

Area 18 Fall Assembly – Des Moines

October 8th – 10th, 2021



2021 Area Inventory



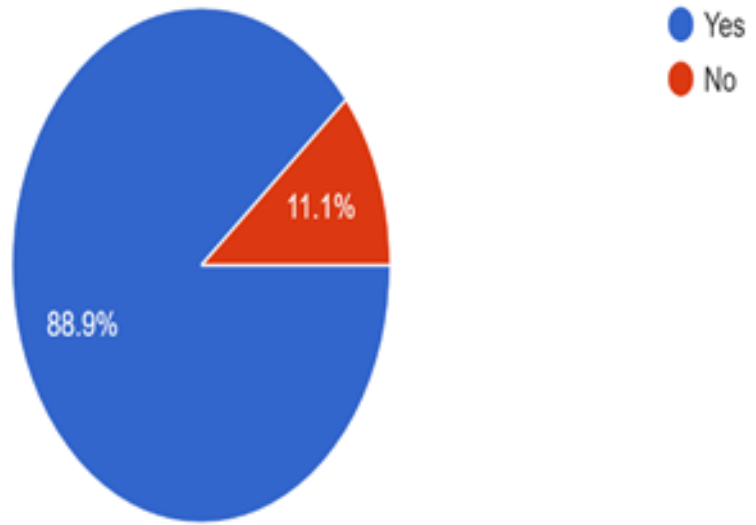
October 9th, 2021



Inventory question 1.

Have you ever or are you currently serving as GR, DR, Coordinator, or Area Officer?

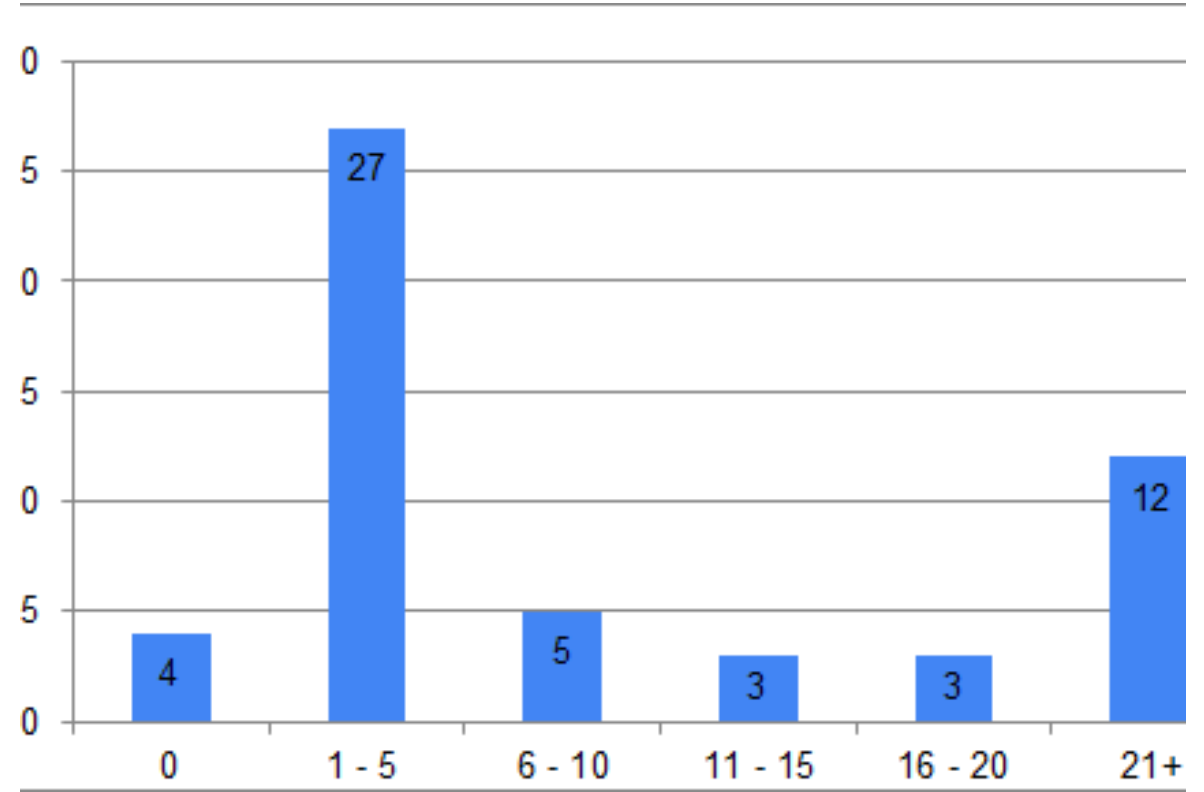
54 responses



Yes = 48

No = 6





Inventory question 2.

- *How many Assemblies have you attended (including virtual)?*



Inventory question 3.

When attending assemblies, which parts do you attend? Please mark all that apply.



FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN
MEETING/SPEAKER/W
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BUSINESS MEETING



SATURDAY SPEAKERS

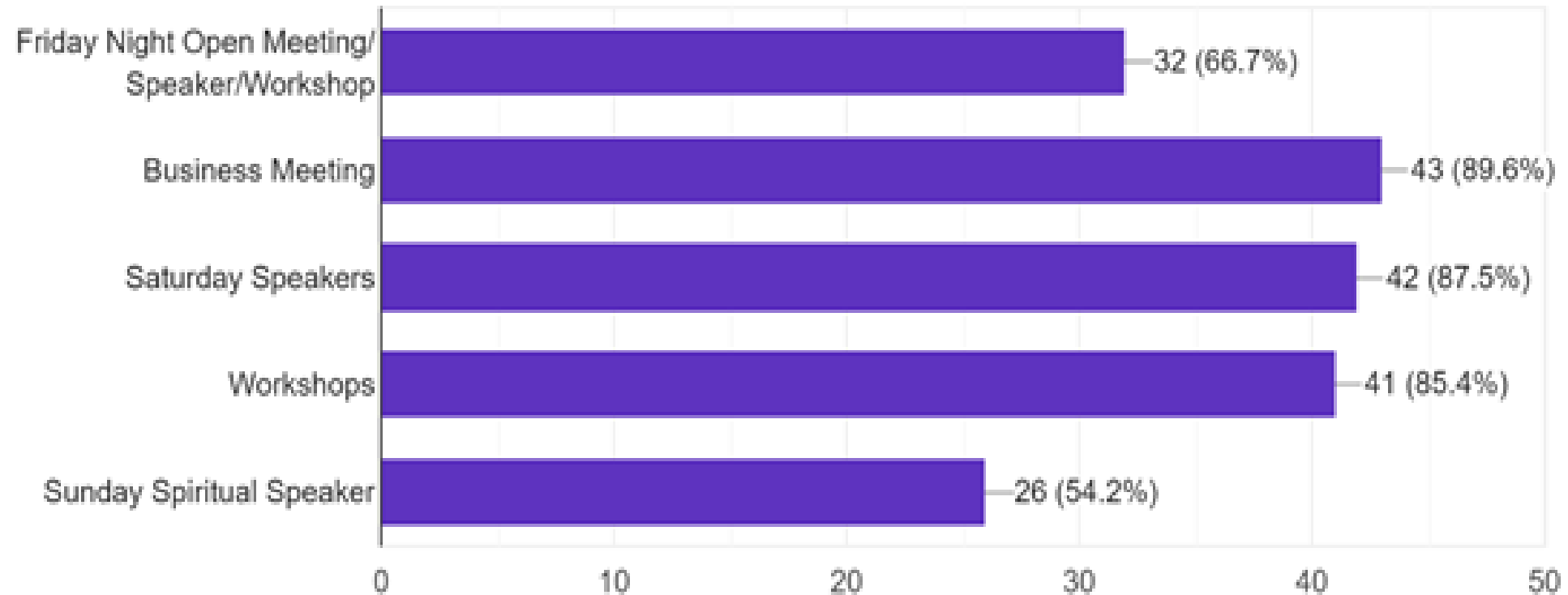


WORKSHOPS



SUNDAY SPIRITUAL
SPEAKER

Question 3



Inventory
question 4.

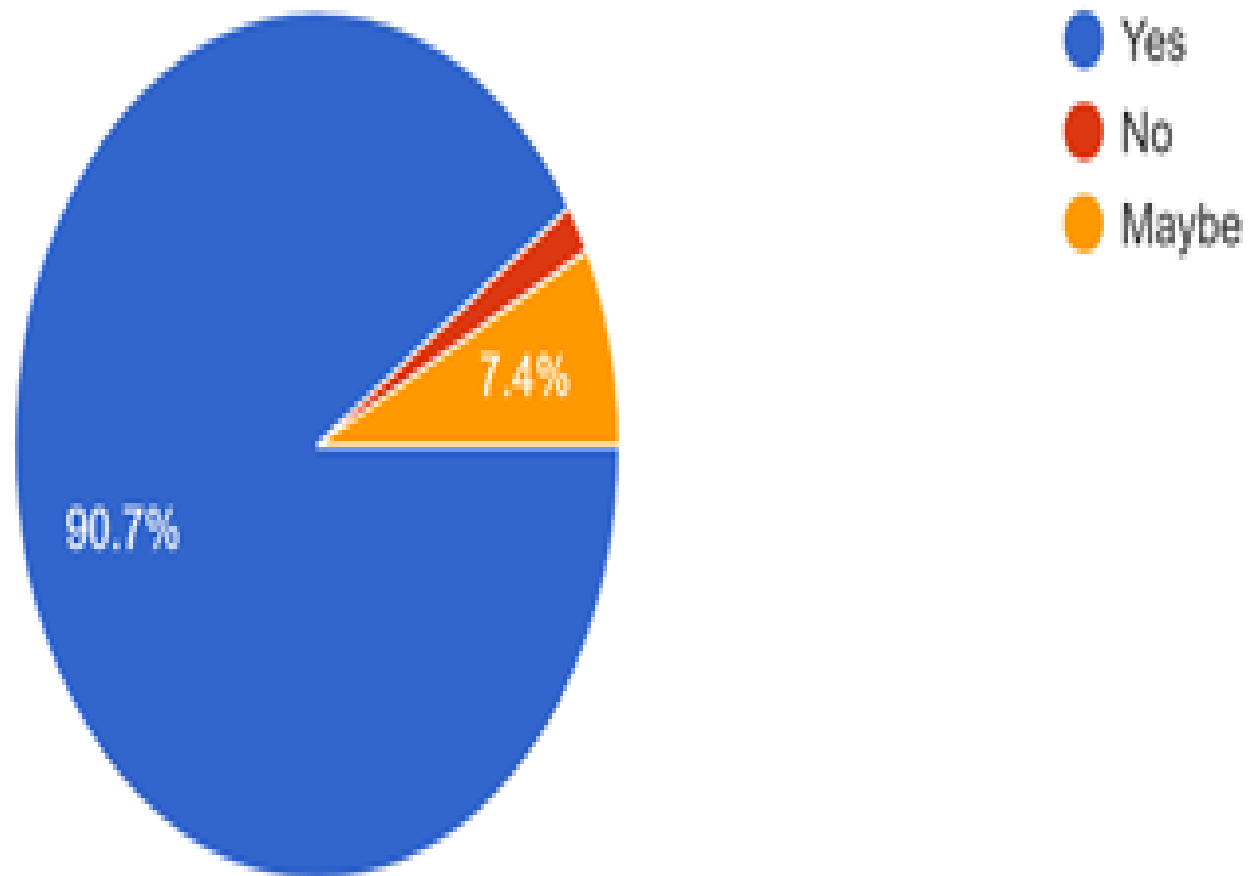
*Did you feel
welcome?*



Yes = 49

No = 1

Maybe = 4



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Inventory question 5.

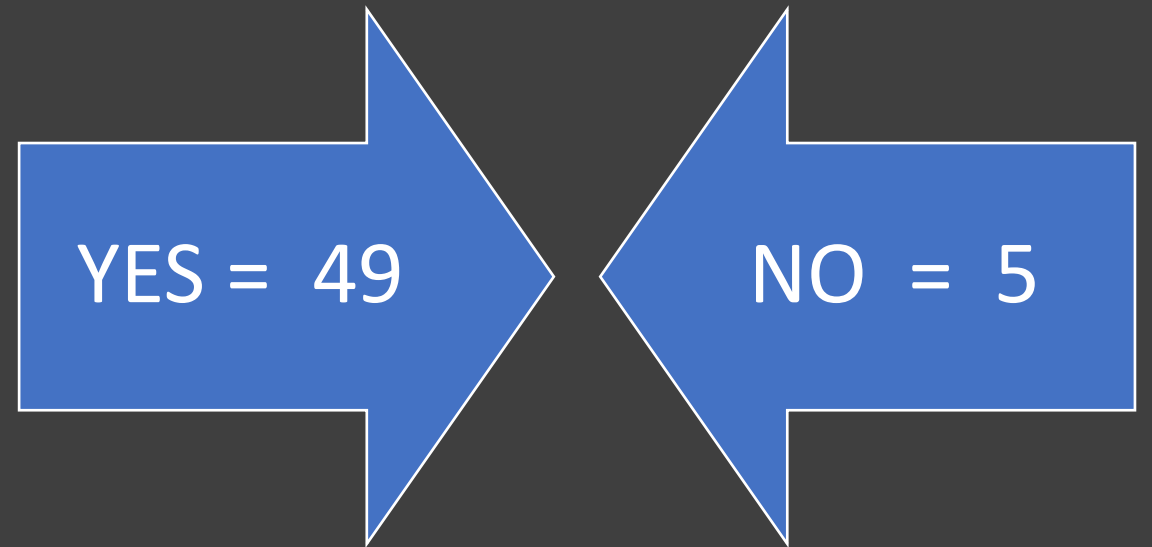
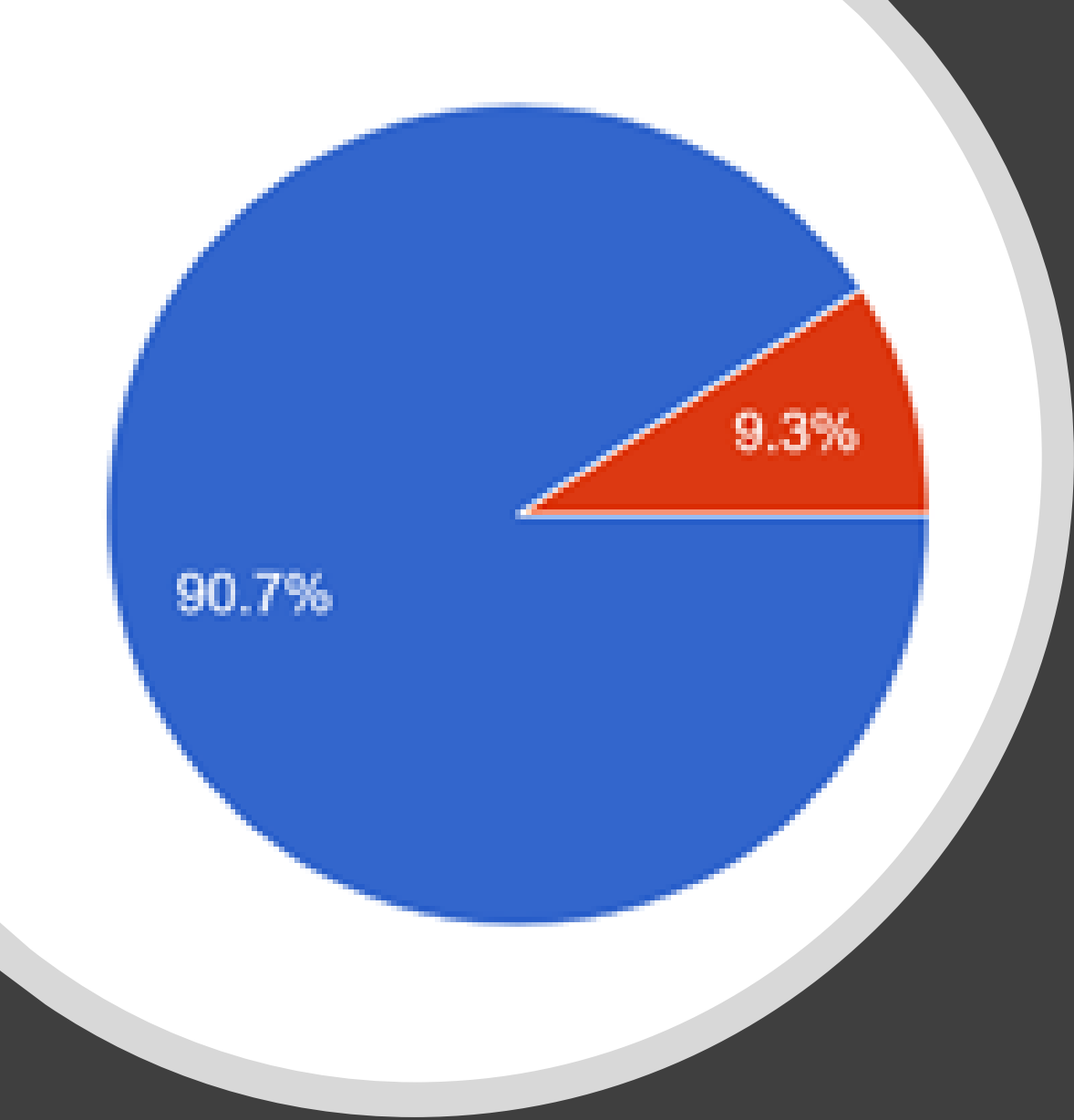
*If you did not
feel welcome,
please explain.*

- I always felt there was a group of people who belonged and those who didn't
- Would be great if AWSC members were more easily identified on nametags / ribbons
- I did but I also felt very very new

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**Inventory
question 6.**

*Did you feel informed
on the issues
that required voting?*



Inventory question 7.

- *Did you have any barriers that limited your participation in our Assembly? Were you able to overcome those barriers?*



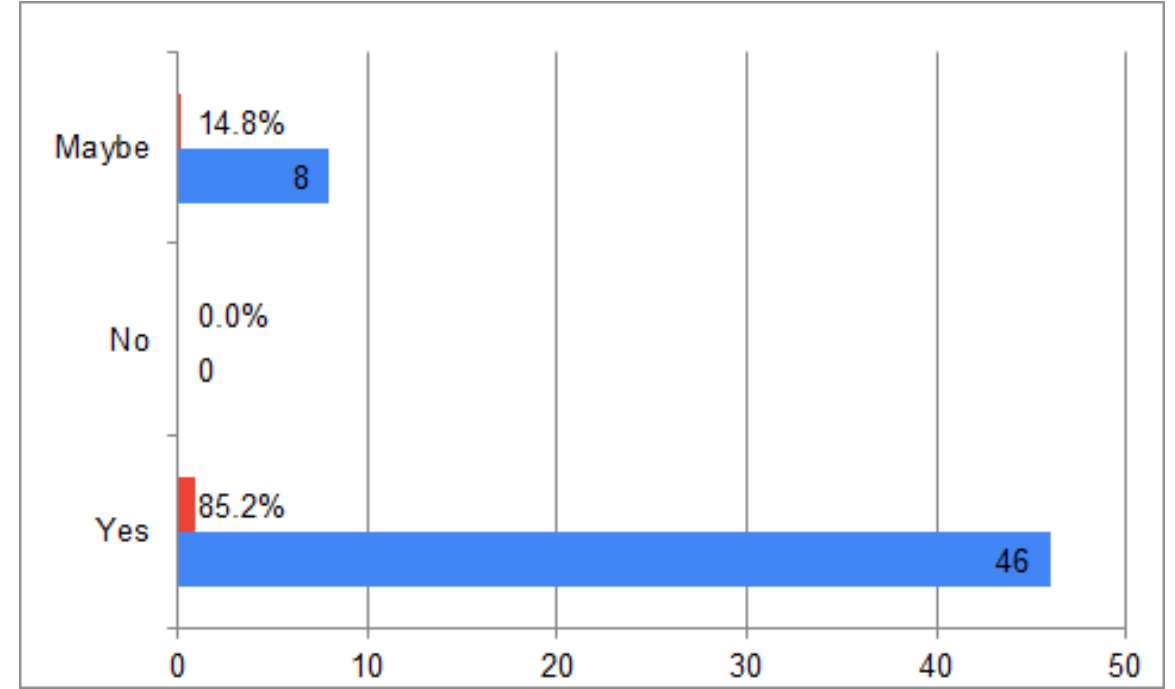


Time is always a factor. Busy lives require planning ahead and putting business events on my calendar. I prioritize Al-Anon events because of the overwhelmingly positive affect it has had on my life. I am committed to my service position and my attendance reflects this.

Lots of walking, got too tired.

Not enough signage. Got lost on a big campus.

Long periods of sitting (business meeting is difficult sit through).

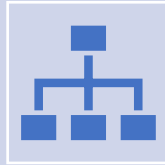


Was it a good experience?

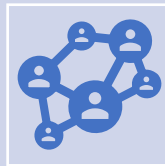
Inventory question 8.

Inventory question 9.

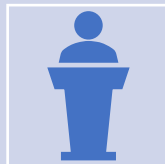
What did you gain from attendance?



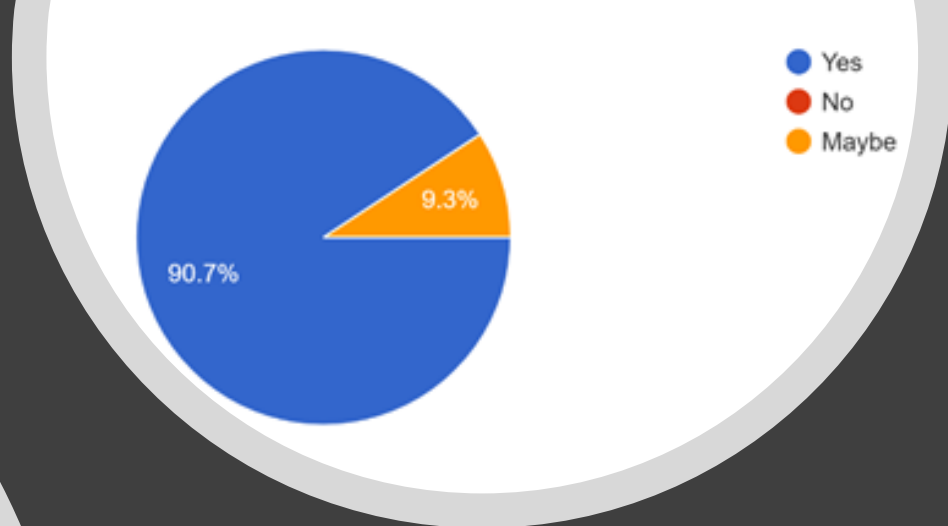
I felt like I understand the process of service structure better. Began to understand the concepts better, and understand the business of AFG.



Learned more about the program, developed lifelong friendships, gained a lot of confidence.



Fellowship and staying informed.



**Inventory
question 10.**

*Did we follow the Al-Anon
principles during
the Assembly?*

Yes = 49

No = 0

Maybe = 5


Inventory question 11.

If you answered no or maybe in the previous question, please explain.

- Truthfully I wasn't focused on this so I don't know.
- I would like the number/pg. of the service manual that was used or the number of the tradition or concept used for decisions etc. It is very instructive and tethers the decisions to the backbone of Al-Anon.
- Area is very controlling.

Inventory question 12.

- ❖ 2 day Assemblies are sufficient (I believe). I also like attending virtually.
- ❖ Too long. (many, many comments about this)
- ❖ It's long. Could it be shortened? There isn't much time for fellowship because it's event after event. (tight schedule)
- ❖ Prefer zoom or hybrid because the assembly was shorter.

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What do you think about the length of our Assemblies?

Inventory question 13.

*Recommendations
to improve the
Assembly
experience?*

- ✓ I would consider omitting the candlelight service on Saturday night. We had good attendance for the Friday night candlelight meeting on June 4 but Saturday's was supporters of the person chairing. This was also true in Carroll. I think most are burned out after a long day .
- ✓ We need more attendees and welcoming for newcomers. Engaging the GR's as vital to the assembly.
- ✓ Shorten it to embed fellowship time. We are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, right? There isn't really time fellowship, not even when eating because there's a speaker (except for breakfast).



Thoughts, Questions, or Concerns?

❖ This inventory is a way to hear all member voices on Area 18 Assemblies.

1. When was last time your district did an inventory?
2. When did you last participate in your homegroup's inventory?
3. Are you thinking about doing a group or district inventory now? (hang around)



A photograph of a winding asphalt road through a forest with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The road is covered with fallen leaves. A semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

We appreciate your
participation!

Your Area Inventory Committee