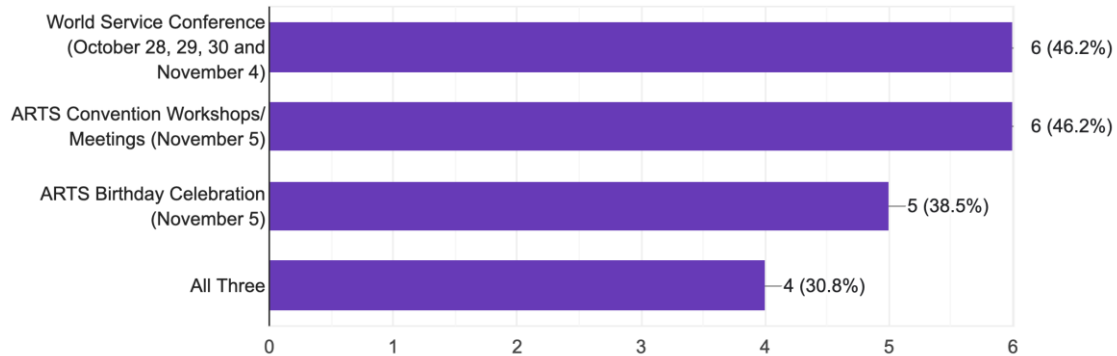


## Results of Participant Survey for WS Conference, ARTS Convention, ARTS Celebration – 2022

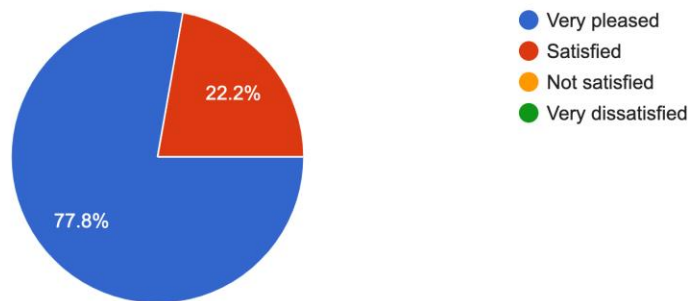
### 1. Which events did you attend?

13 responses



### 2. If you attended the World Service Conference how would you describe your experience?

9 responses



### Please Explain or Comment:

7 responses

i'm glad to have been able to serve my home meeting, but was only able to attend one 2-hour block. to be honest, though, that was enough for me. after many years of attending similar meetings, i don't have a lot of bandwidth for them.

A tremendous amount of work was completed whilst maintaining unity (Tradition 1).

All motions passed, the people who submitted the motions had done their homework 100 times over

We set goals and met them despite a couple of curve balls.

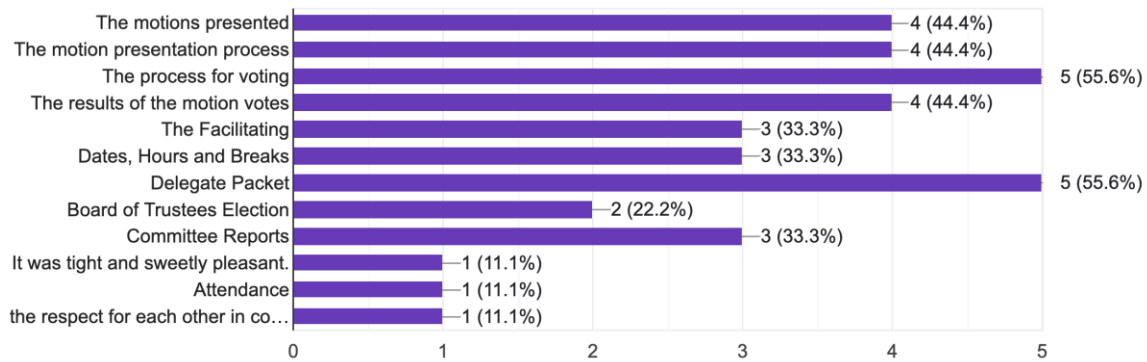
Great event. It was wonderful to meet all the participants, to hear different point of views and to experience the service and involvement of everybody.

I thought it went well. Organized and we accomplished a lot

It felt special being a delegate welcomed into this global community. I was drawn into the heart of this program

### 3. What did you like best about the World Service Conference?

9 responses



*(NOTE: Participants were invited to provide an "Other" to the above question)*

Please Explain or Comment:

5 responses

the delegate packet was very thorough

Same comment as given to Q2

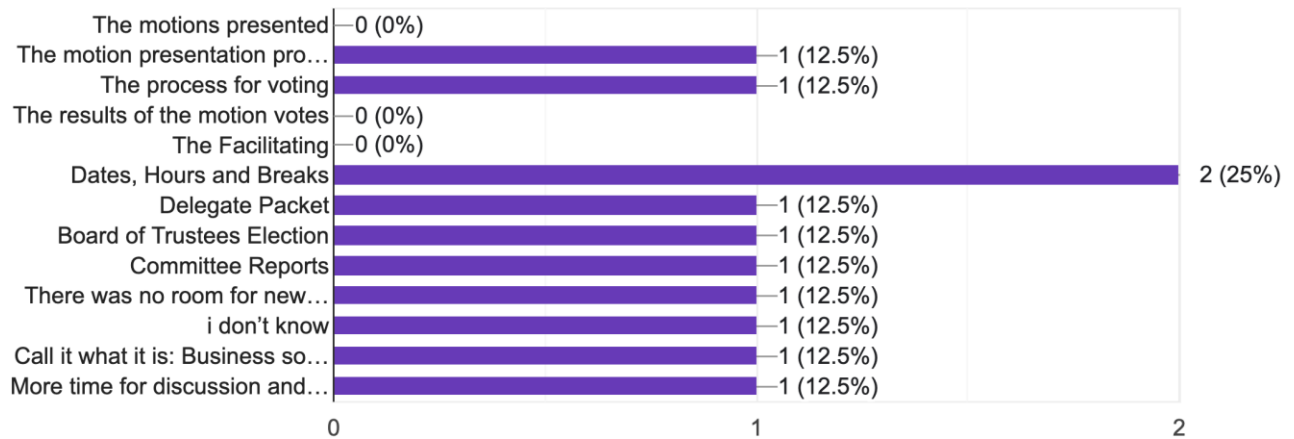
There was no opportunity allowed to derail the process. Yay!

Participation was good.

It was my first time and a richly satisfying experience seeing the inner workings of the committees along with the reassurance that I belong here!

#### 4. What about the World Service Conference needs to be improved?

8 responses



*(NOTE: Participants were invited to provide an "Other" to the above question)*

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7 responses

Top down means there is room for delegate new business

other than the fact that weekends are not workable for me and what i mentioned above... as this was my first world service conference, i don't know what needs to be improved.

The voting system belongs to zoom. Undoubtedly it calls for acceptance of trust. However it is limited in transparency.

Conference and Convention is too difficult to differentiate between.

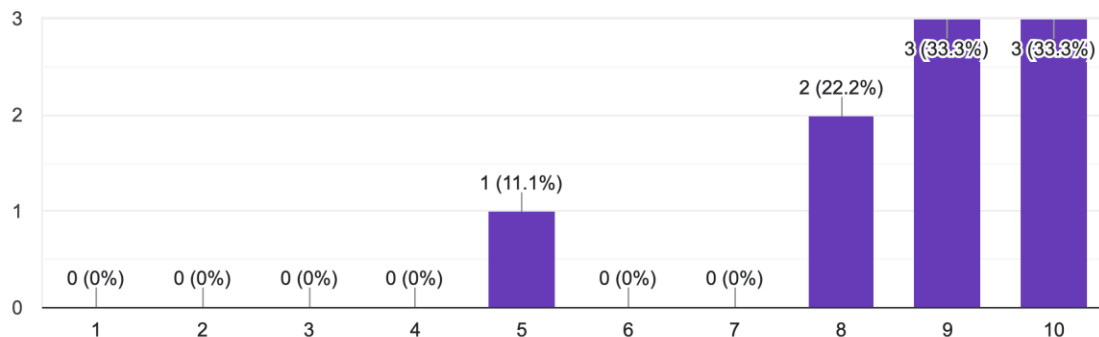
Perhaps a separate, more formal moment during the Conference for brief introductions followed by a Q and A. Maybe we did something like that.

I felt most of the motions came from the Board. Seems like there should be an opportunity for Delegates to bring up concerns and make motions.

A bit overwhelming in the sheer complexity of all the motions addressed. We were glad we were there to vote.

5. On a scale of 1 to 10, to what extent did the World Service Conference meet your expectations?

9 responses



Please Explain or Comment:

7 responses

Same as above

i didn't really have any.

Many of the Pros and Cons appeared to be frivolous, and offered for the sake of speaking.

It is frustrating to be shut down and then find, sometimes immediately, someone else allowed to do what I was shut down about.

Despite the confusion with the Lit. approval motion, I felt the outcome was the best it could be.

I felt great about the conference. We made a lot of progress and for a first run I thought it went swimmingly!!!

I missed a few workshops because it's hard to sit at a computer for so many hours.

6. What would you like to change or add for next year's World Service Conference?

Less hours. All documents prepared in time for meetings to discuss. The delegates may vote independently but they are also supposed to represent the informed views of their meeting. Will the same delegates be there next year? Is it a two year term?

i would probably not attend, as per my response to #2

more time to read info ahead of it

A uniform colour background for those eligible to vote.

Have a WSO sub committee of Inreach spend the whole year getting participation from meetings: each meeting have at least one delegate that is the liaison between the ultra

friendly WSO and the meeting, and, each meeting having at least one person being a member of one of the WSO committees.

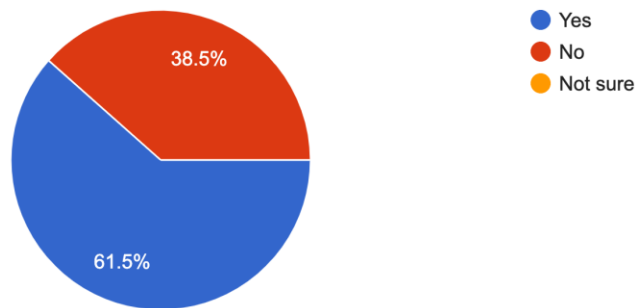
We learned and gained so much planning and meeting in preparation for this conference. I see us gleaning from all that and making great improvements. I think arts meetings would thrive and grow to understand the benefits service roles offer the meeting, and the benefits to volunteers for filling service roles. By this, I think the role of meeting delegates may be improved. At the same time, we did attend to this, but I feel time and clarity was an issue.

Maybe save some time for discussion and maybe some fun.

Eddie Ed says "have short funny commercials for ARTS" to break up the hard work of making decisions.

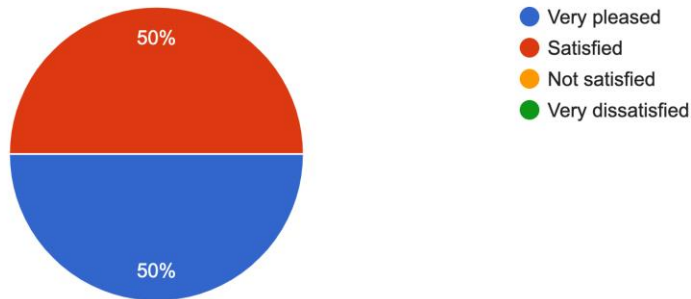
#### 7. Did you attend the ARTS Convention Workshops/Meetings on Saturday November 5?

13 responses



8. If so, how would you describe your experience?

8 responses



Please Explain or Comment:

I only dipped into several workshops. I found inspiration and support there. I'm going to look for a meeting to join.

more info re choices and materials needed ahead of time

I gained much in recovery by participating in them.

Vickie, already up to her eyeballs with service, did a great job with no time. Thank God the WSO came to the rescue providing workshops.

The connections that happened among members during the workshops were wonderful.

I was thankful participants on their own initiative still held a workshop on anxiety and art even though the speaker did not show until the workshop was over.

Had my nieces wedding Sat.

I was co-host of the Birthday celebration. I had no energy left to attend the workshops which would have been valuable to me

9. What would you like to change or add for next year's ARTS Convention Workshops/Meetings?

more time

More workshops by members less of ones by BOT members. This is not a criticism. Rather it is to encourage greater involvement.

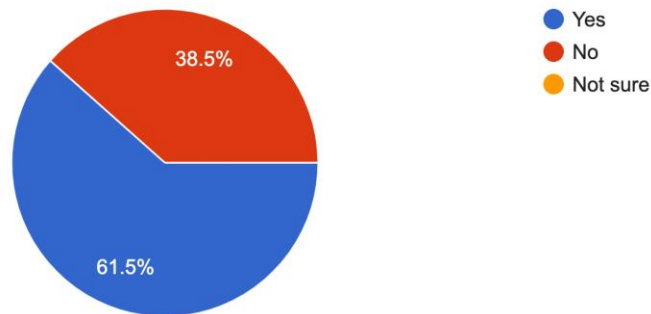
Make the conference and convention occur at different times - too confusing!

-Workshop ideas all year from the fellowship, -zoom again, -endless opportunity for art shares, -every step a separate meeting, maybe art shares at the end of every meeting, -a room for social visiting like a coffee break room, -a cafe room where members bring their meals and eat together, -a banquet at night where we eat together and chat and there is an after dinner speaker -a meditation room, -a room with a labyrinth "is used for walking meditation. It is a single winding path from the outer edge in a circuitous way to the center. Labyrinths are used world-wide as a way to quiet the mind, calm anxieties, recover balance in life, enhance creativity and encourage meditation, insight, self-reflection and stress reduction. can be done with a chart with a labyrinth screen shared and followed with a finger or someone actually walking on one and pointing their phone ahead of them -a dance with a DJ like Ayman and others -a yoga spiritual meeting -a special meeting offered maybe more that once or maybe recorded to watch for new delegates to be trained going thru a whole "packet" of material explaining all of what will be going on and allowing questions . An easy or simplified, clear description of the business process. ( it's probably already on the website!) -someone in charge of registration who can make a spreadsheet to include all sorts of information about who is attending, perhaps with the intention of getting a name for each of the email addresses on the WSO email list, and not make Allegra do registration, a HUGE job, one top of everything else she does.

Planning this event met unexpected challenges that made communication difficult. I'd like to see workshops present before the celebration with an earlier plan of clearer communication, and descriptions of the offerings, perhaps on the website. I felt offering workshops after the celebration created a nebulous closure.

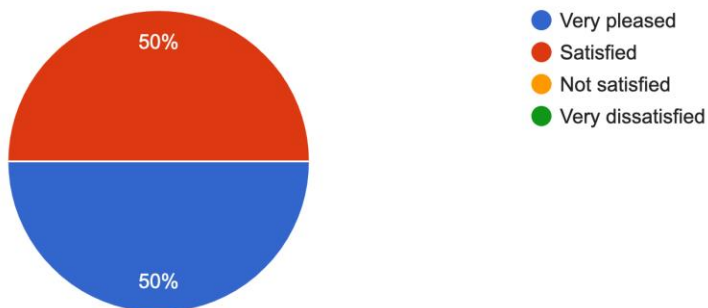
10. Did you attend the ARTS 38th Birthday Celebration on Saturday November 5?

13 responses



11. If If so, how would you describe your experience?

8 responses



Please Explain or Comment:

7 responses

Some of it seemed silly. I DID appreciate people telling about how ARTS has helped them. Even more, I appreciated the opportunity to see Abby B., since she's retiring. I'm new. I've read a number of ARTS materials and some that Abby wrote, so it was great to see the person who wrote them.

it was similar to the zoom-a-thon

earlier would have worked better for me

Nicely done, needed. Looking forward to Abby's retirement. No expectations tho.

The MC's were wonderful. I liked Abby's song.

Didn't attend

I was co-host and I also shared my story.



## 12. What would you like to change or add for next year's ARTS Birthday Celebration?

Since I was dipping in and out, I may have missed this, but I'd like to hear more about the changes ARTS made in people's art lives. I wish I could have heard what happened to Abby's art after she was in ARTS Anonymous.

maybe 3 hours not 4

i would make it shorter and more celebratory

more before /after stories and more art shares

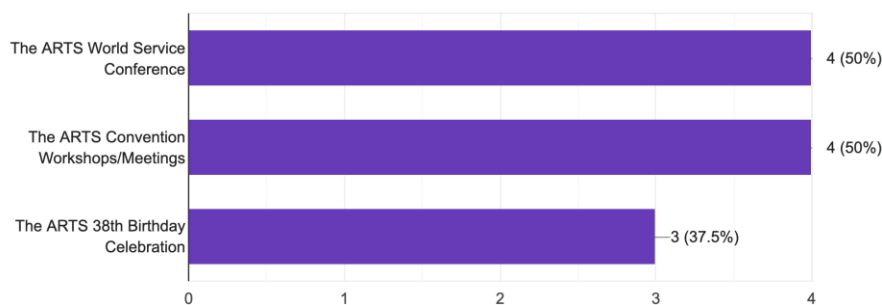
A DANCE!!!!!!!!!! Costume party, Eddie Ed and Marcie again, games where we can all participate, someone in charge of it all year getting it together like an Inreach subcommittee, repeatedly ask the fellowship for ideas, including the fellowship as much as possible in creative ways. Get them involved in everything.

Regarding the celebration: I'd like to witness recovery stories highlighting the transformations that happened participating with the ARTS Anonymous Program and resulted a more satisfying relationship creating. I'd also like to see a list of the goals that ARTS Anonymous successfully meets this coming year, and highlight them for celebration. It might also be wonderful to acknowledge ARTS members who went above and beyond serving ARTS Anonymous. Meetings could submit nominations of a member from their meeting describing their contributions.

It was fine.

## 13. What was your favorite part of the whole event?

8 responses



Please Explain or Comment:

6 responses

was important to celebrate and explore art together

It was wonderful to see a Fellowship Conference in action as this was my first time. And it was great to have an international perspective on recovery in the Convention.

Your answers to complaints were so smooth. It was like the flowery version of the alanon, "Thanks for sharing that". You knew exactly what to do and you did it all. Congratulations. I have so much gratitude for your service and your skill.

I look forward to how we may organize more of these through the coming year.

It's the only event I attended

The Before & After stories.

Is there anything else you would like to say?

no thank you.

I'm REALLY glad Abby Jo started ARTS and that she is honored and respected as member and founder.

I feel that maintaining the Tradition of Unity in the face of such a huge workload was excellent. I feel the BOT can get so caught up in the business aspect of A.R.T.S. that they forget, are unwittingly willing to water down the role of spirituality in running A.R.T.S. When this happens we become a personal development fellowship instead of a spiritual programme.

I enjoyed filling this out. It would be nice to be able to fill one of these out every month from a "Membership Interest" subcommittee of Inreach sent to all. If it was put together by a creative with a sense of humor it might be something to look forward to every month. A service job for someone, in Inreach (which might be the committee that deals with what goes on IN the organization rather than OUTREACH) who contacts each meeting every month and asks for a little article from each meeting for the newsletter. I like the way the WSO keeps asking for membership input. Please keep hammering away. It's new and it may take awhile for people to feel comfortable doing it.

Thank you for asking.

In the future, please send this survey out within a day or two of the conclusion of the event. I could be mistaken but I don't think I received it until much later and my memories of the events are a bit hazy. Thanks to all the people who provided service!

Thanks for asking. Thanks for your service.

Great event! Made me feel closer to ARTS. The hard work you put in gave me a sense of clarity, unity and belonging.