

NERAASA Takes Its Own Inventory

The questionnaires have been completed. Now it's time to talk!

Please join one of the follow up discussions to contribute your input live.

Sunday, January 24, 2PM to 4PM

Wednesday, January 27, 7PM to 9PM

meeting room on Zoom

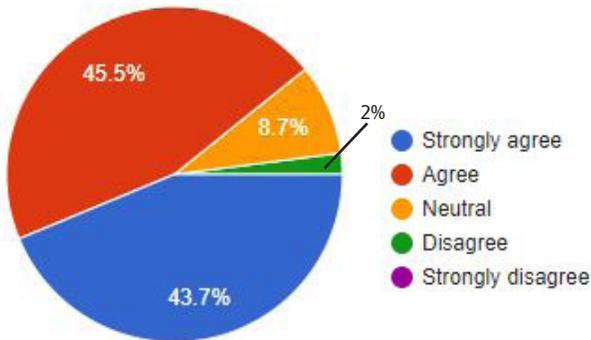
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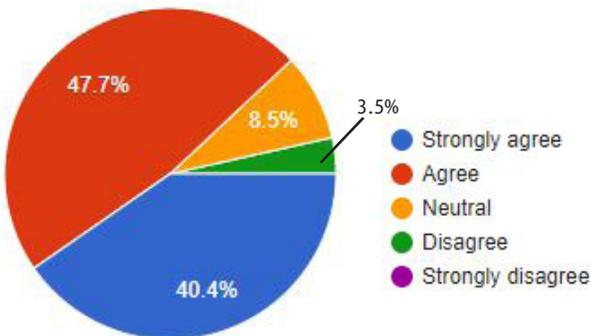
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Preliminary Responses to Inventory Questionnaire

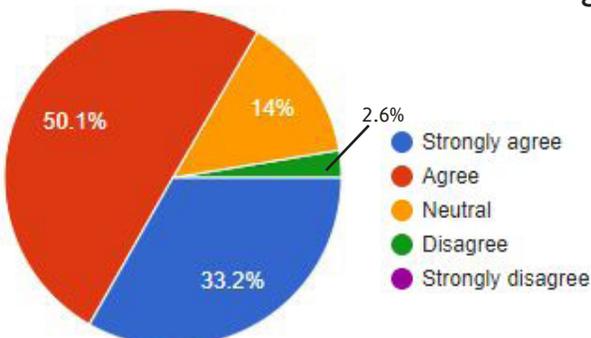
1 | NERAASA fulfills its purpose of discussing General Service Conference related issues.



2 | NERAASA fulfills its purpose of discussing concerns affecting A.A. as a whole.



3 | NERAASA fulfills its purpose of discussing pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.



Sample responses

- That's a somewhat agree. Since my first NERAASA in 2008, where it was completely true, it seems to have strayed from that somewhat.
- This depends very much on the host committee and well-researched presentations.
- NERAASA needs to be careful we are not creating blocks votes of GSC issues.
- I like the way the topics are presented without discussing the specific motions.

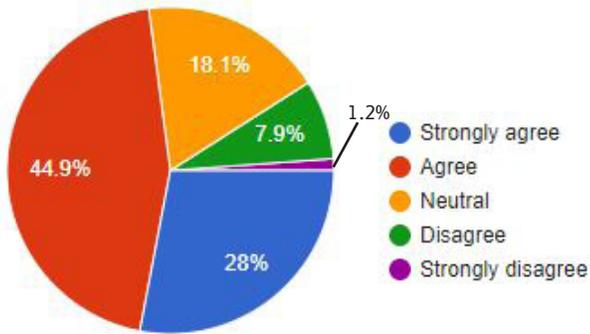
Sample responses

- This is done only incidentally by discussing GSC topics which are often focused on issues concerning AA as a whole.
- The presentations have been very strong, but once we get to the floor...it falls apart as the great Alcoholic ego is unveiled...need more concentration on Concepts and Traditions.
- There is no way to hear every viewpoint on every topic of interest within A.A., but at least NERAASA gives members an opportunity to express themselves.
- I have attended quite a few NERAASAs and have always felt that I leave a better servant.

Sample responses

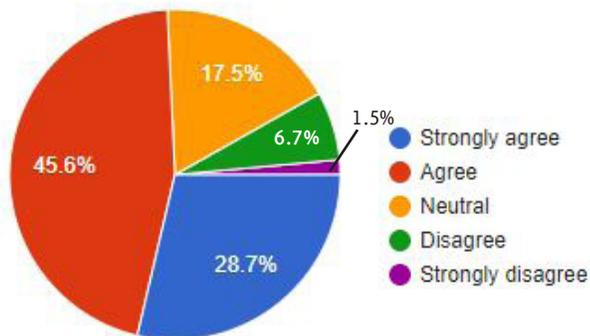
- I believe we could spend more time on the Recovery and Unity aspect of NERAASA.
- My experience is that this primarily occurs at the roundtables.
- The position-specific workshops fulfill this purpose. Otherwise, no (the fellowship is nice).
- It is my understanding NERASSA was started to prepare the delegates. It seems to have too many purposes. A short weekend can't be all things to all people.

4 | The purpose of NERAASA is communicated clearly.

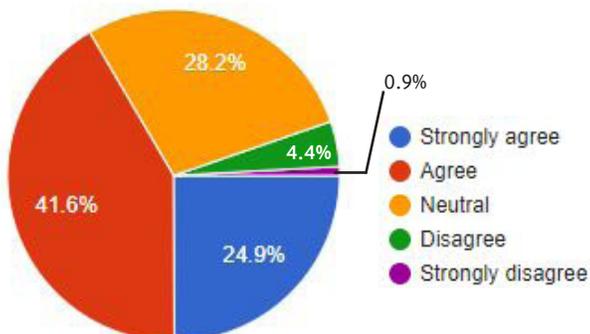


5 | What is YOUR purpose in attending NERAASA?

6 | The service roundtables meet my needs.



7 | The NERAASA Business Meeting gives all members the opportunity to participate.



Sample responses

- I think we could do a much better job of this.
- There's no physical information that I've seen to pass out to members so they can read and understands theNERASSA role in our structure of AA.
- Most members (in my area) have no idea what the acronym NERAASA stands for.
- We have much work to do here.

Sample responses

- Learn/connect/have input/share ideas.
- To learn about how to do better service work.
- More information about agenda items.
- To network and learn.
- Awareness of current issues facing AA.
- I gather information to take back to my District and to my homegroup.
- Meet others in my service position.
- For Conference info and to see friends.
- To get recharged about service.

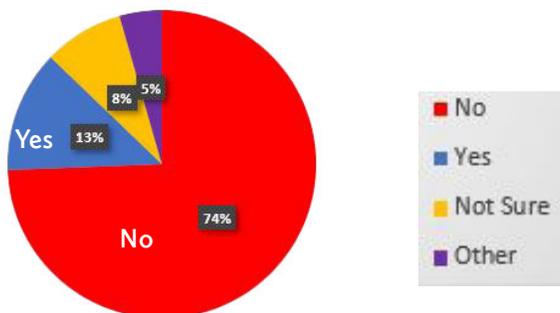
Sample responses

- Would like to have roundtables earlier in day.
- Always excellent!
- Most years yes, a few years not so much. The moderator has a strong influence over this.
- One of my favorite parts of the weekend.
- GSR and DCM roundtable on second night may better serve both groups if the sessions are not combined.

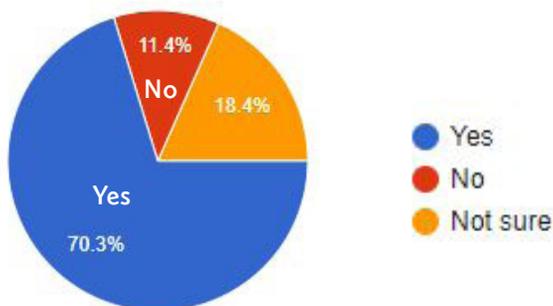
Sample responses

- I guess it does, the business is so "outside" the reason folks attend NERAASA it is more of a spectacle than anything.
- Early business meetings were brief and concise. Over the years became more combative and longer not permitting covering the entire agenda let alone permitting all who wish to speak.
- I don't think the purpose or the format of the business meeting is understood by most attendees.
- "Golden mic" concerns.
- Great job for amount of time allotted.
- Sometimes there is serious "soap boxing" going on.
- Never seems to be enough time to discuss everything.
- The same people talk year after year and very few matters of any real consequence get accomplished.
- Love the business meetings.

8 | Should NERAASA have purposes other than those set out in the Guidelines?



9 | Does one NERAASA per year meet our needs?



10 | How can we attract the diversity of our Northeast Regional A.A. membership to NERAASA?

11 | What can we do to ensure that all A.A. members interested in service are able to attend an accessible and affordable NERAASA?

12 | Is there anything you would like to add?

Sample responses

- Probably best to stick with the guidelines.
- I'm not sure.
- No. Be what you are.
- Perhaps specify sharing experience with trusted servants in similar positions (roundtables).
- Let's live up to the current statement.

Sample responses

- One in person NERAASA does - but consider how we can extend via virtual platforms.
- Our area couldn't afford to support this more than once per year.
- If people are having difficulty affording travel once a year, how likely are they to travel twice?
- With the necessary preparation required for an event of this size, two such events a year would be difficult.
- I say twice a Year.
- Could be an every other year thing.
- More than one is cost and time prohibitive.

Sample responses

- Need to increase the diversity of our membership first.
- Getting word to more diverse groups.
- Create a diversity outreach committee.
- Lower the cost incurred for the weekend. Scholarships.

Sample responses

- Zoom has opened the door for those who cannot attend in person.
- Scholarships.
- Locations with public transportation.
- Hybrid in-person and virtual NERAASA.
- Each Area needs to be responsible for that.
- Comes down to money, and location.
- Change the perception of NERAASA at the group level so that more groups are willing to support the cost to send their GSRs.

Sample responses

- Please keep NERAASA as service oriented as possible.
- Limit the amount of times someone can come to the microphone.
- Roundtables are too late.
- NERAASA has made me a person dedicated to service and has enriched my recovery :)
- I returned from NERAASA a better GSR.