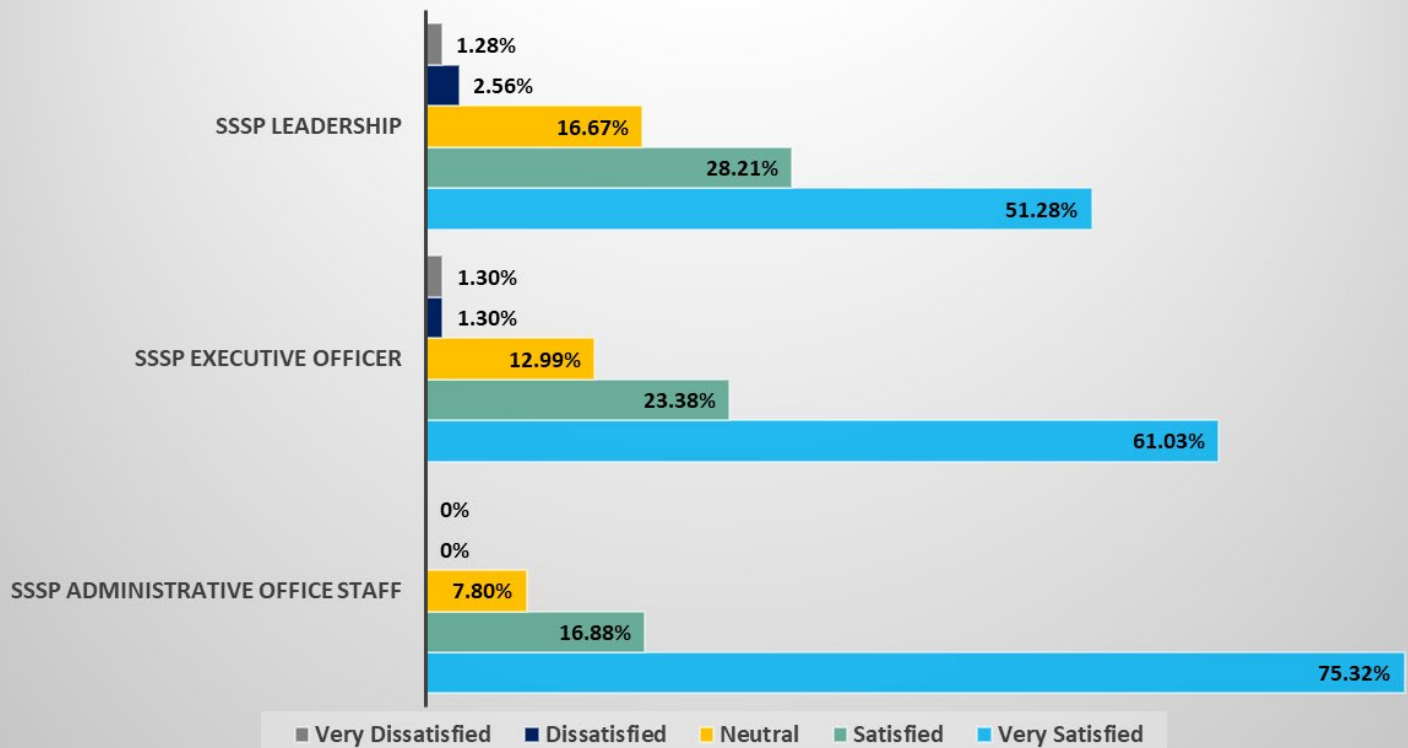
You said that you are dissatisfied with the Annual Meeting mobile app.

just would SO much prefer a printed program!!!!

I honestly didn't know it existed. I would have used it. Better communication on this would be great.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 2 |

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 | 2 | 13 | 22 | 40 | 78 |
| SSSP Executive Officer | 1 | 1 | 10 | 18 | 47 | 77 |
| SSSP Administrative Office Staff | 0 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 58 | 77 |

| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| SSSP Leadership | 1 | 5 | 4.26 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 78 |
| SSSP Executive Officer | 1 | 5 | 4.42 | 0.86 | 0.74 | 77 |
| SSSP Administrative Office Staff | 3 | 5 | 4.68 | 0.61 | 0.38 | 77 |

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

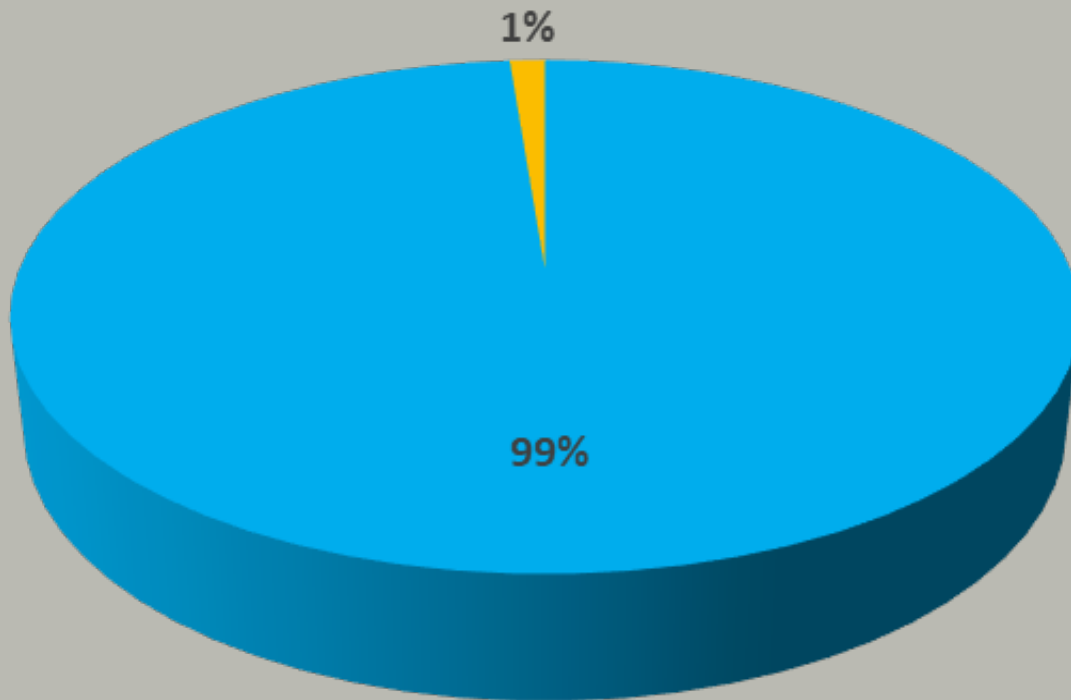
Again, it feels like leadership is trying to eliminate our working group.

It seems like leadership is giving up on this organization by not adapting to the broader climate and changes occurring such as the need to have virtual spaces, affordable fees, and the cutting of division sessions which will ultimately reduce the number of participants on the program.

The Board and other committees engaged in the governance and leadership of SSSP have not responded to the moment and demand for change management with clarity, leadership, a strategic vision, or clear strategy for allowing others to develop solutions, if they de developed more democratically, etc. It's been a dithering and uncommitted reactive approach - a failure of leadership.

| Statistic | Value |
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| Respondents | 3 |

Did you pre-register for the Annual Meeting?

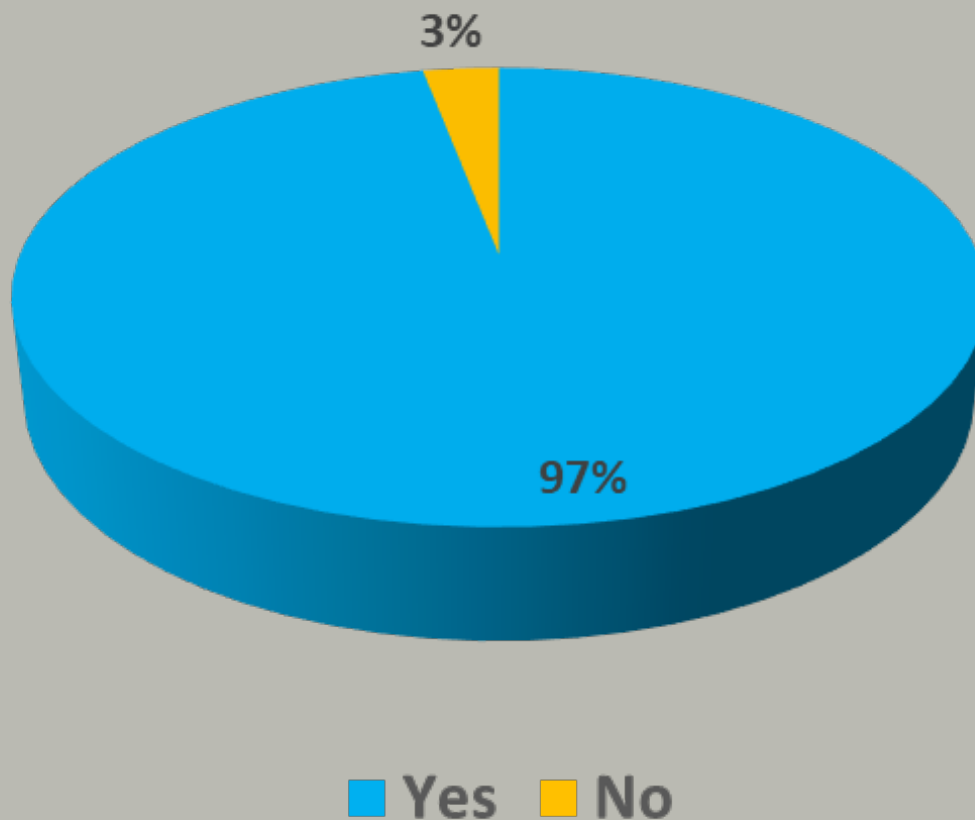


■ Yes ■ No

| | Responses |
|---------|-----------|
| No (1) | 1 |
| Yes (2) | 78 |
| Total | 79 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 1.99 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 79 |

Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?



| | Responses |
|---------|-----------|
| No (1) | 2 |
| Yes (2) | 76 |
| Total | 78 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 1.97 | 0.16 | 0.02 | 78 |

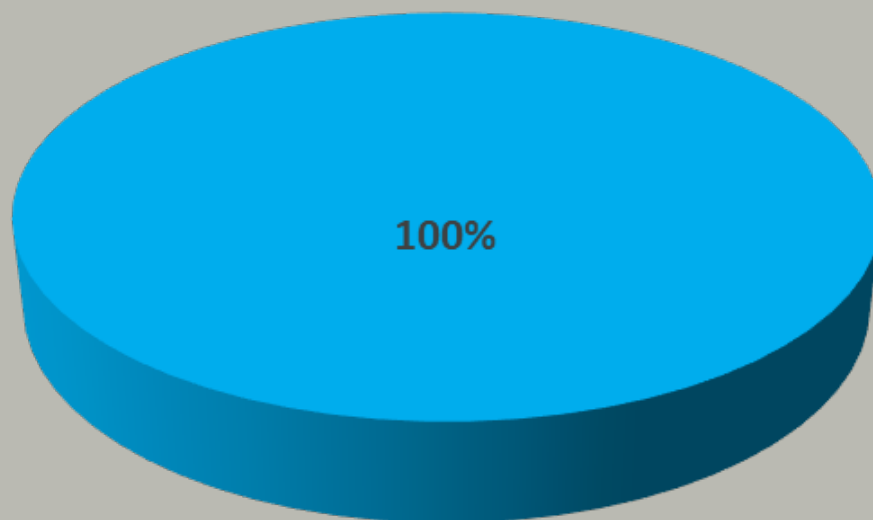
Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?

Website hard to navigate

The registration for the conference was great however the reservation for the hotel did not work adequately and I ended up booking directly through Hilton (not capturing me as conference participant) .

| Statistic | Value |
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| Respondents | 2 |

Was the onsite registration process satisfactory?

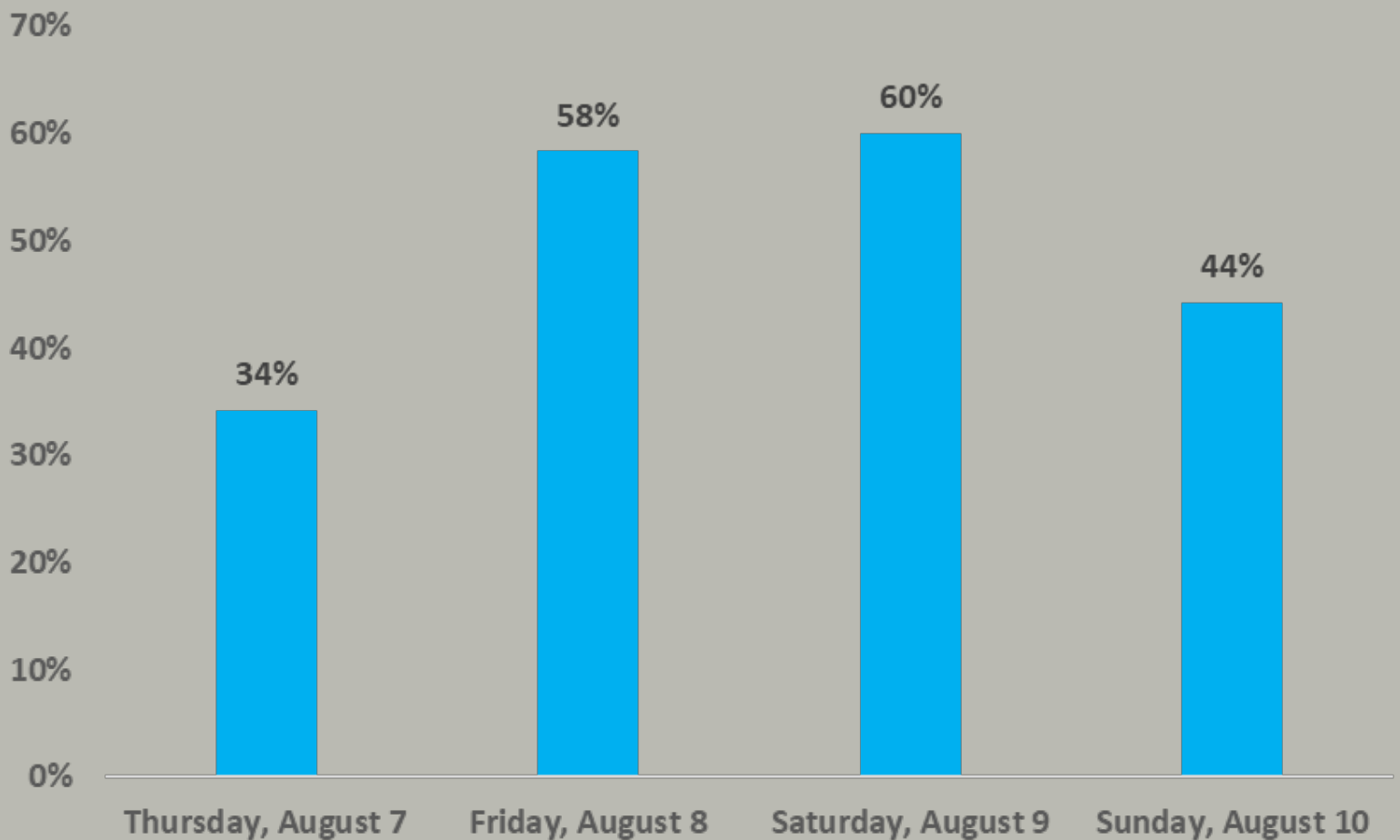


■ Yes ■ No

| | Responses |
|---------|-----------|
| No (1) | 0 |
| Yes (2) | 1 |
| Total | 1 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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

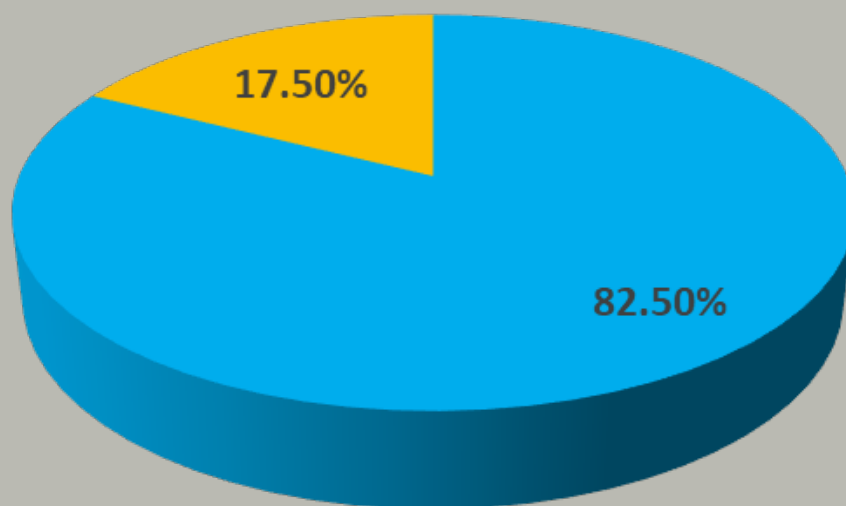


| | Response | Percentage |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Thursday, August 7 | 41 | 34% |
| Friday, August 8 | 70 | 58% |
| Saturday, August 9 | 72 | 60% |
| Sunday, August 10 | 53 | 44% |

| Total Responses | Total Respondents |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 236 | 78 |

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

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

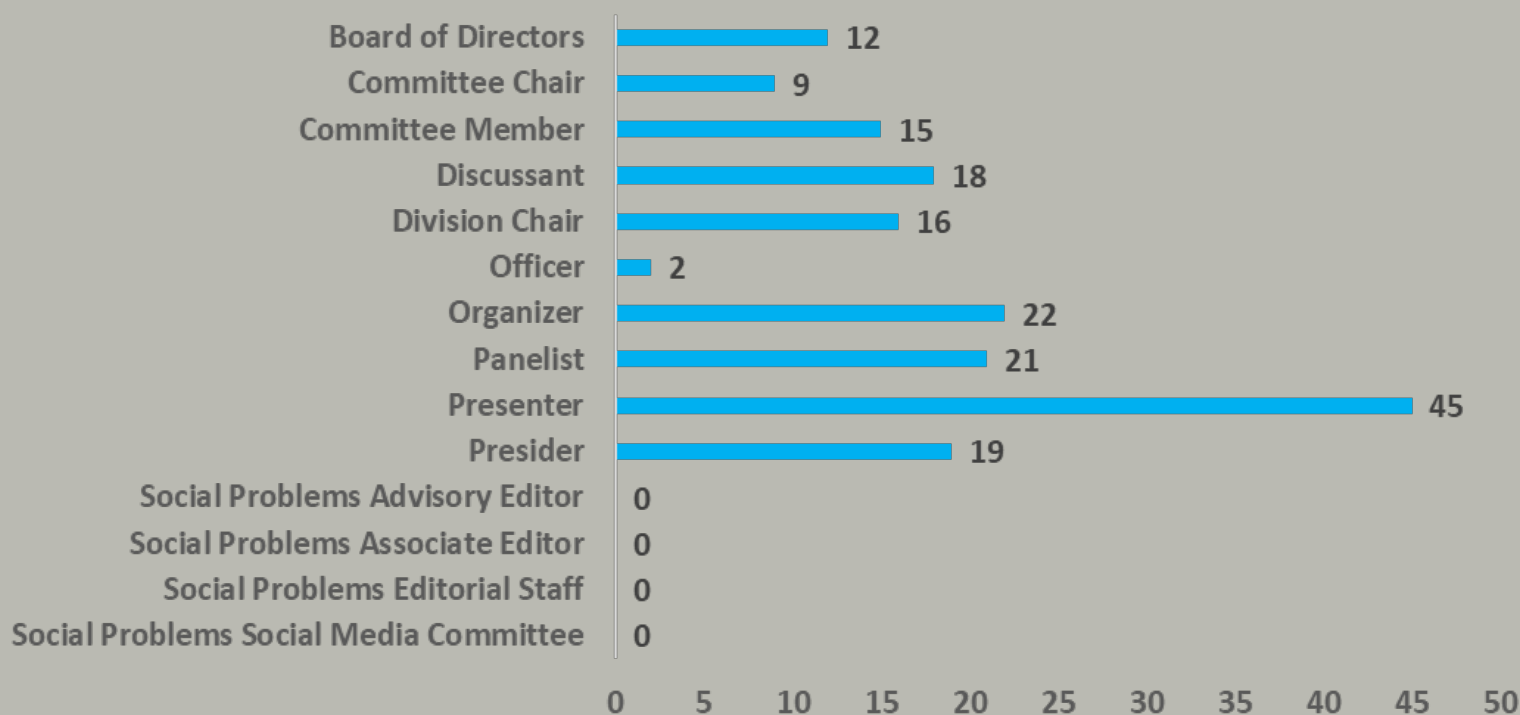
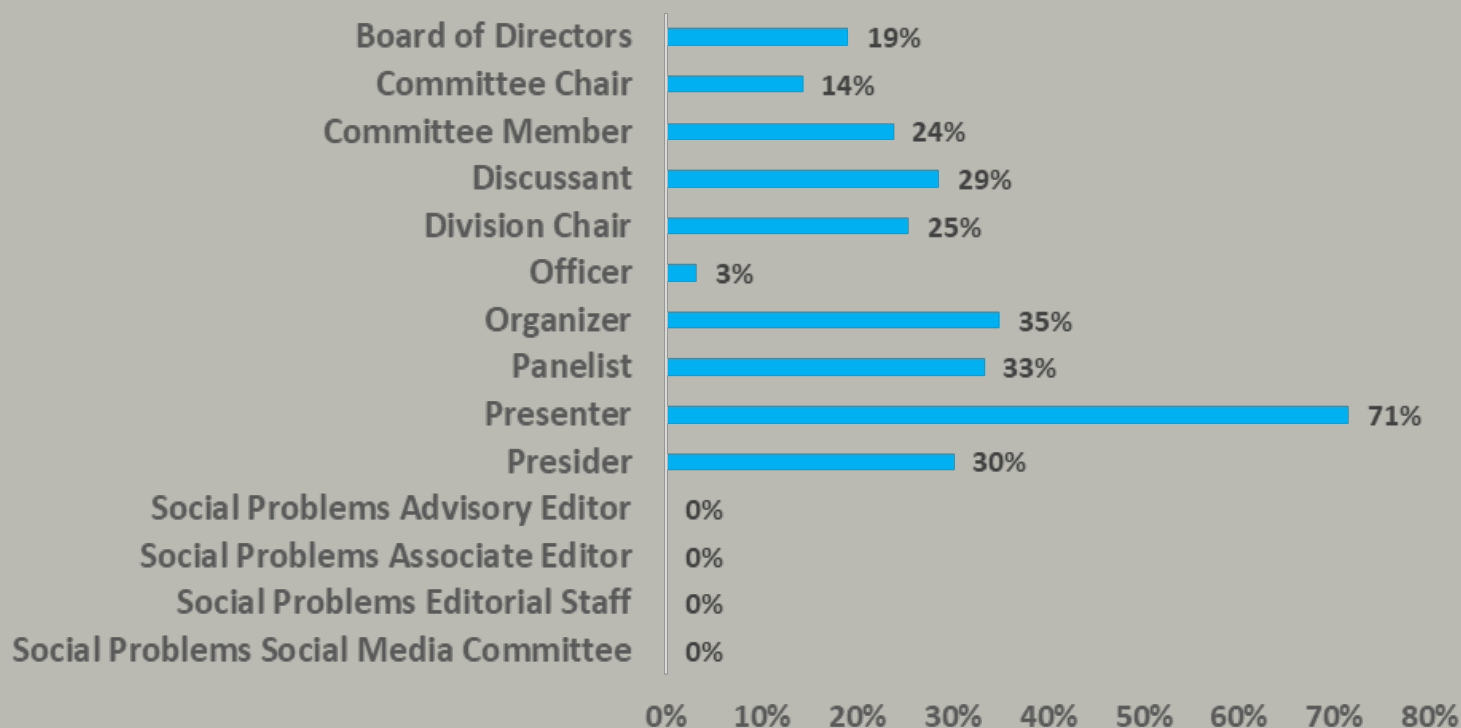


■ Yes ■ No

| | Responses |
|---------|-----------|
| No (1) | 14 |
| Yes (2) | 66 |
| Total | 80 |

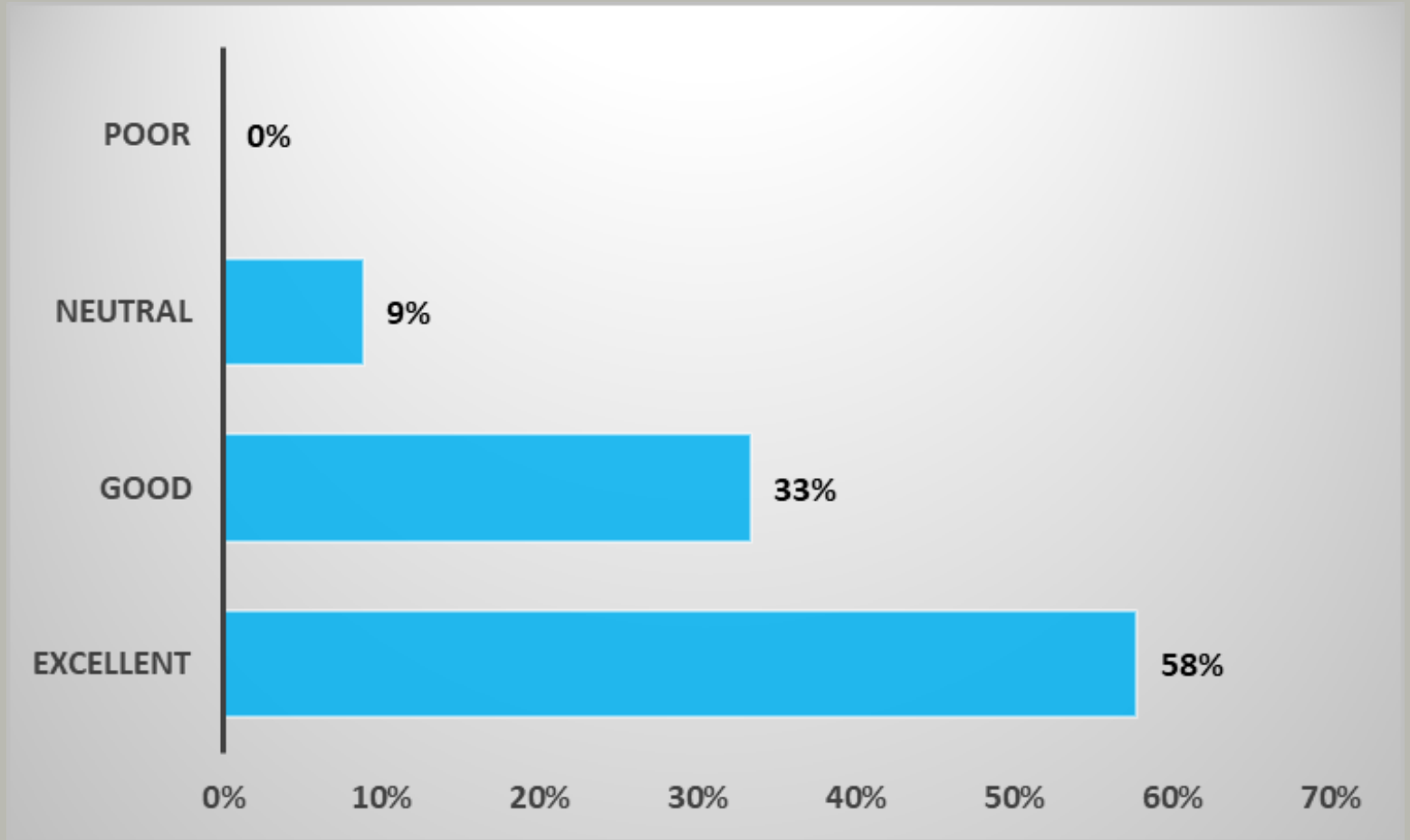
| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 1.82 | 0.38 | 0.14 | 80 |

Please indicate the roles you played at the Annual Meeting.



| Total Responses | Total Respondents |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 179 | 63 |

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

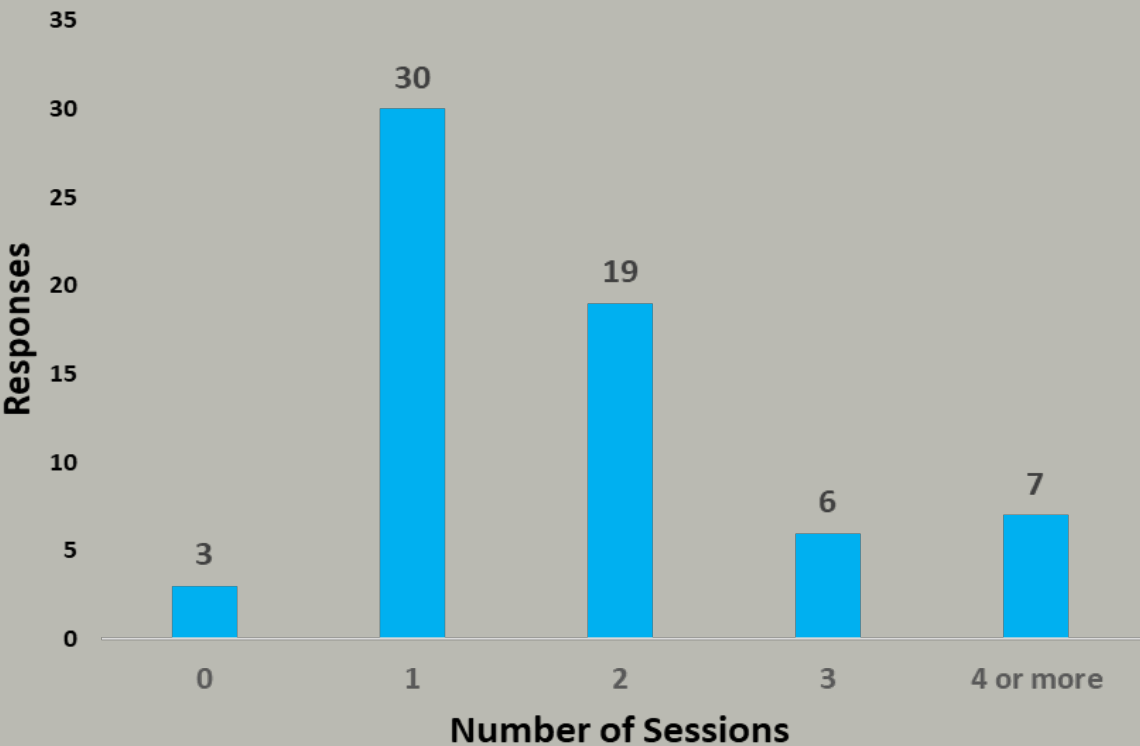
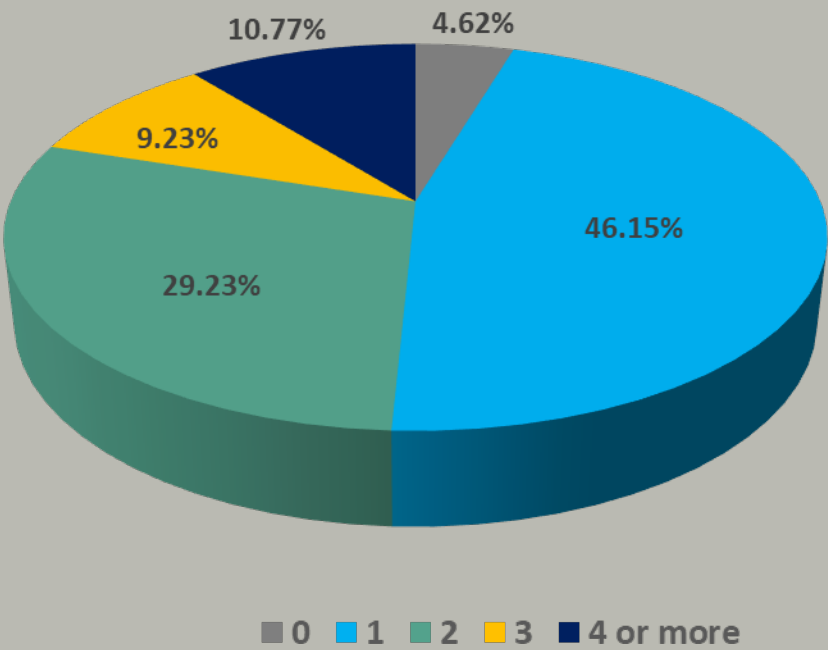


| | Responses |
|---------------|-----------|
| Poor (1) | 0 |
| Neutral (2) | 4 |
| Good (3) | 15 |
| Excellent (4) | 26 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 4 | 3.49 | 0.65 | 0.43 | 45 |

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

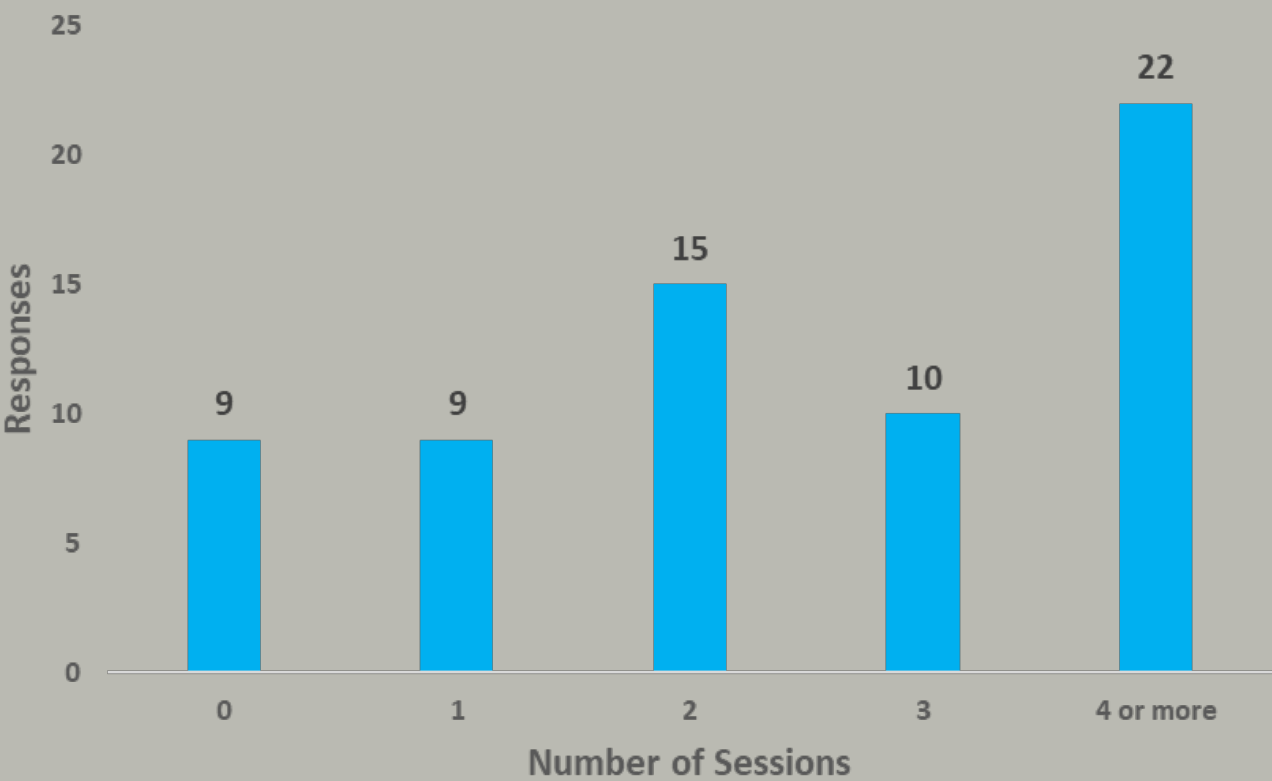
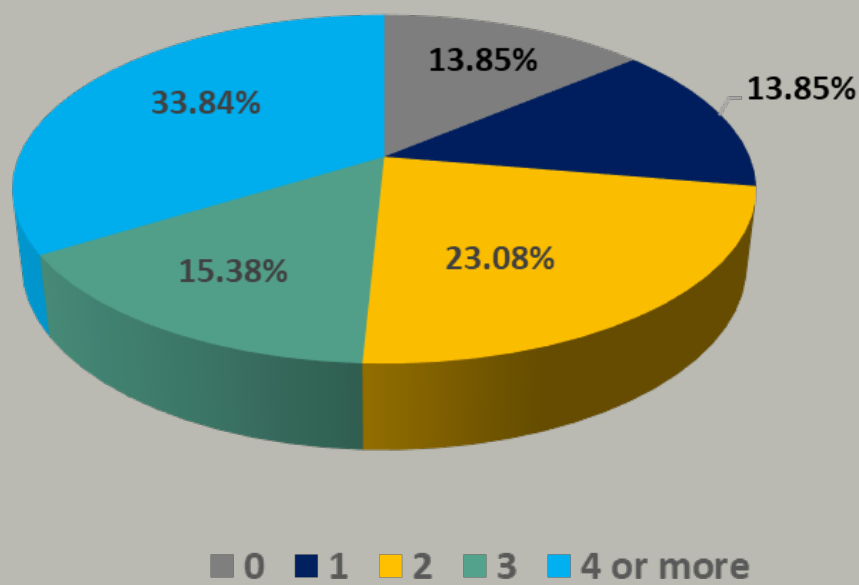
Number of Sessions Respondent Participated In



| Minimum (0 sessions) | Maximum (4 or more sessions) | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 5 | 2.75 | 1.05 | 1.11 | 65 |

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 | 3.42 | 1.42 | 2.03 | 65 |

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

Diid not have time

I did not go to Chicago

My attendance was limited due to circumstances beyond my control, specifically the denial of my travel visa, which precluded my physical presence at the event.

Because the organization eliminated most of our sessions, it was not cost effective for me to attend.

Was busy with ASA commitments.

I had a quick trip do to family care responsibilities so I was not able to stay as long as I would have liked

i was session organizer in lots of spaces + couldn't manage time challenges

Due to board meetings and the registration desk duty

Busy with meetings

Chicago is a great city.

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

I wanted to tour the city instead

busy schedule

Other scheduled meetings, panelist at ASA

Live in Chicago area and hosted some folks who attended the meeting from out of town. Too busy.

None of the sessions nor presentations were of interest.

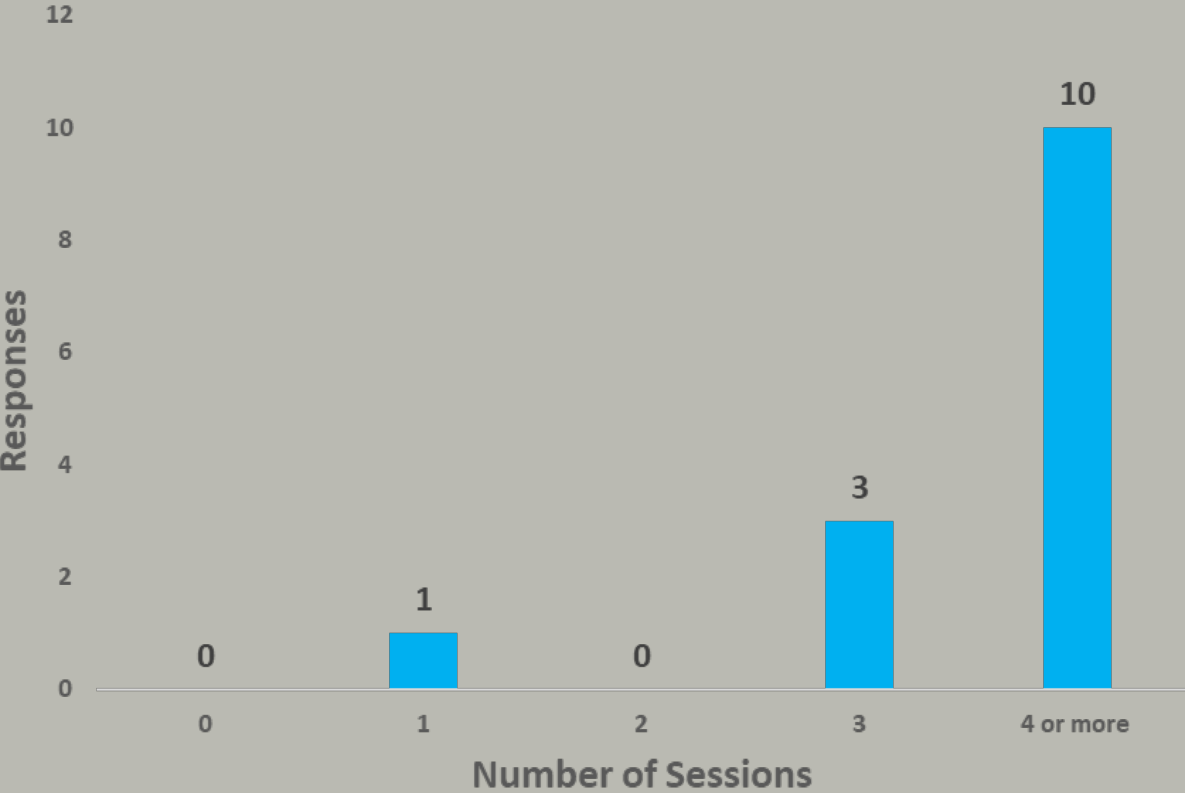
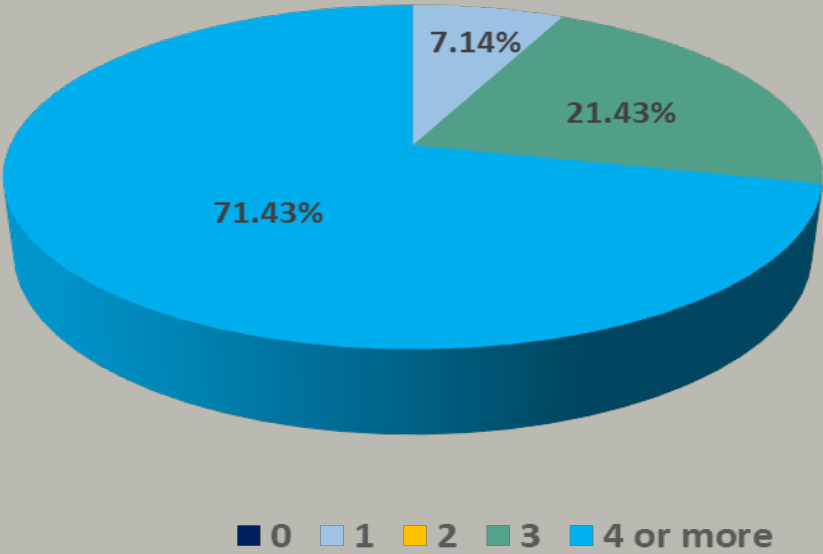
Health reasons and networking outside of sessions.

Chicago is my old home. I met with old friends and old grad program students. Also, I went to two committee meetings in addition to both welcome receptions.

| Statistic | Value |
|------------------|--------------|
| Respondents | 17 |

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

Number of Sessions (Non-Participant) Respondent Attended



| Minimum (1 sessions) | Maximum (4 or more sessions) | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------|------------------|----------|-------|
| 2 | 5 | 4.57 | 0.82 | 0.67 | 14 |

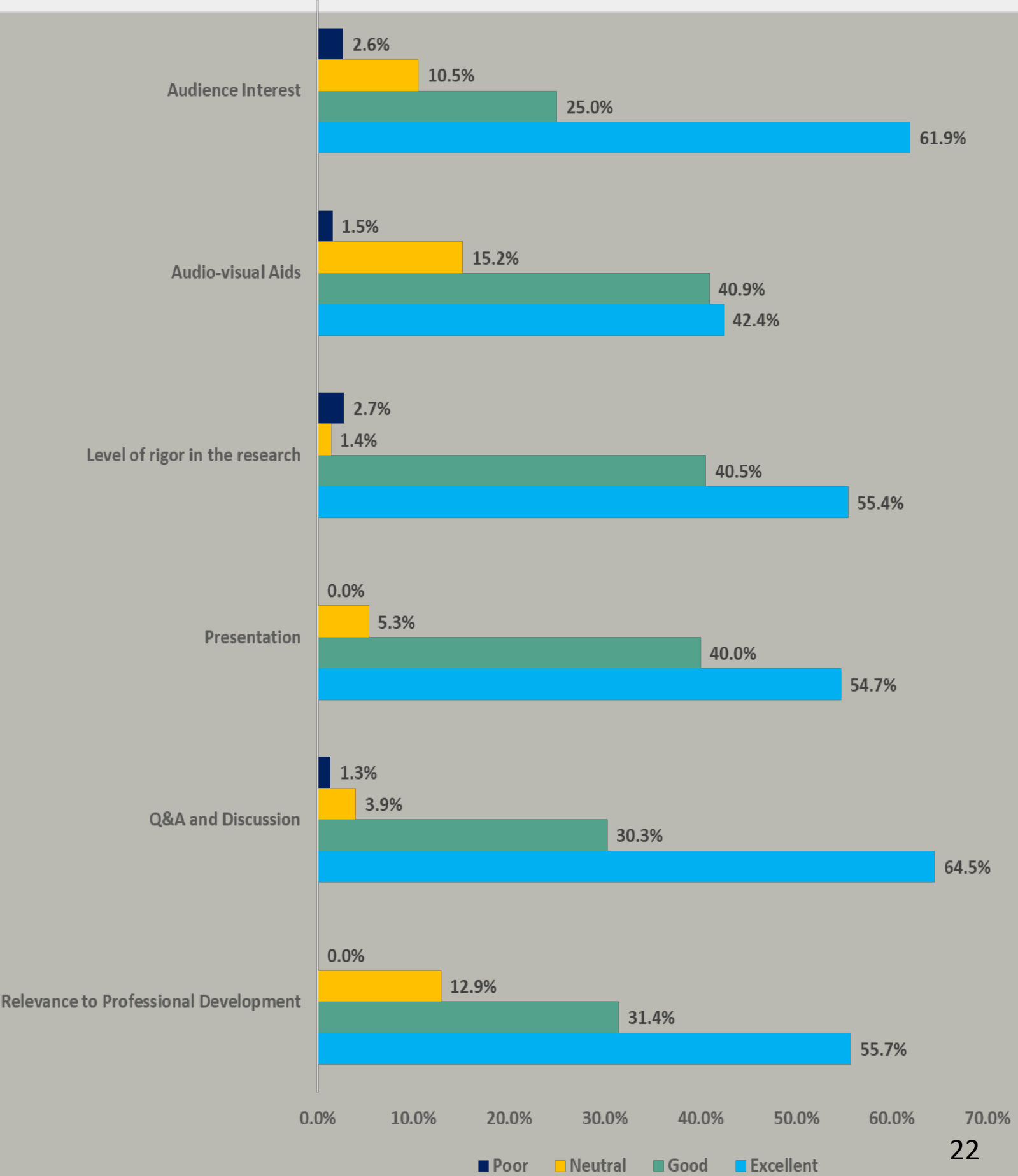
**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions.
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**

I didn't have enough time.

| Statistic | Value |
|------------------|--------------|
| Respondents | 1 |

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.)



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

| | Poor (1) | Neutral (2) | Good (3) | Excellent (4) | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Audience Interest | 2 | 8 | 19 | 47 | 76 |
| Audio-visual Aids | 1 | 10 | 27 | 28 | 66 |
| Level of rigor in the research | 2 | 1 | 30 | 41 | 74 |
| Presentation | 0 | 4 | 30 | 41 | 75 |
| Q&A and Discussion | 1 | 3 | 23 | 49 | 76 |
| Relevance to Professional Development | 0 | 9 | 22 | 39 | 70 |

| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Audience Interest | 1 | 4 | 3.46 | 0.79 | 0.62 | 76 |
| Audio-visual Aids | 1 | 4 | 3.24 | 0.76 | 0.58 | 66 |
| Level of rigor in the research | 1 | 4 | 3.49 | 0.66 | 0.44 | 74 |
| Presentation | 2 | 4 | 3.49 | 0.6 | 0.36 | 75 |
| Q&A and Discussion | 1 | 4 | 3.58 | 0.63 | 0.4 | 76 |
| Relevance to Professional Development | 2 | 4 | 3.43 | 0.71 | 0.5 | 70 |

You said that you were dissatisfied with some aspect of the session(s) you attended. Please be as specific as possible in your response.

Some of the scholarship was shoddy and the presentations ill timed.

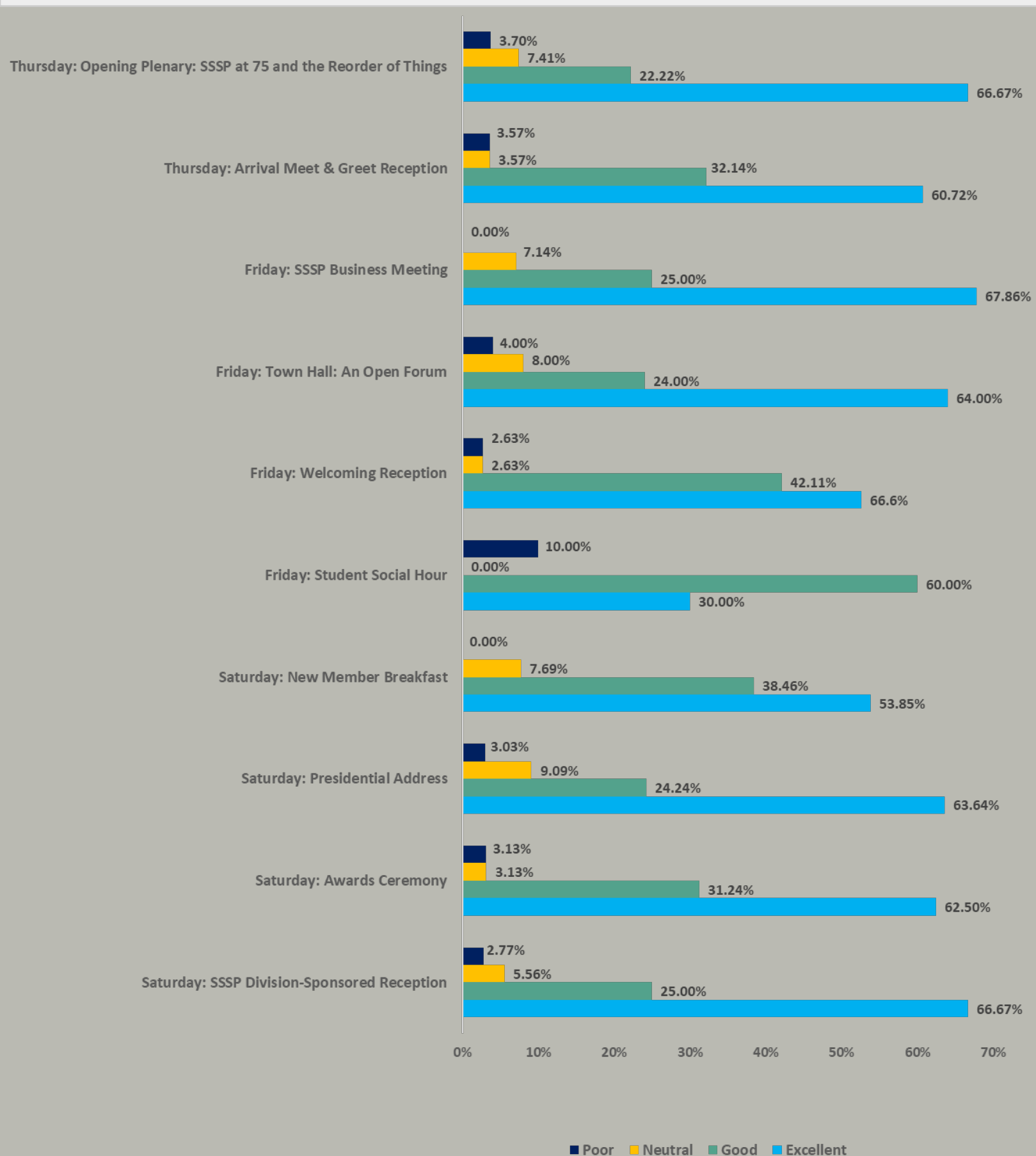
Both sessions I attended were very poorly attended and detracted from the experience. Also, a session I attended the moderator was allowed to give two presentations in one session. This created an awful power imbalance and was really unpleasant!

The attendance to panels was quite low, since many people opted instead to attend ASA. This was particularly disheartening as my own panel was on the afternoon on Sunday, but I noticed this throughout the Saturday and Sunday panel sessions.

It would have been nice to have been informed more about the VISA issues. My session only had four people in attendance, none of whom asked questions. It turned into a conversation among panel members. I was disappointed as well because one of my session organizers did not attend the conference, but did not let anyone on the panel know.

| Statistic | Value |
|------------------|--------------|
| Respondents | 4 |

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



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| | Poor (1) | Neutral (2) | Good (3) | Excellent (4) | Total |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Thursday: Opening Plenary: SSSP at 75 and the Reorder of Things | 1 | 2 | 6 | 18 | 27 |
| Thursday: Arrival Meet & Greet Reception | 1 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 28 |
| Friday: SSSP Business Meeting | 0 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 28 |
| Friday: Town Hall: An Open Forum | 1 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 25 |
| Friday: Welcoming Reception | 1 | 1 | 16 | 20 | 38 |
| Friday: Student Social Hour | 1 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 10 |
| Saturday: New Member Breakfast | 0 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 26 |
| Saturday: Presidential Address | 1 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 33 |
| Saturday: Awards Ceremony | 1 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 32 |
| Saturday: SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception | 1 | 2 | 9 | 24 | 36 |

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 |
|---|---------|---------|------|------------------|----------|-------|
| Thursday: Opening Plenary: SSSP at 75 and the Reorder of Things | 1 | 4 | 3.52 | 0.79 | 0.62 | 27 |
| Thursday: Arrival Meet & Greet Reception | 1 | 4 | 3.5 | 0.73 | 0.54 | 28 |
| Friday: SSSP Business Meeting | 2 | 4 | 3.61 | 0.62 | 0.38 | 28 |
| Friday: Town Hall: An Open Forum | 1 | 4 | 3.48 | 0.81 | 0.65 | 25 |
| Friday: Welcoming Reception | 1 | 4 | 3.45 | 0.68 | 0.46 | 38 |
| Friday: Student Social Hour | 1 | 4 | 3.1 | 0.83 | 0.69 | 10 |
| Saturday: New Member Breakfast | 2 | 4 | 3.46 | 0.63 | 0.4 | 26 |
| Saturday: Presidential Address | 1 | 4 | 3.48 | 0.78 | 0.61 | 33 |
| Saturday: Awards Ceremony | 1 | 4 | 3.53 | 0.71 | 0.5 | 32 |
| Saturday: SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception | 1 | 4 | 3.56 | 0.72 | 0.52 | 36 |

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.

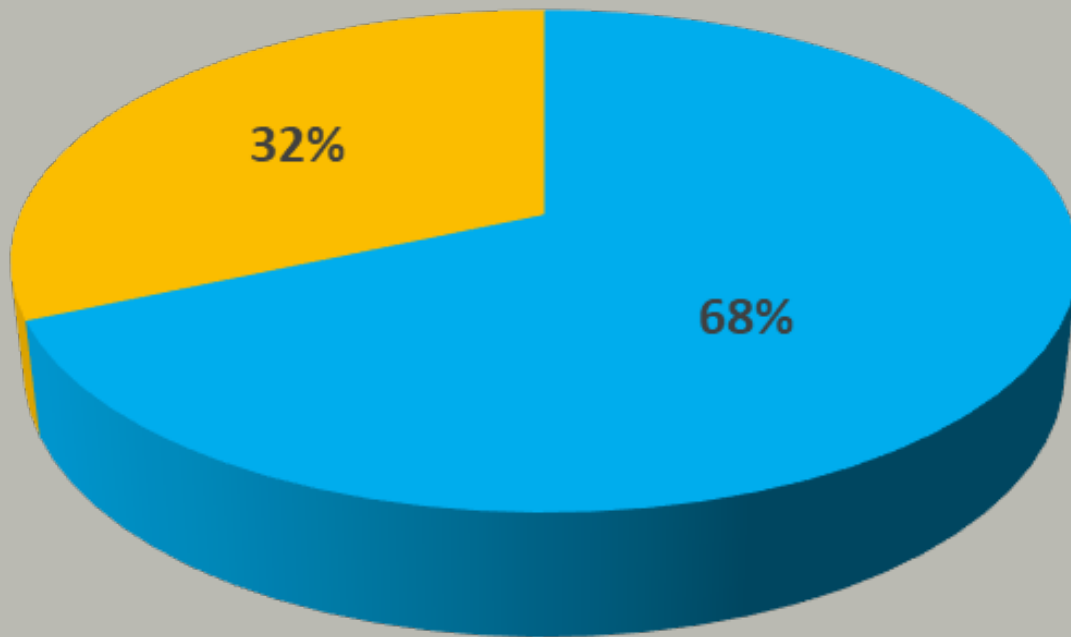
The food served at the reception was unhealthy and one type of food.

disorganized- there was a disconnect with presenters of awards- some people who were present at the ceremony did not get the chance to get recognized, despite having gotten an award or honorable mention

Presidential Address went over time and was disorganized. Receptions had limited options for persons with food allergies. Several areas were quite crowded and loud.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 3 |

Did you stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?



■ Yes

■ No

| Responses | Count |
|-----------|-------|
| No (1) | 25 |
| Yes (2) | 54 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 1.68 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 79 |

What was the main reason you did not stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?

I have a rewards program with a hotel I usually use. I also did not know about the hotel commitment and the importance of staying at the conference hotel.

I live in the Chicago area

I don't like staying in the conference hotel and being "on" every moment (like in the elevator before my coffee). Also, attended ASA so wanted a hotel close to both

Could not afford it.

Option to stay with friends

I had another personal option in Chicago.

I did not come to Chicago, but in previous years staying at the Conference hotel is too expensive

Some of the issues I was not clear or aware that being a board member I can stay

I regret that I was unable to attend the event in person due to being denied a travel visa.

What was the main reason you did not stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?

too expensive and didn't have options for people who need to prepare their own food (e.g., microwaves and fridges in room)

I stayed at the ASA hotel.

I didn't have the budget for it - too many expenses through the year.

Stayed at a friend's home

It was very expensive and the vibes were very off honestly

Stayed at ASA hotel so I wouldn't need to change hotels after SSSP.

I live minutes away from the convention site by public transportation

Because i dont have the funds to lodge in the hotel

Needed kitchen facilities for the long stay

Cost.

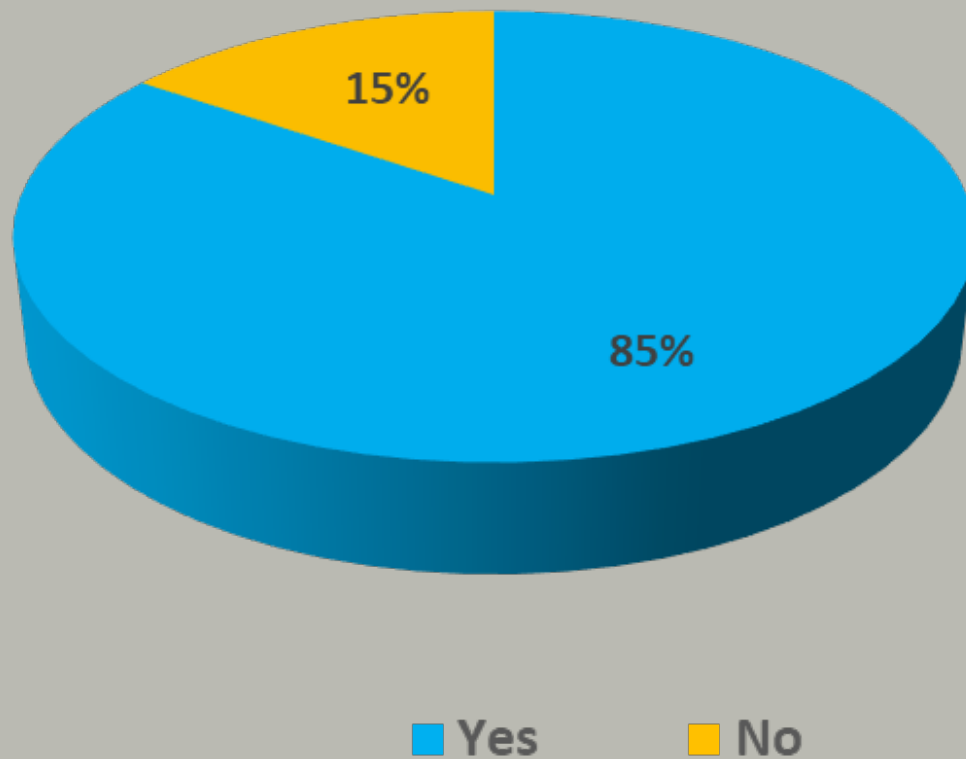
Marriott loyalty perks, which includes daily breakfast and coffee

What was the main reason you did not stay at the SSSP Conference Hotel?

| |
|--------------------------------------|
| Live in the area |
| Unable to register through SSSP link |
| Too expensive. |
| Price |

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 24 |

Are you likely to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting in New York City?



| Responses | Count |
|-----------|-------|
| No (1) | 12 |
| Yes (2) | 66 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 1.85 | 0.36 | 0.13 | 78 |

What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting in New York City?

I can't afford the cost (or stress) of attending every year

Cost

It is too expensive to travel to NYC and my university does not reimburse me enough.

I think that too few people attend sssp to make it worthwhile.

I will be close to 90 years old, and am unsure if my health with permit

Less travel monies and inflation = lack of affordability

I don't like NYC

Too far to travel and cost to travel.

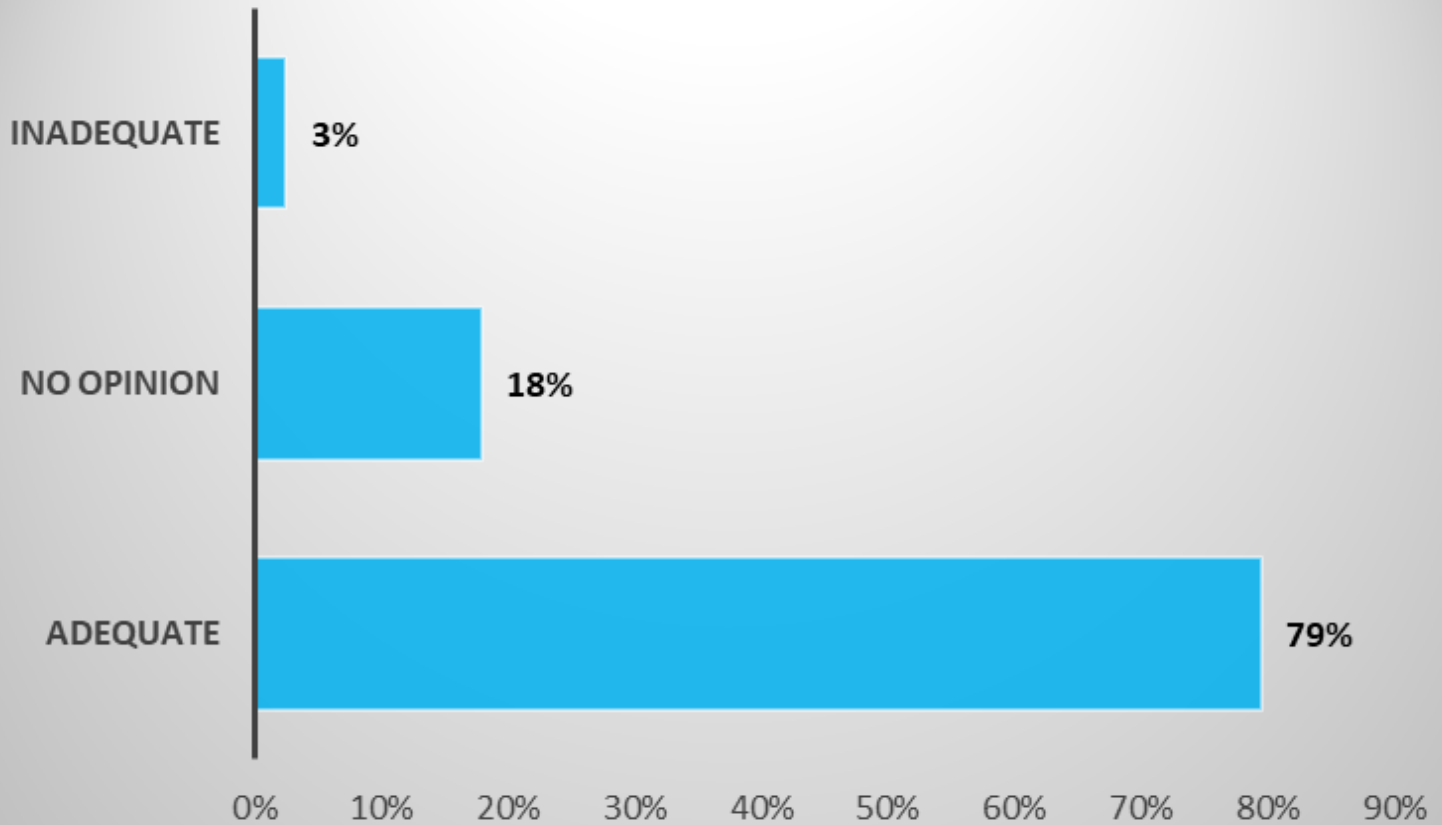
Cost, I don't have loyalty to SSSP, and it's too far in the future to determine at this time.

Bad experience at the 2025 meeting.

Price, 2025 conference experience

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 11 |

Based on your experience, please rate the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement.



| | Responses |
|----------------|-----------|
| Inadequate (1) | 2 |
| No Opinion (2) | 14 |
| Adequate (3) | 62 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 3 | 2.77 | 0.48 | 0.23 | 78 |

You said that based on your experience the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement was inadequate. Please tell us why.

The hotel was wildly inaccessible!

The information in it was not adequately communicated and the choice in location for this conference (as well as those in the past and future) are a major barrier to my attendance as a disabled person. In order to access the conference I have to stay at the conference hotel with is consistently far too expensive. I would prefer to be in a smaller cheaper city that was more affordable.

| Statistic | Value |
|------------------|--------------|
| Respondents | 2 |

How did you become aware of the Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement for the Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply)

| Answer | Percentage | Count |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Registration | 25.56% | 23 |
| Email from Session Organizer/Presider | 5.56% | 5 |
| Email from Division Chair | 3.33% | 3 |
| Email from Administrative Office | 27.78% | 25 |
| Word of Mouth | 6.67% | 6 |
| Other | 11.10% | 10 |
| I was not aware of the statement | 20.00% | 18 |
| Total | 100% | 90 |

Please tell us how you became aware of the Annual Meeting
Accessibility Statement for the Annual Meeting.

Other – Text Response

I do not recall

Rose Brewer shared it at a panel on the first day of conference.

Board of directors

In a meeting.

Plenary from President Bower

Announcement with link

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 6 |

The SSSP strives to ensure that meeting facilities are accessible to all, following guidance from disability justice communities. If you had any accessibility difficulties or if you noted something that could be a problem for others, please share that information here. If you wish to inform us of some accommodation or access that worked particularly well, we would welcome that feedback as well. Also, please feel free to contact the Chair of the SSSP Accessibility Committee, Rahsaan H. Mahadeo, maha0134@umn.edu, with your concerns.

please see my previous comment about inclusion. It concerns also accessibility. There are several colleagues who, for lack of funds, disability, low income, etc cannot come in person to the meeting. A virtual component is necessary to improve accessibility and inclusiveness. For instance, for those who cannot participate in person but have a paper accepted for a session, having only the option of a distributed paper is not enough. A virtual presentation should be allowed.

I believe the after-meeting tour could be organized while being more conscious

The Palmer House is an older building, not built with accessibility in mind. Having some sessions on floors not accessible via elevator was a challenge. There were many ways to get lost and turned around

Great job.

none for me - i have no special needs

No

Very confusing about the 5th floor since the elevator did not go there. I did not like staying at Palmer House because their daily deposit was 400 USD per night and they charged my card for 4 nights. I maxed out my credit limit and this isn't good for a student.

I wish there was the ability to have audio-visual components, but I understand this is cost prohibitive in terms of the venue.

As I mention in another comment, the hotel was a maze. I can't imagine someone with disabilities being able to navigate it adequately if someone as able-bodied as I am couldn't find my way around. I was not alone in this.

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Insist that presenters use microphones

expensive hotel

Two issues on the organization side, one for presenters/panelists-- 1. The Friday reception room was so loud it made conversation with more than one person really hard. Not sure if a bigger space would have helped, but anyone even mildly hearing-impaired would have struggled in that room. 2. Another hearing-related issue: if it's possible to get mics in all the presentation rooms, that would be good. "I have a loud voice" isn't good enough all the time. Oh, and I think likely a Palmer House issue--having the papers-in-progress sessions 3-to-a-room created hearing issues too. One person had a soft voice and a little tricky accent, and it made all of us struggle to follow them. 3. A more cultural issue: ask folks to make scripts, or at least notes, available to audience members. Our panelists created a Google doc with a QR code so folks could access the talks in case they had hearing or sight impairments. So far as I know, that doesn't happen often at SSSP; it's common practice at other conferences I attend (not most, but some). Thanks for all the attention y'all are giving to the issues. Hope these are helpful ideas; I don't mean to them as complaints or sharp criticisms.

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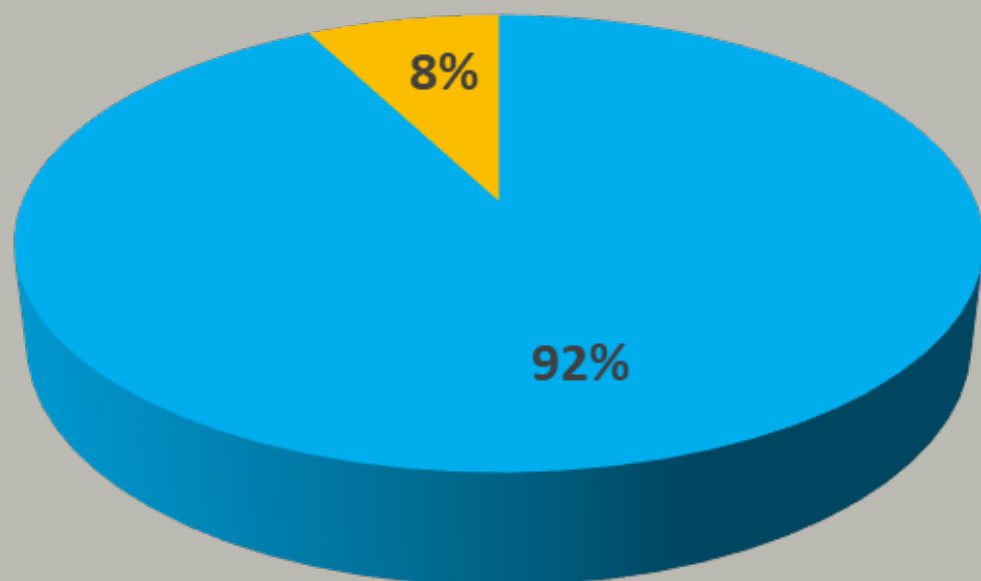
I had a remote participant in a session who failed to send me their presentation in advance of our session and who instead appeared to speak extemporaneously during their allotted time. I wonder if making submission of slides if participating remotely could be made a condition for such participation in the future to help ensure a higher standard of quality in presentations.

No issues for me, but not accessibility needs either.

I noted that the podiums in the presentation rooms were quite tall and in some cases would be difficult to navigate around if one was a wheelchair user. This was also a problem in smaller division meeting rooms.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 15 |

Are you aware of SSSP’s Anti-Harassment Policy, including options for reporting instances of harassment and discrimination?



■ Yes ■ No

| Responses | Count |
|-----------|-------|
| No (1) | 6 |
| Yes (2) | 72 |

| Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 1.92 | 0.27 | 0.07 | 78 |

The Society for the Study of Social Problems is committed to the eradication of discrimination (both intentional and unintentional), harassment, intimidation, and violence directed at individuals and groups based on, but not limited to, race and ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, class, nationality and immigrant status, ability, and religion. Offensive and prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to, offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, name calling, physical assaults and threats, unwanted touching and persistent unwanted attention and invasion of personal space, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, and insults and put-downs. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is engaged in without clear affirmative consent. Discriminatory and harassing actions are prohibited both when they are directed at specific individuals and groups and when they create a hostile environment. Toward that end, we would like to know whether you were subjected to any of the following by a SSSP member or employee, hotel employee, or vendor at any SSSP meeting you have attended in the past two years, including this past one. Please check as many as apply.

| # | Answer | % | Count |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| 1 | Physical assault and/or the threat of physical assault | 0.00% | 0 |
| 2 | Unwanted touching | 28.57% | 2 |
| 3 | Offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, put-downs, and/or name-calling | 14.29% | 1 |
| 4 | Persistent unwanted attention and/or invasion of personal space | 0.00% | 0 |
| 5 | Unsolicited suggestive or offensive materials | 0.00% | 0 |
| 6 | Stared, leered, or ogled at in any way that made you feel uncomfortable | 14.29% | 1 |
| 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 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 8 | Other form of harassment or discrimination not included above: | 28.57% | 2 |
| 9 | Pressured by someone with more status or power to engage in uncomfortable or unwanted interactions | 14.29% | 1 |
| | Total | 100% | 7 |

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Other form of harassment or discrimination not included above:

Text Response

None

Not toward me, but in a discussion a senior faculty member made a comment about Asian women students coming to America to find a spouse. It was pretty off-putting / stereotyping.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 2 |

The SSSP strives to ensure that all attendees and guests feel welcome, respected, and included in all conference events and activities. If you experienced any interactions or other situations where this was not the case, or if you noted something that could be a problem for others, please share that information here. If you wish to inform us of some experiences that made you feel particularly welcome, we would also welcome that feedback. Also, please feel free to contact the Chair of the SSSP Anti-Harassment Committee, Sarah Jane Brubaker, sbrubaker@vcu.edu, with your feedback.

the short forums

being on the program committee for Rose brought a new reality of participation.

Everyone was so nice, I can't imagine that there would be any kind of harassment at a meeting of the SSSP

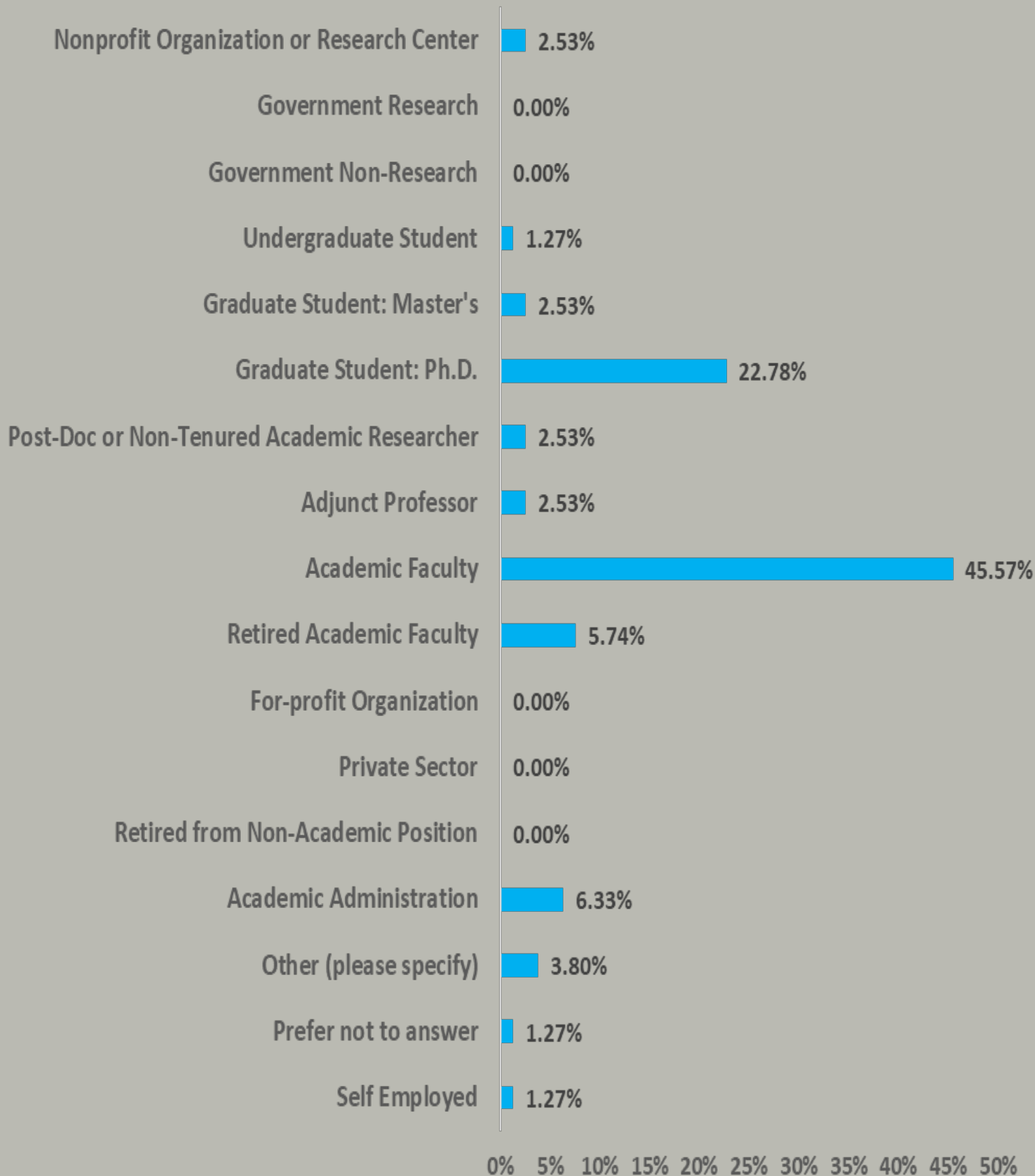
A friend and I both experienced unwanted touching from a guest of a member at the Division-Sponsored Reception. I confronted him directly about it, she did not. The man who did it has a history of inappropriate behaviors. I encouraged my friend to report it, as his actions toward her were worse, but she didn't want to. The member who brought him to the reception also plans to talk to him after several conversations between us about his behaviors.

Michele is amazing and always makes me feel welcome. Elroi as well. The overall vibe of the conference was relaxed and welcoming. For me, the lighting in the conference hotel also helped, as bright florescent lighting bothers me.

The pronoun stickers at the registration desk were very thoughtful.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 6 |

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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| Answer | Count |
|---|-----------|
| Nonprofit Organization or Research Center | 2 |
| Government Research | 0 |
| Government Non-Research | 0 |
| Undergraduate Student | 1 |
| Graduate Student: Master's | 2 |
| Graduate Student: Ph.D. | 18 |
| Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher | 2 |
| Adjunct Professor | 2 |
| Academic Faculty | 36 |
| Retired Academic Faculty | 6 |
| For-profit Organization | 0 |
| Private Sector | 0 |
| Retired from Non-Academic Position | 0 |
| Academic Administration | 5 |
| Other (please specify) | 3 |
| Prefer not to answer | 1 |
| Self Employed | 1 |
| Total | 79 |

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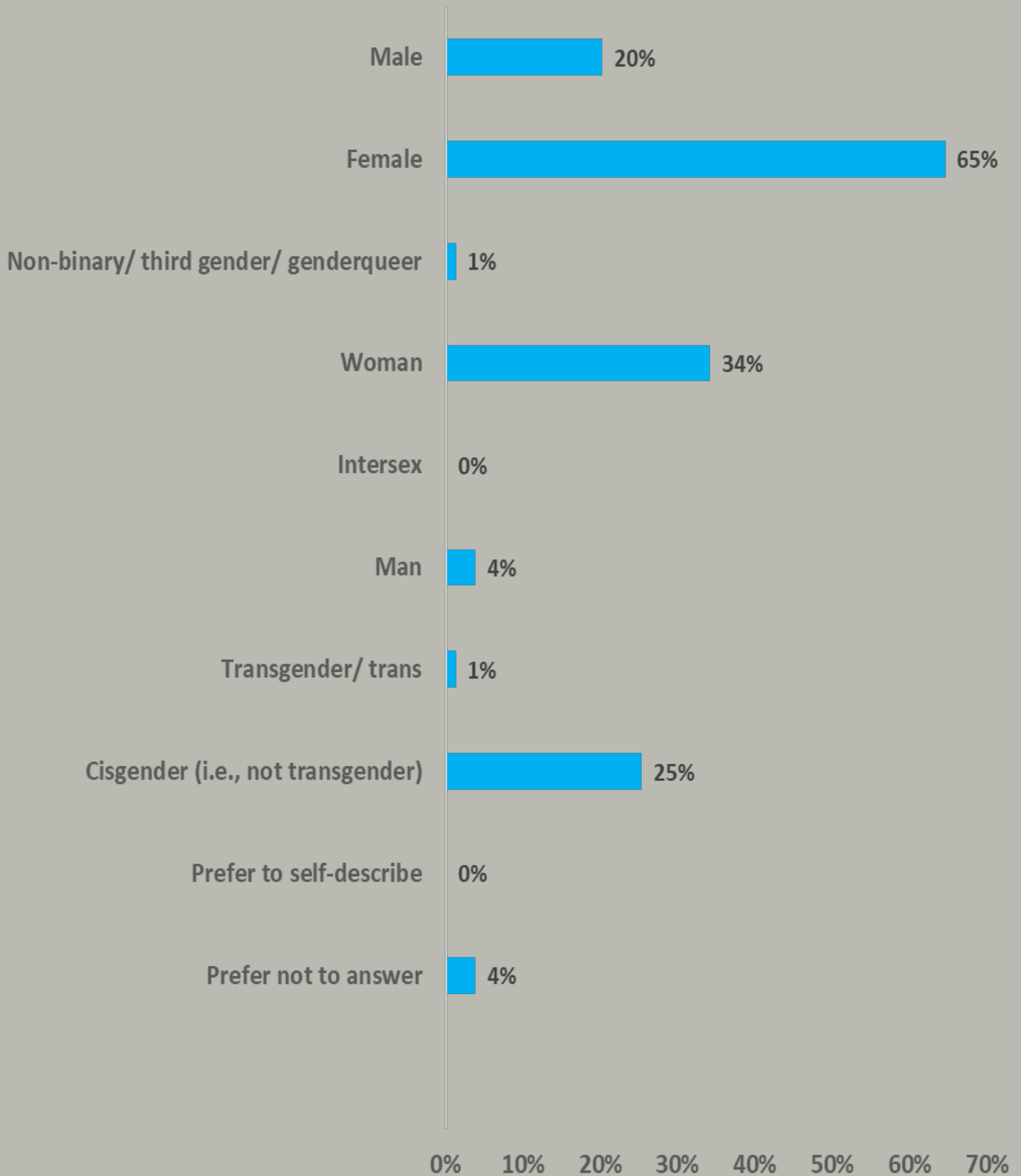
Other (please specify) – Text Response

Stay at home parent

Research Assistant

| Statistic | Value |
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| Respondents | 2 |

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

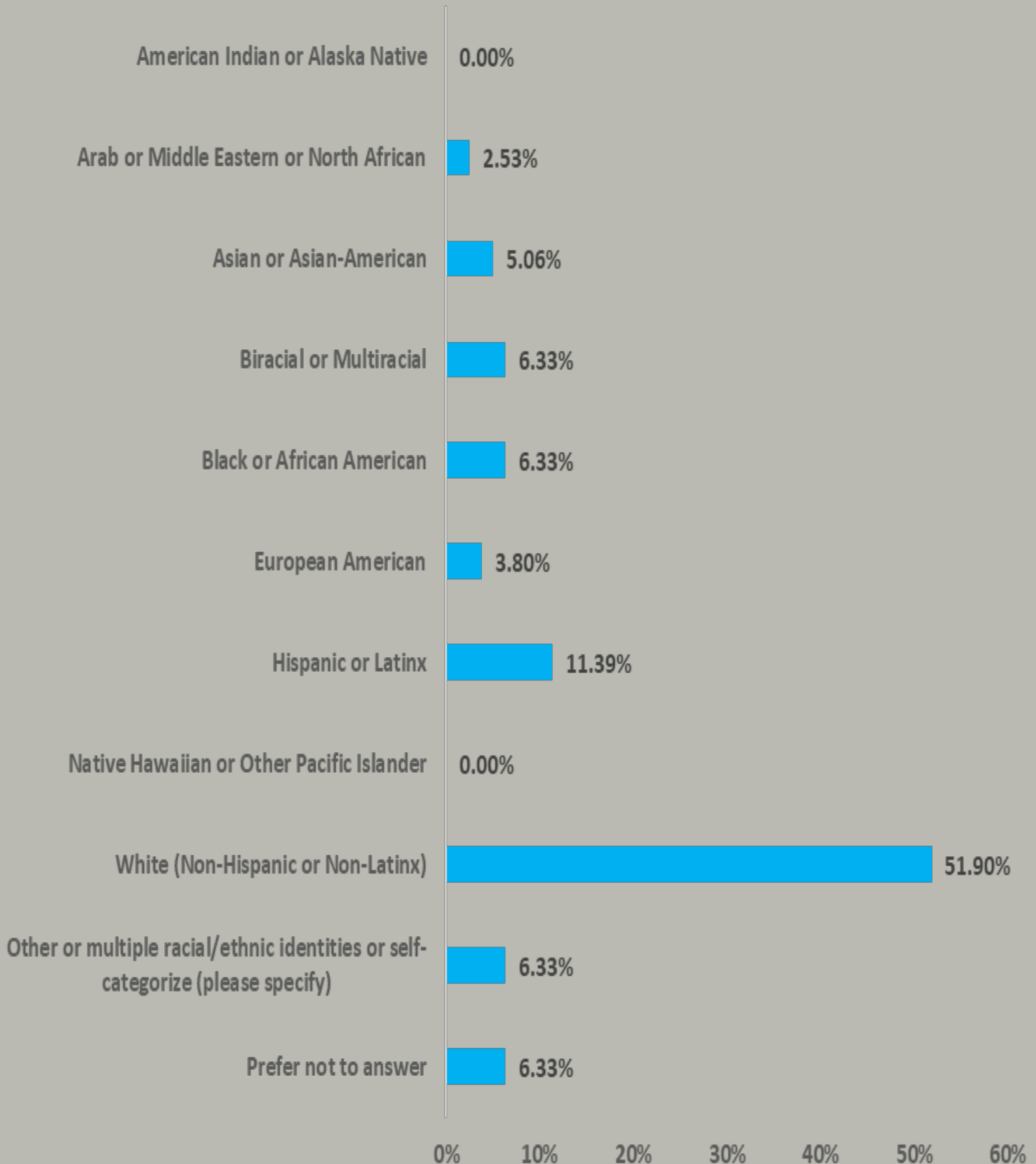


What gender/sex categories apply to you? (Check all that apply)

| Answer | Count | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| Male | 16 | 20% |
| Female | 51 | 65% |
| Non-binary/ third gender/ genderqueer | 1 | 1% |
| Woman | 27 | 34% |
| Intersex | 0 | 0% |
| Man | 3 | 4% |
| Transgender/ trans | 1 | 1% |
| Cisgender (i.e., not transgender) | 20 | 25% |
| Prefer not to answer | 3 | 4% |
| Prefer to self-describe: Please indicate your preferred gender identification. | 0 | 0% |

| Total Responses | Total Respondents |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 122 | 79 |

Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



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| Answer | Count | Percentage |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 | 0.00% |
| Arab or Middle Eastern or North African | 2 | 2.53% |
| Asian or Asian-American | 4 | 5.06% |
| Biracial or Multiracial | 5 | 6.33% |
| Black or African American | 5 | 6.33% |
| European American | 3 | 3.80% |
| Hispanic or Latinx | 9 | 11.39% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.00% |
| White (Non-Hispanic or Non-Latinx) | 41 | 51.90% |
| Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify) | 5 | 6.33% |
| Prefer not to answer | 5 | 6.33% |
| Total | 79 | 100% |

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

West African

South Asian

Slav-Sicilian

European

Do you have any comments or thoughts about any aspect of the Annual Meeting, including ways in which we can improve for next year? Further, if you would like to be contacted regarding this survey, please send an e-mail to the SSSP Administrative Office at ssspit@utk.edu and include "Annual Meeting Survey" in the subject line.

More international outreach

Just want to say first, thank you so much to SSSP admin, especially Michelle Koontz and Elroi Windsor. And second, SSSP's conference app was SOOOO much better than the ASA one - thank you! Seriously, like night and day different. I deleted the ASA app after 2 sessions, but kept the sssp one until I left Chicago.

Keep up the good work

I had many invaluable contacts and exchanged at the annual meeting. That is always true for me. I take part in the Mentorship Program and, given the high percentage of members who are graduate students and early career people, I strongly support any/every measure that helps more established members to help support and integrate newer members. In fact, I will raise with the Membership & Outreach Committee ways that more established members might help subsidize newer ones. For example, nearing the end of my career, I'm unlikely to acquire a lifetime membership. However I would gladly contribute that fee for a "legacy" program that would benefit new members and help to sustain SSSP for the future.

many thanks for this survey that helps improving the annual meeting

I would like to see outside orgs like the AAUP do a series of invited talks.

Great

Make meetings more affordable. Develop a strategy for long term survival of the organization.

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i was VP of SSSP back in 1990s (year Bill Chambliss was Pres) + received Lee Founders Award with Jerome Scott sometime after that. I was on Rose Brewer's Program Committee this year (2025) and found the opportunity to organize 3 sessions as part of the theme of insurgent sociology was powerful. it is critical for SSSP to continue to be in this moment of intensifying capitalist crisis, fascist rule, denial of reality + more. for social scientists + thinkers/scholars in the academy, govt agencies, research spaces + government institutions - it is essential to call out the forces of lies, repression + denial and make SSSP a space for unity, struggle, reality.

I am very concerned about the financial situation of the SSSP. It was only discussed peripherally at the meeting and should be a central issue.

Excellent 75th Anniversary Meeting.

Work with local universities to house graduate students more economically.

Wi-fi for the conference in hotel rooms stopped working on Sunday. There were still conference workshops on Monday. Negotiate with hotel for reduced deposits or find a work around. I wasn't travelling with my work P-card so I had to use my personal card for \$1200 USD which is \$1700 CAD and that maxed my credit card.

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I didn't enjoy staying at the Palmers Hotel and I had a few conversations with others who were equally unhappy about it. The hotel charged extra fees that were added to the bill when checking out, which means that we had to cover it (and not the institution paying for the trip, e.g., one's university). This can be particularly tricky for the early career researchers.

Great engagement from members!

I love our app (ASA's is horrible). Are the coffee hours posted on our app? I don't recall seeing, so might be helpful to add if the coffee / snack hours continue in NYC.

I thought the meeting was excellent! My graduate students enjoyed it as well. I can't wait to bring even more of them next year.

The Pullman National Park walking tour was excellent. It was great! The tour guide was very knowledgeable but the tour felt rushed until I shared our concerns. The pace became more relaxed. The tour description was about misleading as we learned little about the Pullman Porters and more on the town of Pullman and the labor strike of 1894.

I thought that the hotel was wonderful and surprisingly affordable. I also understand that the tours were well done.

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SSSP should increase the number of sessions offered, thus increasing variety and interest. They should also hold their conferences in smaller, less expensive cities. The price of conference attendance (in hotel and travel costs) is a real problem and reproduces the inequalities SSSP studies and strives to alleviate.

It would be great for more of the receptions to be located at local BIPOC or LGBTQ+ owned businesses in the area rather than at the conference hotel.

The tours this year were EXCELLENT. I went on both of them and learned so much about Chicago. The tours are always a conference highlight and these two tours were terrific!

The Palmer House Hotel was a nightmare. This needs to be reviewed carefully for 2027.

| Statistic | Value |
|-------------|-------|
| Respondents | 23 |