

2024 Area Inventory

What do the members think?

What district do you call home?

District 1 2.17%

District 2 11.96%

District 3 7.61%

District 4 5.43%

District 5 1.09%

District 7 42.39%

District 8 6.52%

District 9 2.17%

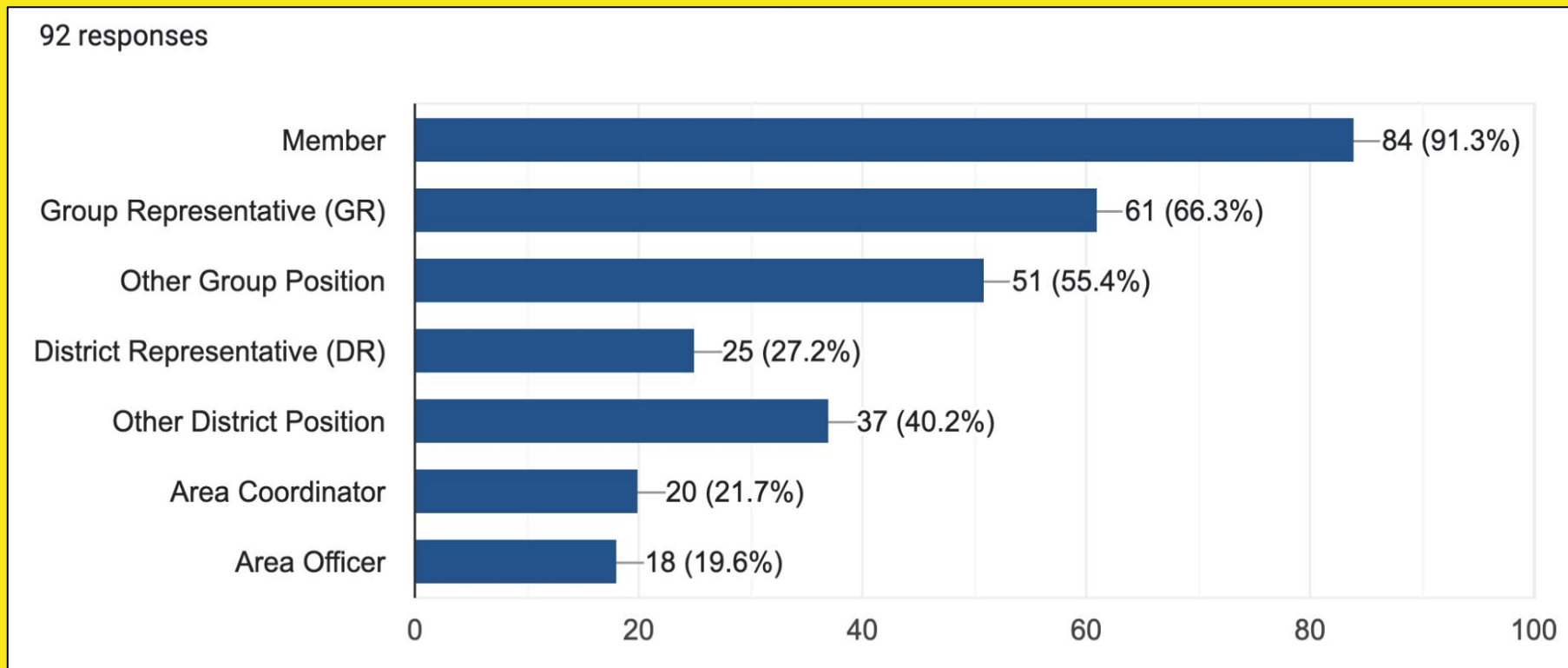
District 11 13.04%

District 13 3.26%

District 14 2.17%

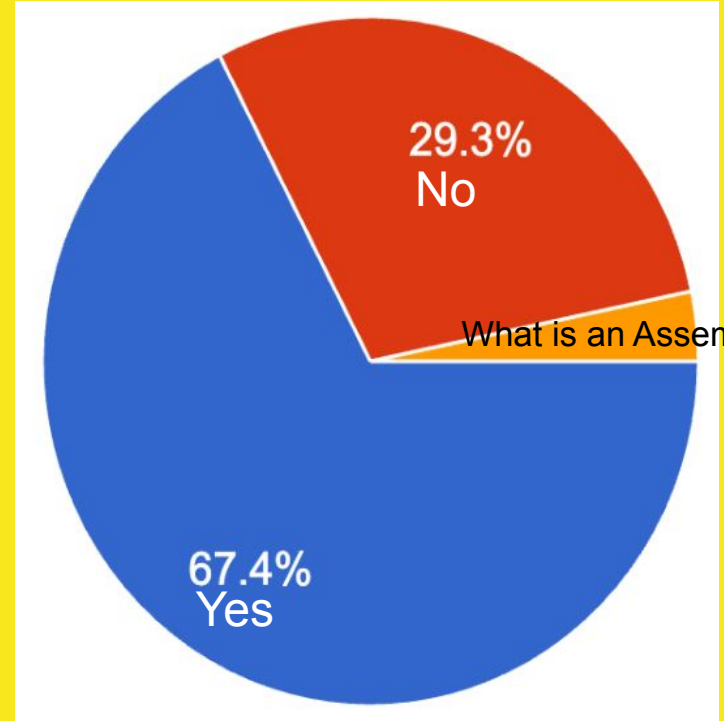
I don't know 2.17%

Have you ever served in any of the following positions?

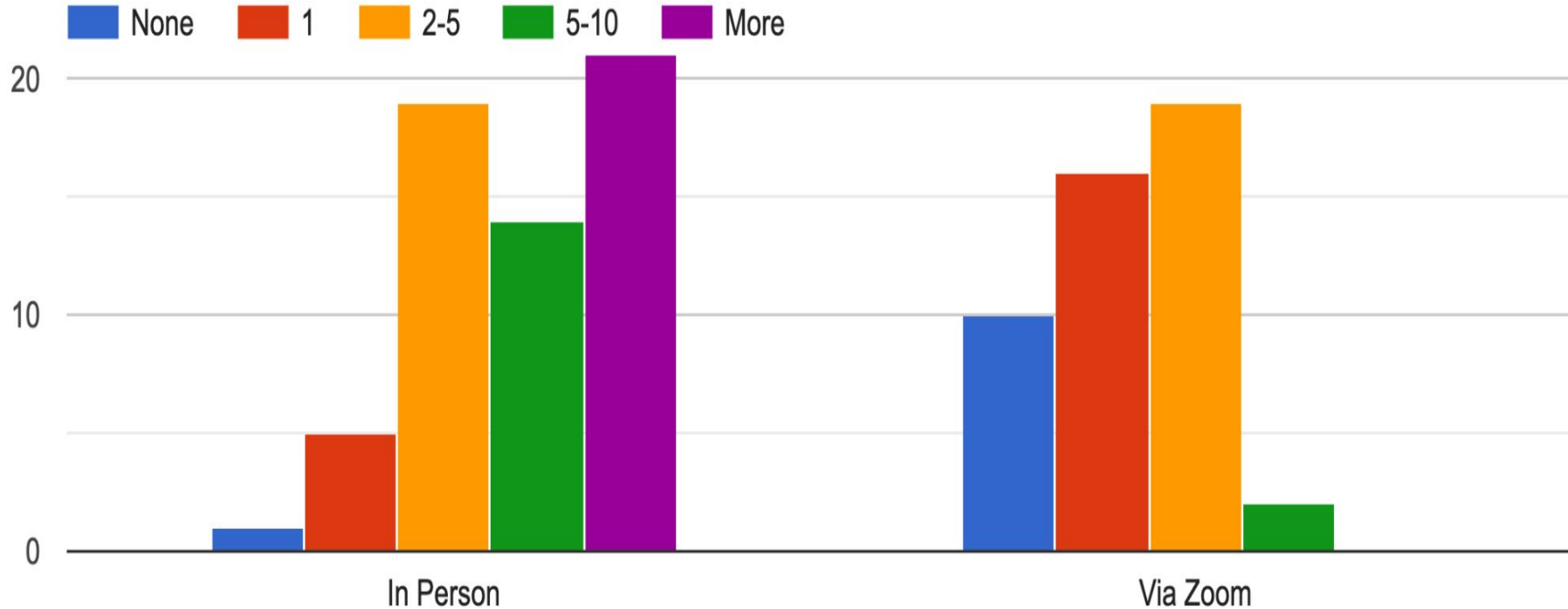


Have you attended an Assembly?

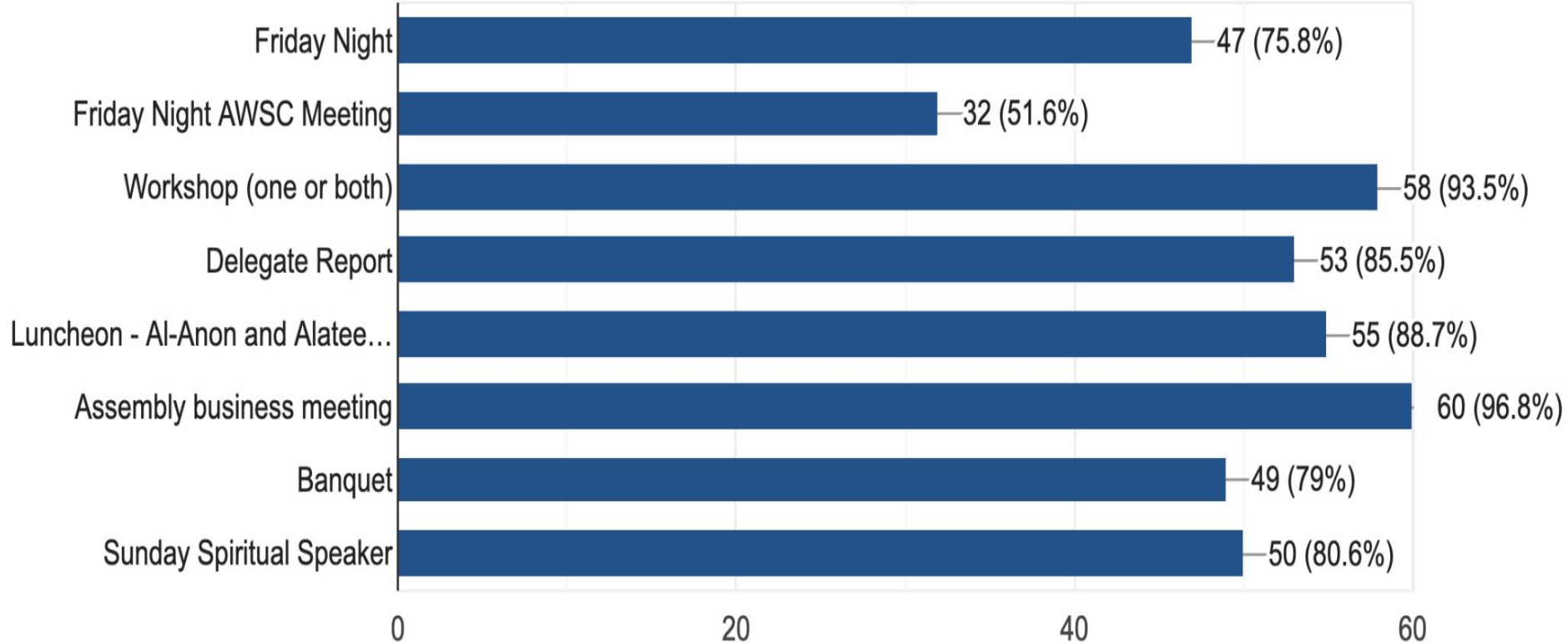
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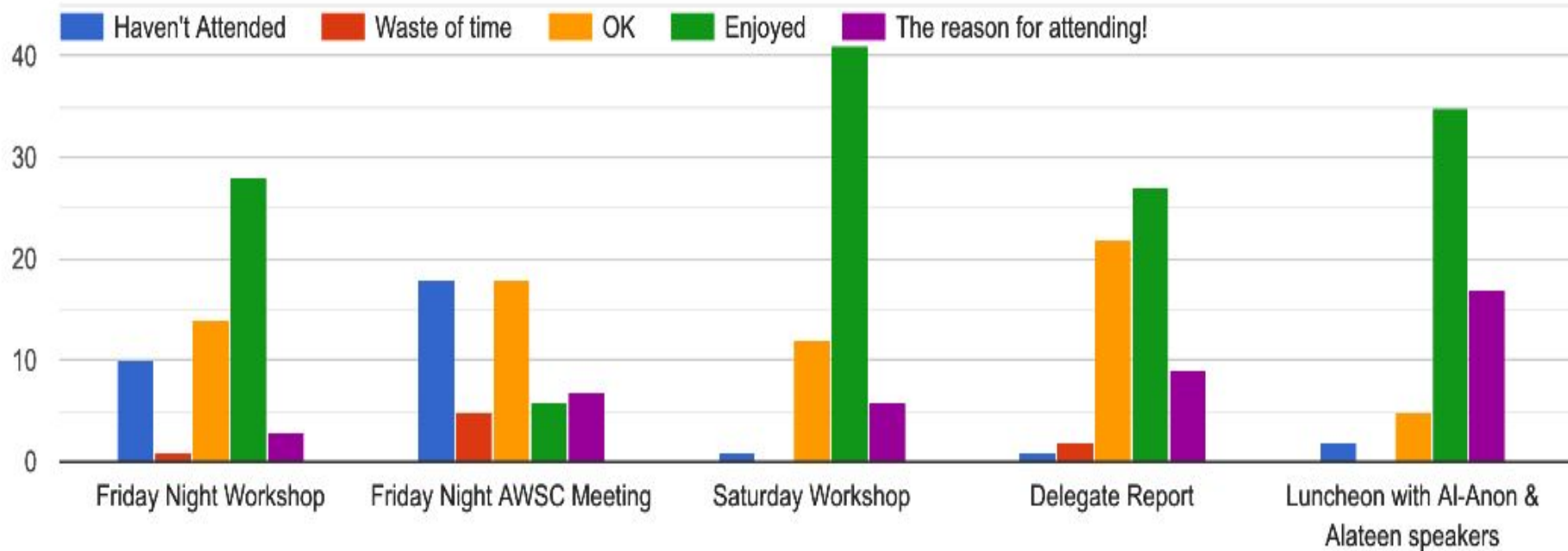
How many Assemblies have you attended?



What portions have you participated in?

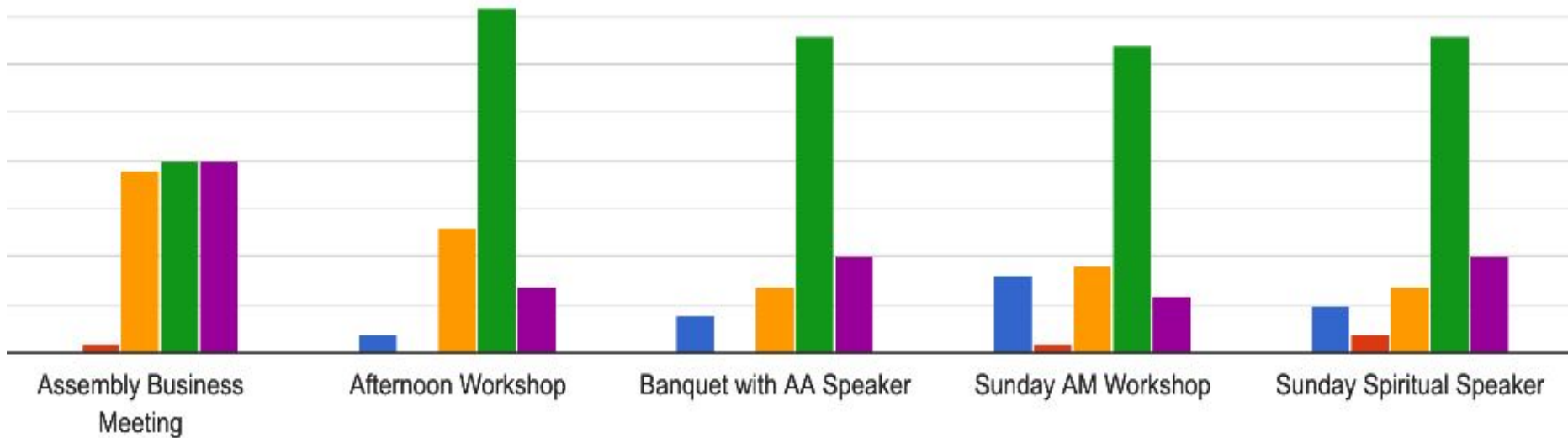


Please rate the value of the sessions that you have attended

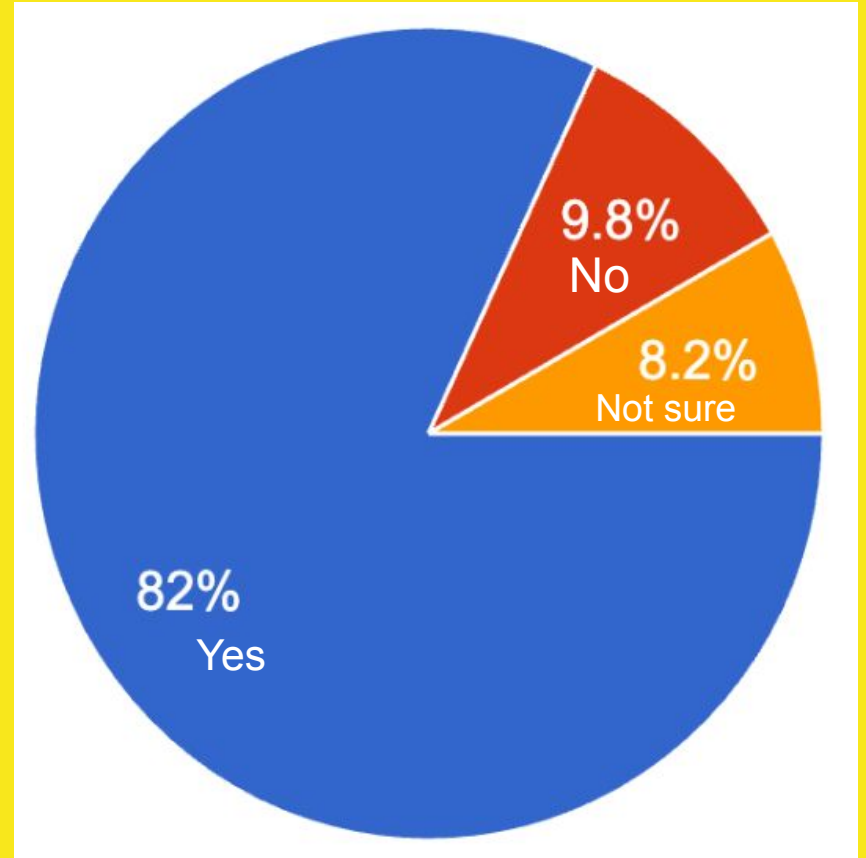


Please rate the value of the sessions that you have attended (page 2)

Legend: ■ Haven't Attended ■ Waste of time ■ OK ■ Enjoyed ■ The reason for attending!




Do you know where to find the Assembly event flyer and the Agenda?



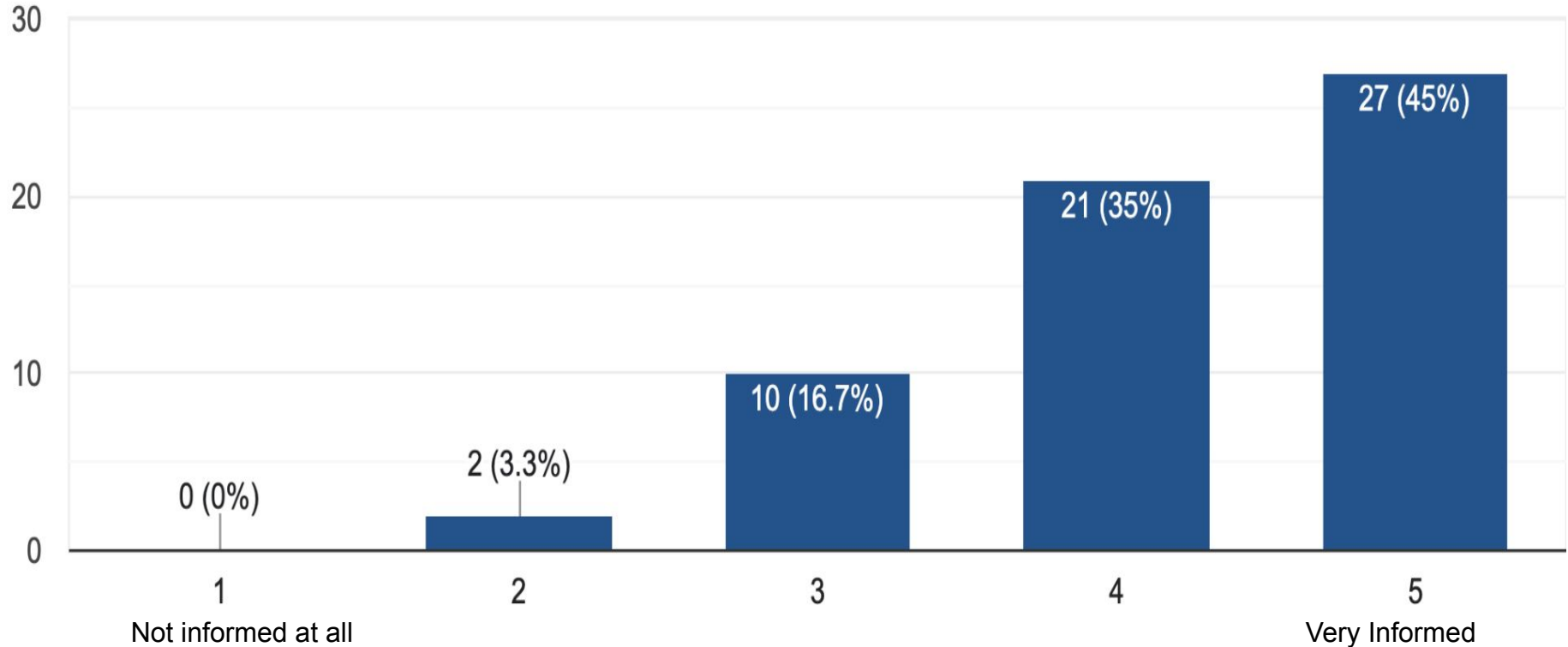
What issues do you have finding the flyer and agenda?

Some commenters find it extremely easy to find both, while others commented they didn't know where to find it or that it was hard to navigate the Area website and find it or the flyer and agenda weren't on the website when they looked for it.

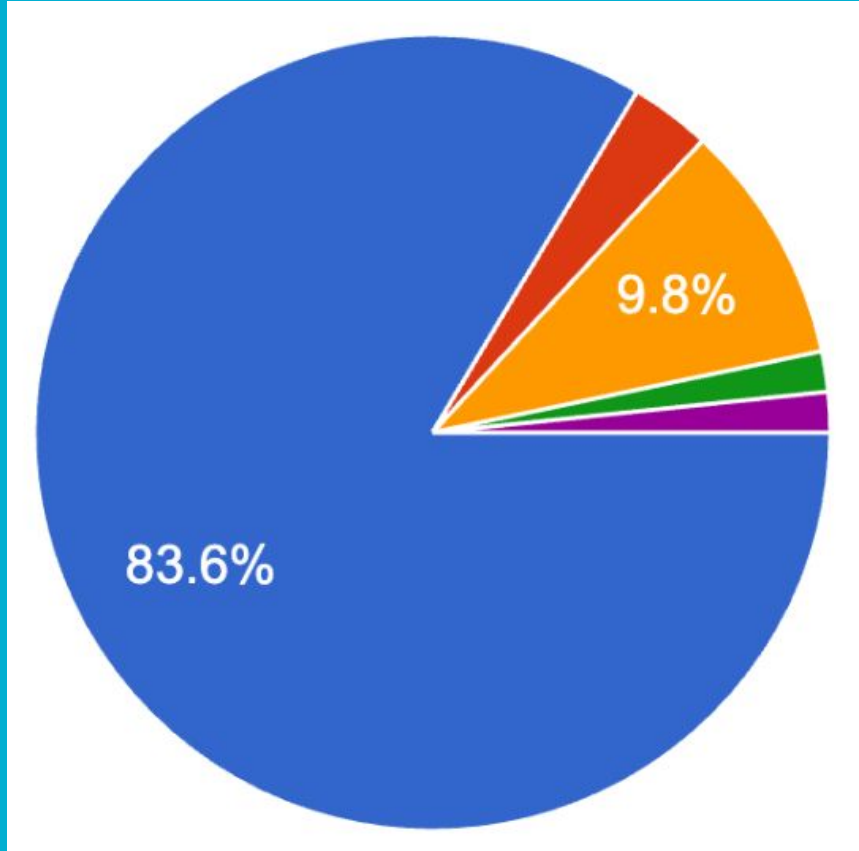
There were multiple comments that the only way they see the flyer and agenda is if their GR sends it



Did you feel you were informed on Area Issues?

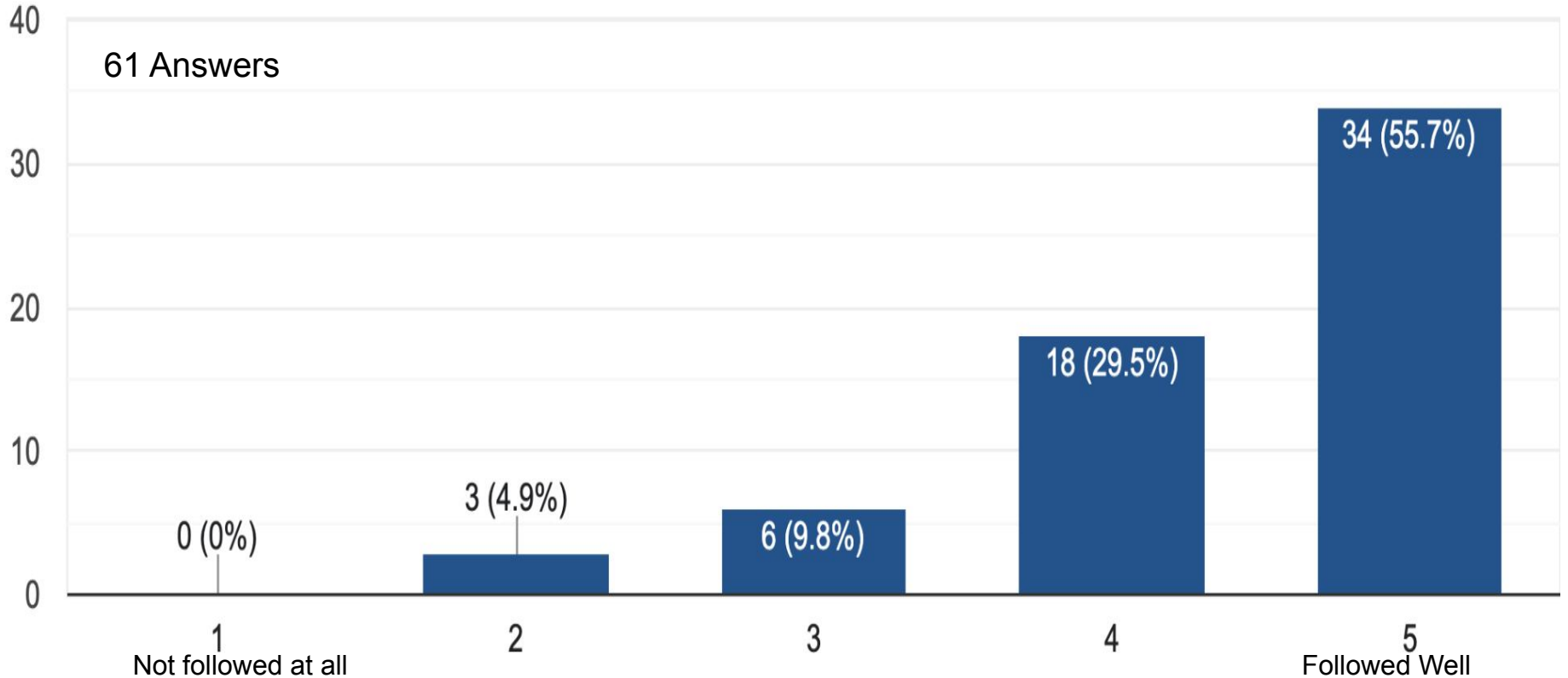


Did you feel welcome & included at the Assemblies you've attended?



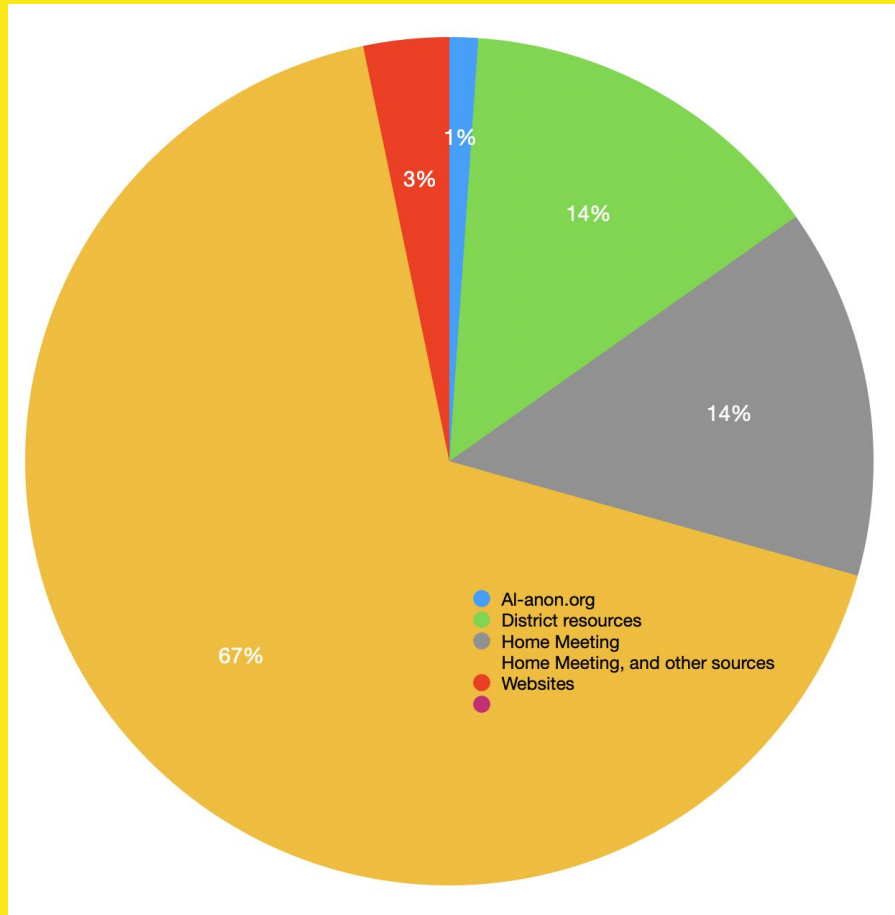
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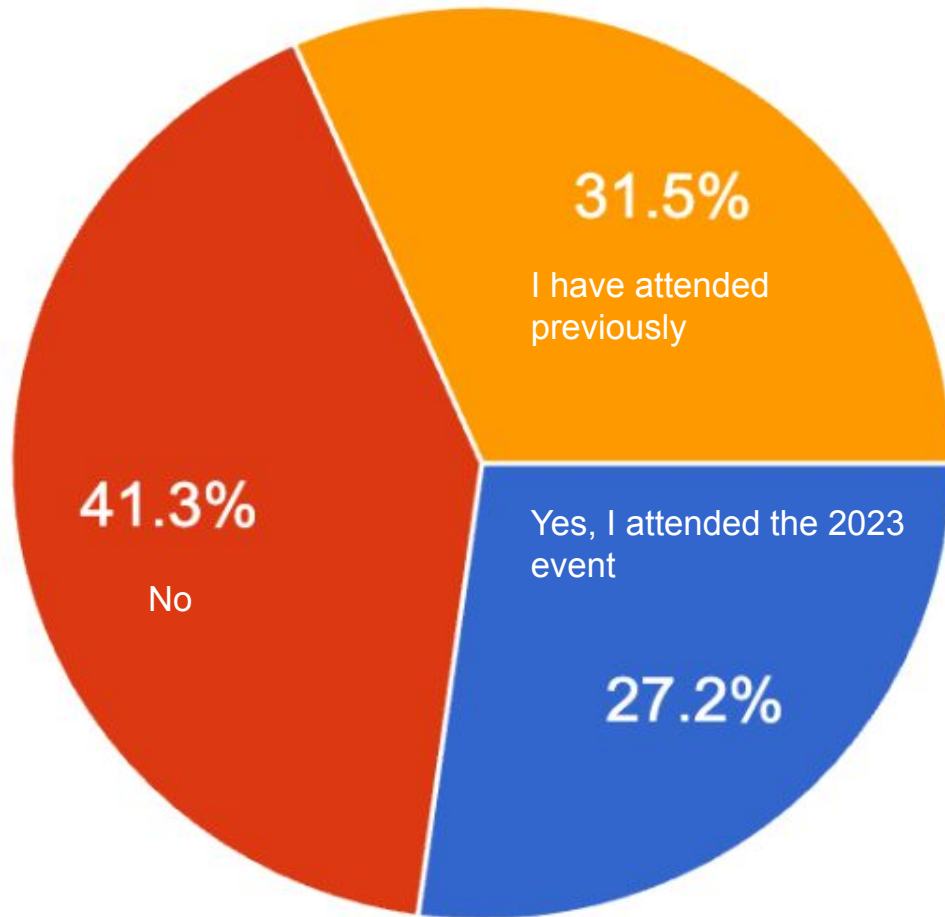
Have we followed Al-Anon principles during the Assembly?



What is your primary source of info regarding Al-Anon activities?

92 Responses





**Do you attend
Serenity
Weekend?**

Positive Feedback:

- Many attendees love the event, highlighting the location, serenity, fellowship, and spiritual connection.
- The workshops are seen as informative and creative.
- It's a great time to relax, meet new friends, and connect with members across Iowa.
- The event is enjoyable, uplifting, and a good opportunity for recovery and growth.
- Some appreciate the free time and the chance to walk by the lake.

2023 Serenity Weekend Comments

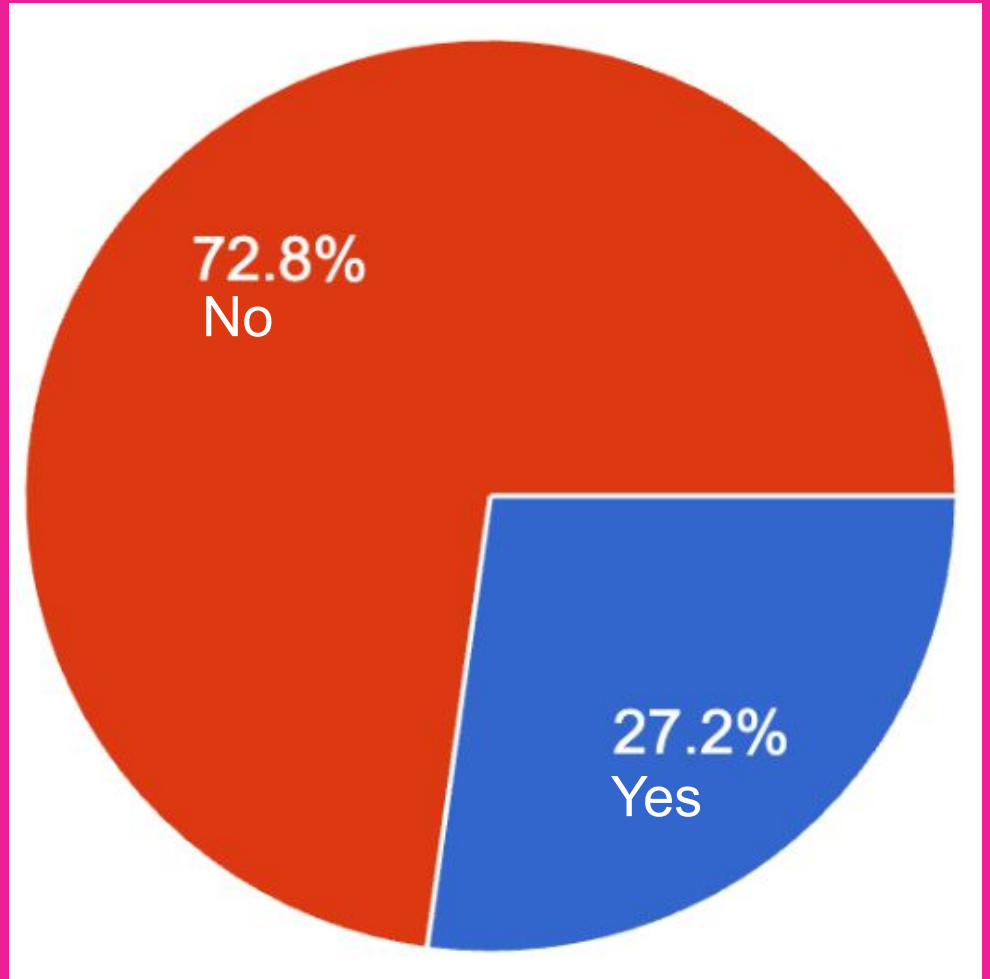
Suggestions for Improvement:

- Some feel the event could be shorter, suggesting a two-day weekend.
- There are calls for less structured time and longer breakout sessions.
- A few attendees find the event too “clicky” and feel there are too many “dog and pony shows.”

Challenges and Concerns:

- Distance and travel time are issues for some, making it hard to attend just for the day.
- Health issues and personal circumstances prevent some from attending overnight events.
- Some prefer more focus on speakers rather than games and activities.
- A few attendees have concerns about community sleeping arrangements.

Are you a
current
member of
the AWSC?



If an AWSC member, what format do you prefer?

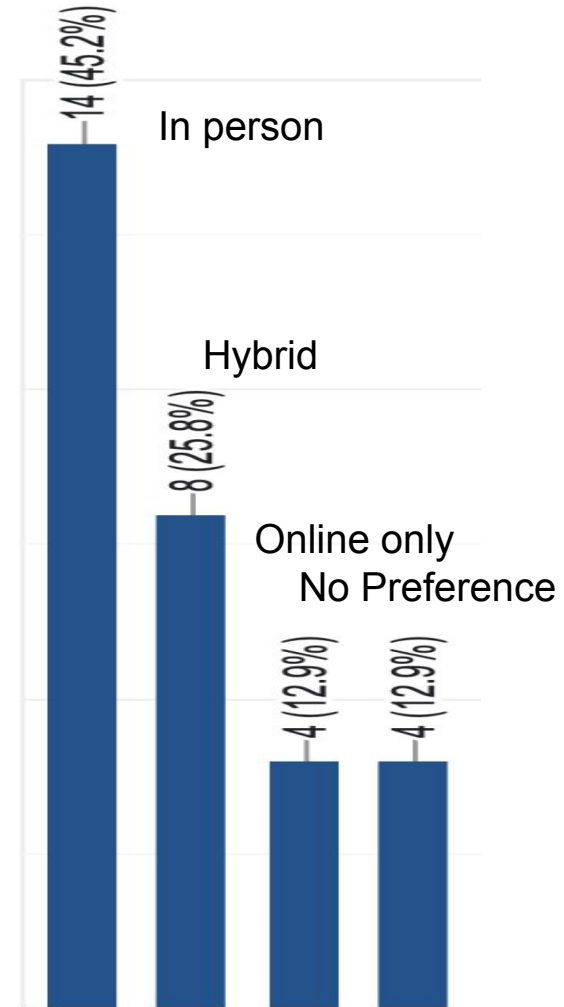
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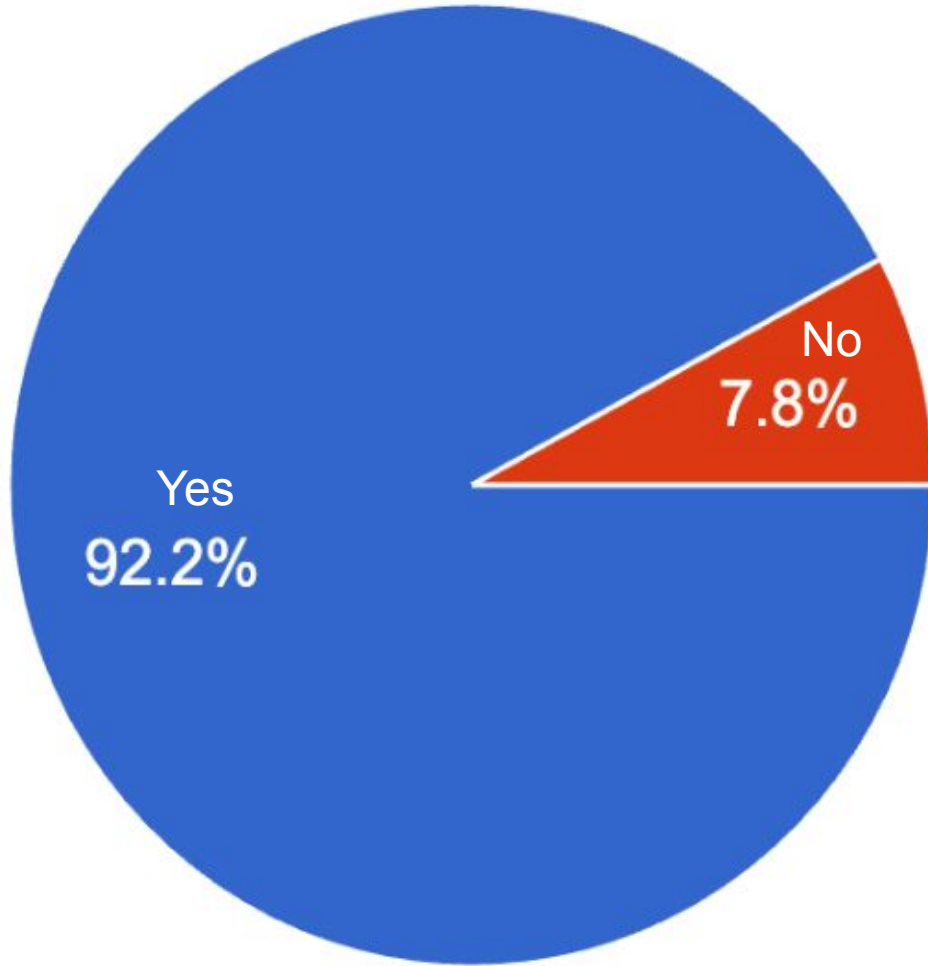
Other comments:

Hybrid, I believe it should be a permanent online meeting for the January meeting.

I don't have a clue as to what AWSC is.

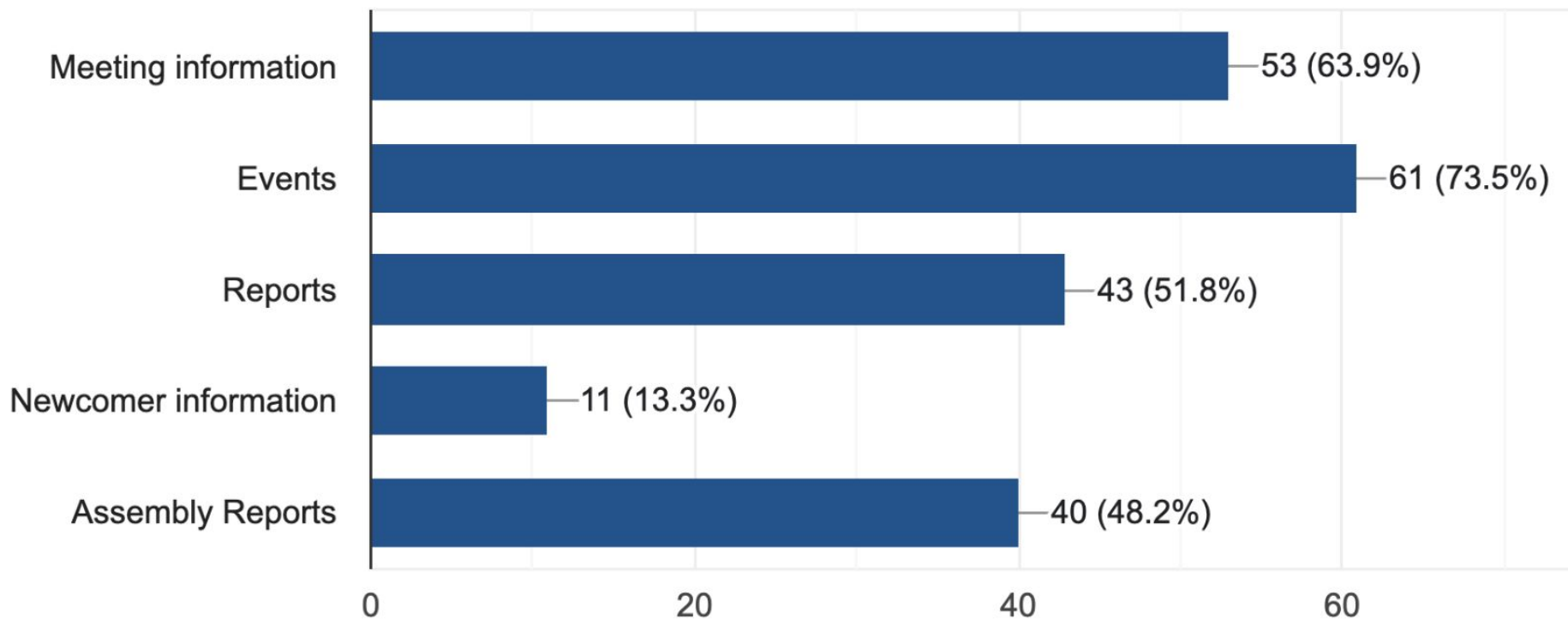
If AWSC were available via Zoom I would consider attending to stay informed as a member of Al-Anon even though not an AWSC member.



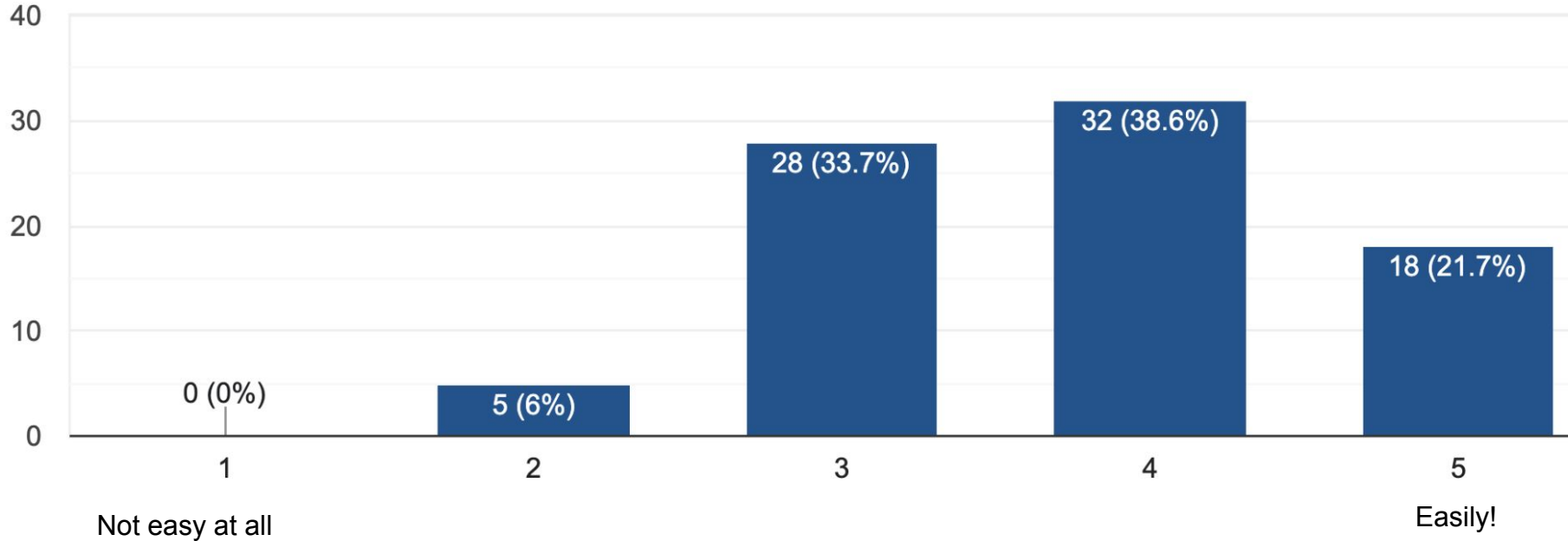


Have you visited the
Area Website?

What information were you seeking on the website?



How easy is the site to navigate & find what you're looking for?



Website Comments

- **Outdated Information:** Several users mentioned that the information on the website is not updated frequently enough, with some data being out of date.
- **Design and Usability:** Many users feel the website needs a design update, as it has had the same look for years. They suggest hiring a professional to improve the design and keep it current.
- **Navigation Issues:** While some users find the website user-friendly and easy to navigate, others have difficulty finding specific information, such as district numbers by city.
- **Font and Readability:** There are complaints about the font and color scheme, with some users finding the gray/silver text hard to read and suggesting darker, larger print for better readability.
- **Positive Feedback:** Despite the criticisms, some users appreciate the website's existence, find it works well, and plan to use it more often.

Overall, the main areas for improvement are updating the information more frequently, redesigning the website for better attraction and usability, and addressing readability issues

What topics or issues do you thinking need to be addressed?

Attracting Younger Members: Emphasize the joy of service and make it appealing.

Openness to Change: Encourage studying the Concepts & consider holding more assemblies, including a mix of virtual, hybrid, & in-person meetings to enhance connection & discussion.

Leadership Concerns: There is a perception of dominance & not listening to the assembly. There's a need for rotation in service positions to bring in new members.

Inclusivity: Use inclusive language in the 12 steps and traditions. Avoid male pronouns to prevent alignment with any specific sect or denomination.

Public Awareness: Al-Anon needs better public outreach as many people are unaware of its existence.

Alateen Age Restrictions: Some members disagree with the current age restrictions for Area events.

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Public Outreach: Utilize social media for outreach and ensure the Iowa website has current information.

Officer Positions: Concerns about the high demands on officer positions, which may deter people from standing for these roles.

Gratitude: Appreciation for the opportunities to participate in the Iowa Area and gratitude for those who volunteer.

Hybrid Meetings: Attendance has dropped post-pandemic despite the availability of hybrid meetings.

Donations to WSO: Discussion about making donations to WSO and ensuring members are aware of the costs involved in keeping groups running.

Accessibility: Suggestion to use larger fonts on worksheets and other materials