

# Society of Tennessee Archivists

Annual Meeting Feedback Survey Report, 2024

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## Introduction

Launched on October 17, 2024 and closed on November 1, 2024, the Society of Tennessee Archivists (STA) Annual Meeting Feedback Survey collected information regarding the Society's Annual Meeting held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on October 14 and 15, 2024. The Executive Committee distributed the survey to forty-seven meeting attendees, not including sponsors. Thirty attendees completed the survey, yielding a response rate of sixty-four percent. Some of the findings include:

- Most respondents will attend the STA Annual Meeting in the future;
- Respondents preferred presentations over other formats, but are most open to roundtable discussions at upcoming meetings;
- Respondents would like to see community archiving, project management, copyright, and digital curation covered at future events;
- All respondents would like to see an offering from the SAA Continuing Education catalog offered at a future meeting;
- Respondents would like to see a tour offered at an upcoming meeting and most are willing to pay additional registration fees to help defray the costs associated with organizing field trips or improving catering.

This findings are organized by survey question:

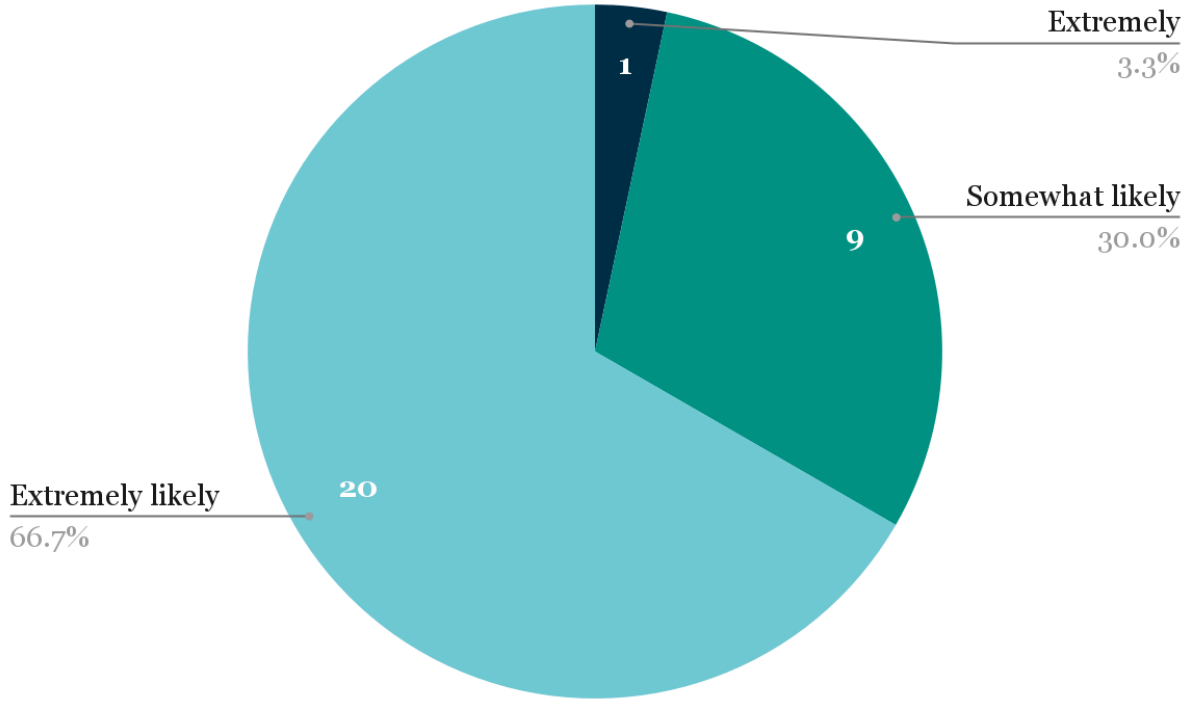
1. [How likely are you to attend an Annual Meeting in the future?](#)
2. [What session format did you find the most effective?](#)
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## Acknowledgements

Thanks to the attendees of the 2024 Annual Meeting for offering your thoughtful feedback. The Arrangements Committee will use your feedback to inform the programming for the 2025 Annual Meeting.

**How likely are you to attend an Annual Meeting in the future?**

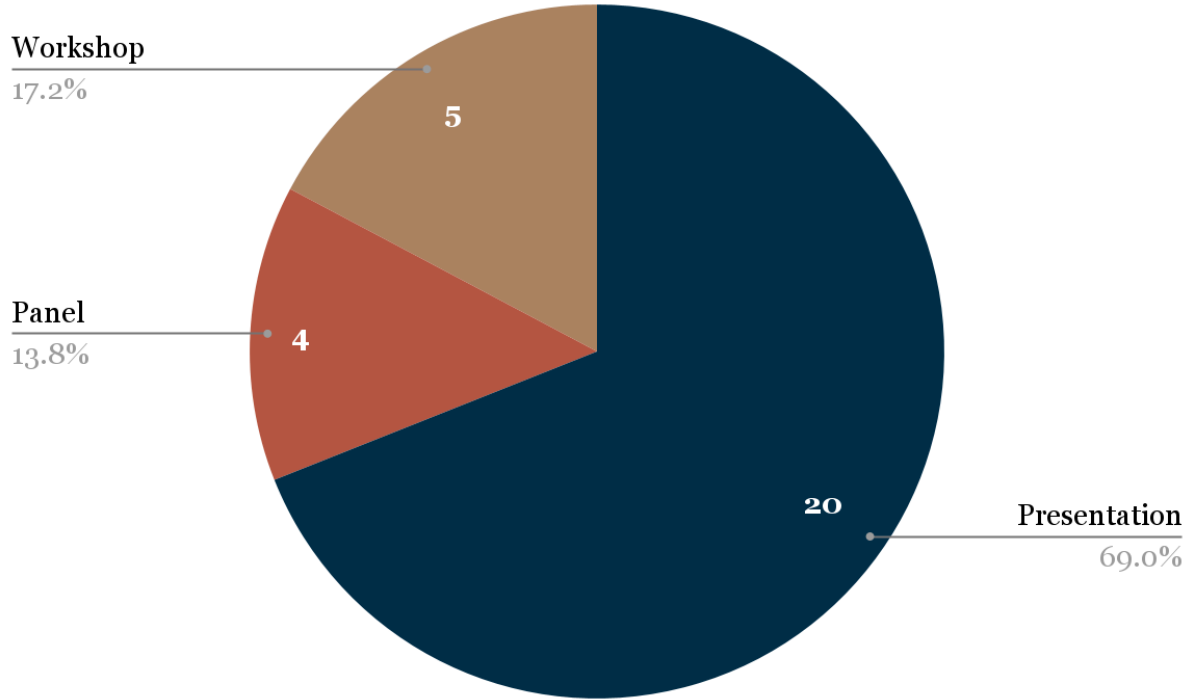
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Choice	#	%
Extremely unlikely	1	3%
Somewhat unlikely	0	0%
Neither likely nor unlikely	0	0%
Somewhat likely	9	30%
Extremely likely	20	67%

### What session format did you find the most effective?

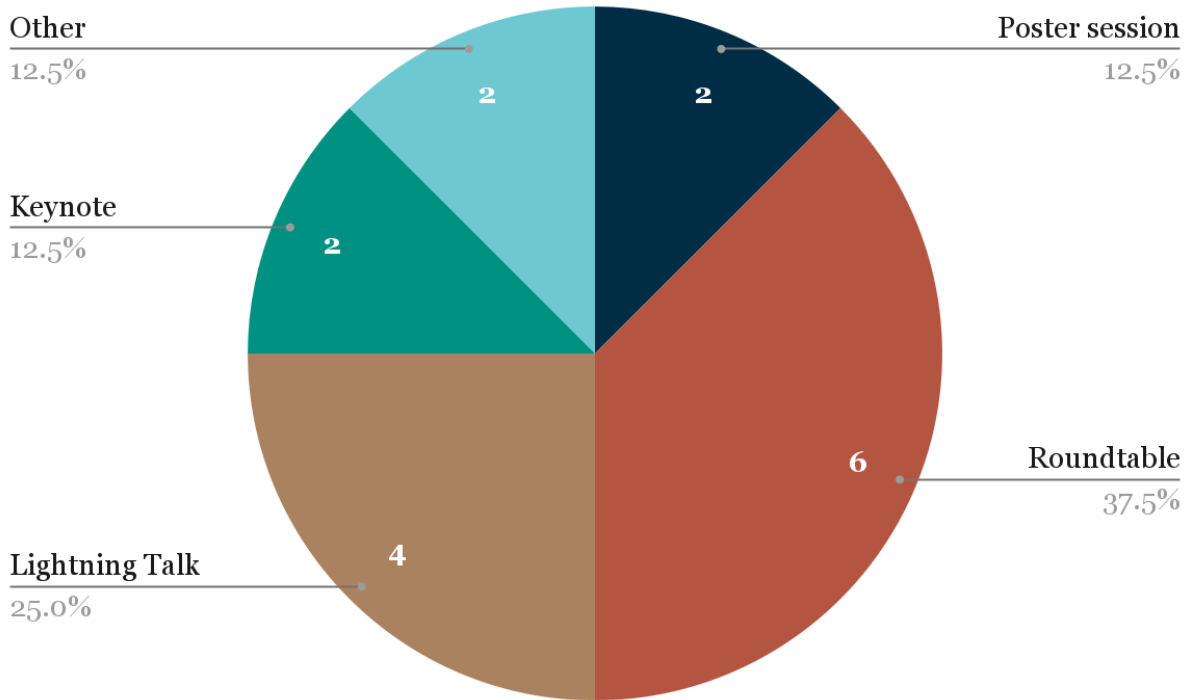
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Choice	#	%
Presentation	20	69%
Panel	4	14%
Workshop	5	17%

### What other session formats would you like to see at a future Annual Meeting?

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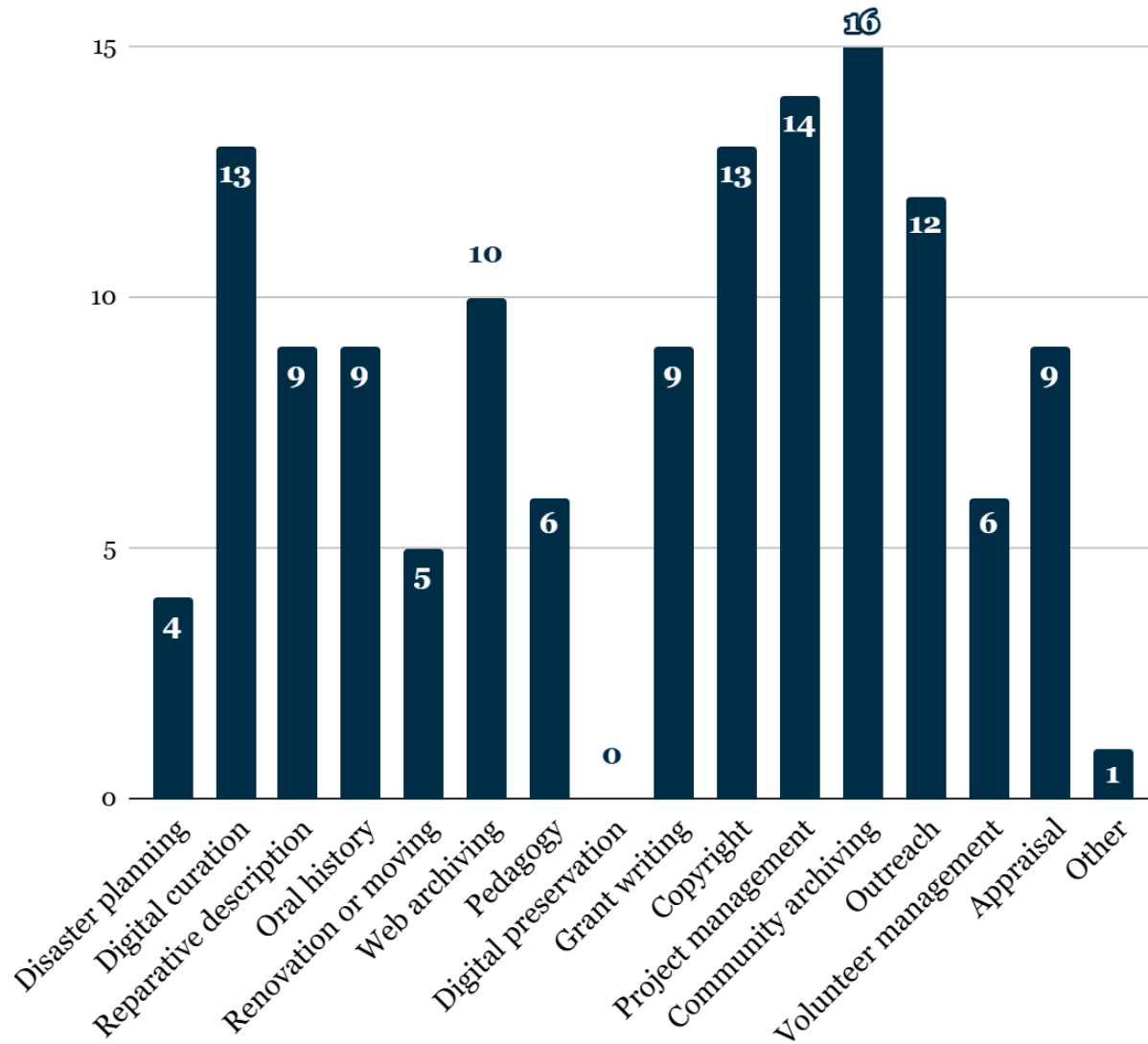


Choice	#	%
Poster session	2	13%
Roundtable	6	38%
Lightning Talk	4	25%
Keynote	2	13%
Other	2	13%

Other = Nothing in particular! I liked the presentations very much.

**Select the top five topics or themes you would like to see covered at a future Annual Meeting.**

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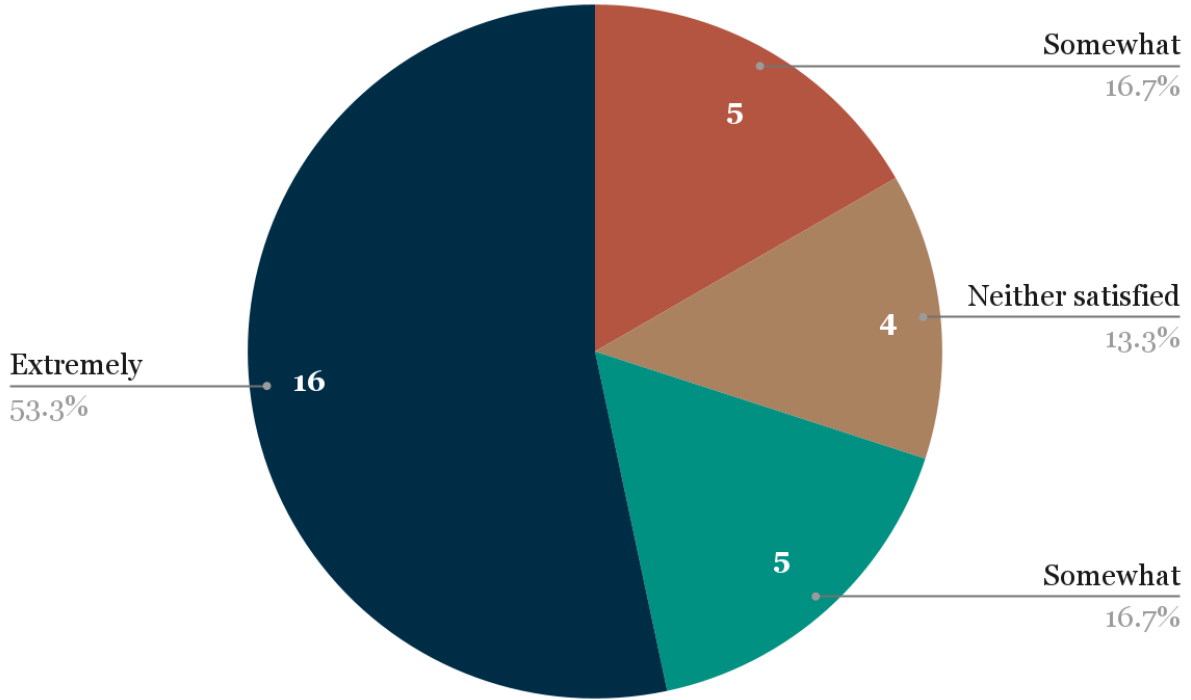
Choice	#
Disaster planning	4
Digital curation	13
Reparative description	9
Oral history	9
Renovation or moving	5

Web archiving	10
Pedagogy	6
Digital preservation	0
Grant writing	9
Copyright	13
Project management	14
Community archiving	16
Outreach	12
Volunteer management	6
Appraisal	9
Other	1

Other = Audiovisual

**Rate your satisfaction with the registration process for the Annual Meeting.**

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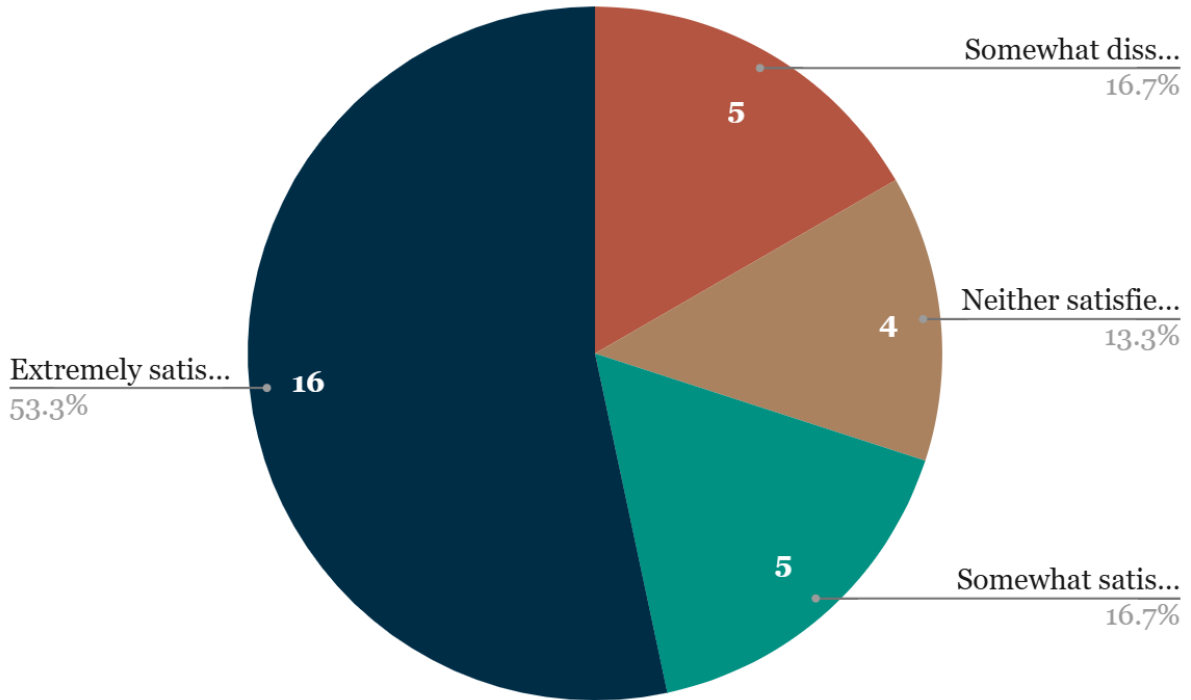


Choice	#	%
Extremely dissatisfied	0	0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	5	17%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4	13%
Somewhat satisfied	5	17%
Extremely satisfied	16	53%



**Rate your level of satisfaction with the catering provided at the Annual Meeting.**

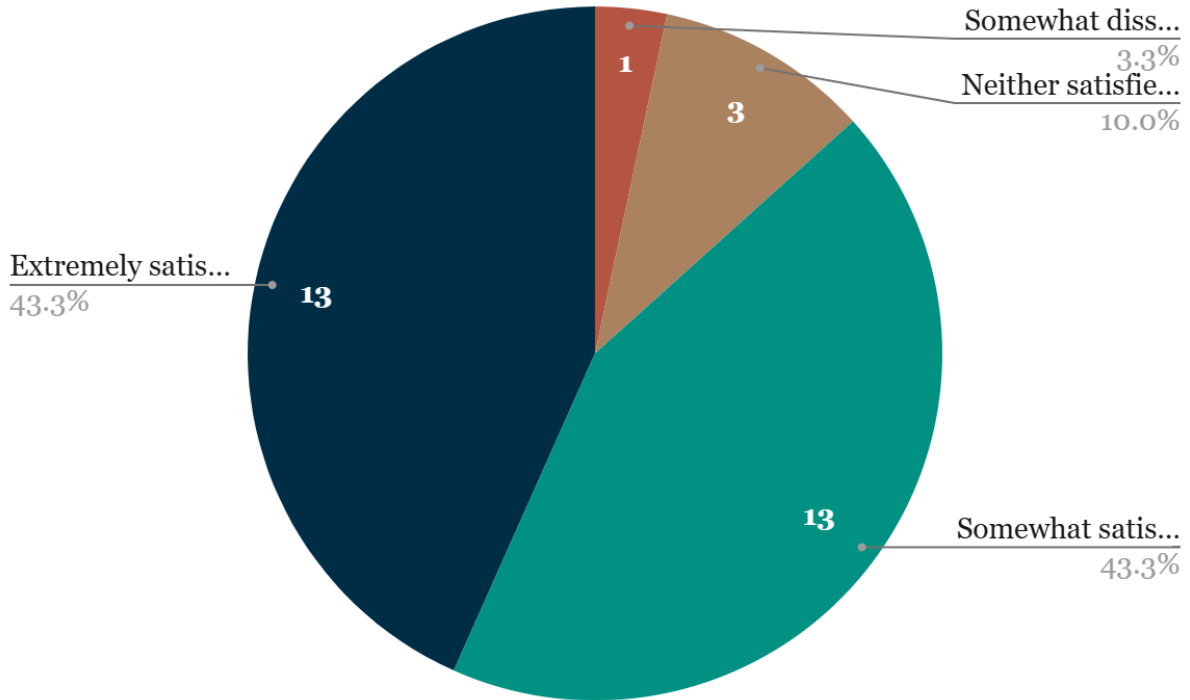
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Choice	#	%
Extremely dissatisfied	0	0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	2	7%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7	23%
Somewhat satisfied	11	37%
Extremely satisfied	10	33%

**Rate your satisfaction with the networking opportunities at the Annual Meeting.**

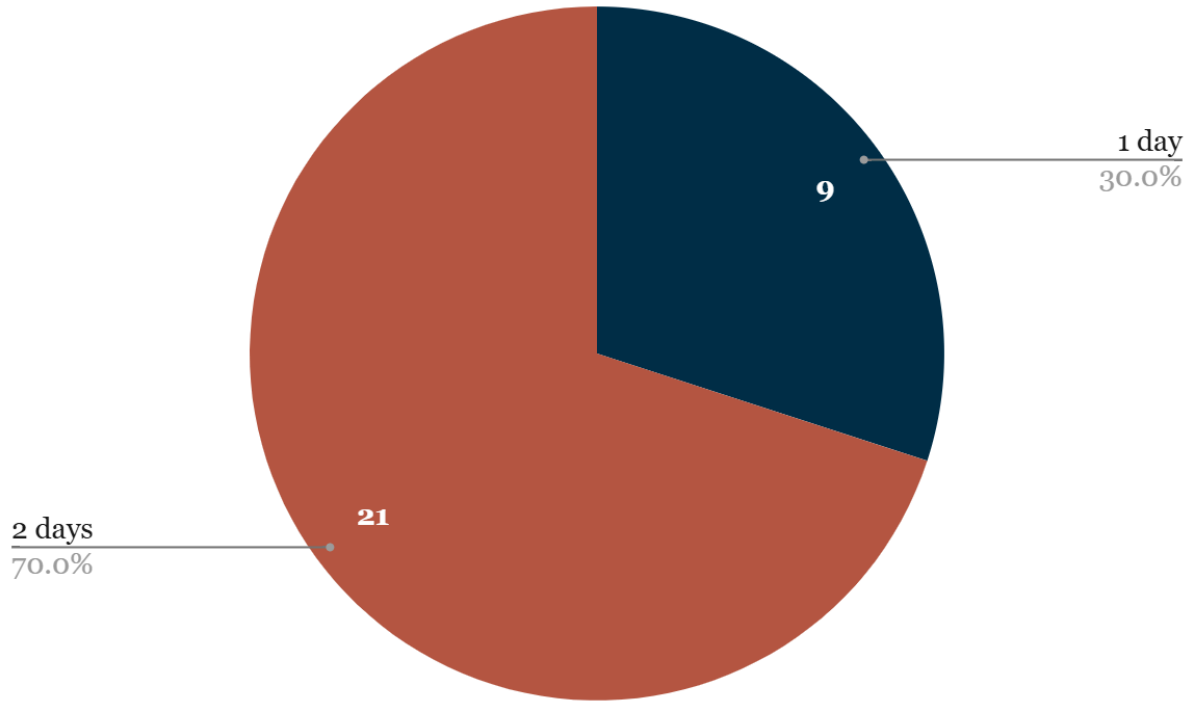
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Choice	#	%
Extremly dissatisfied	0	0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	1	3%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3	10%
Somewhat satisfied	13	43%
Extremly satisfied	13	43%

### What is the ideal length of the Annual Meeting?

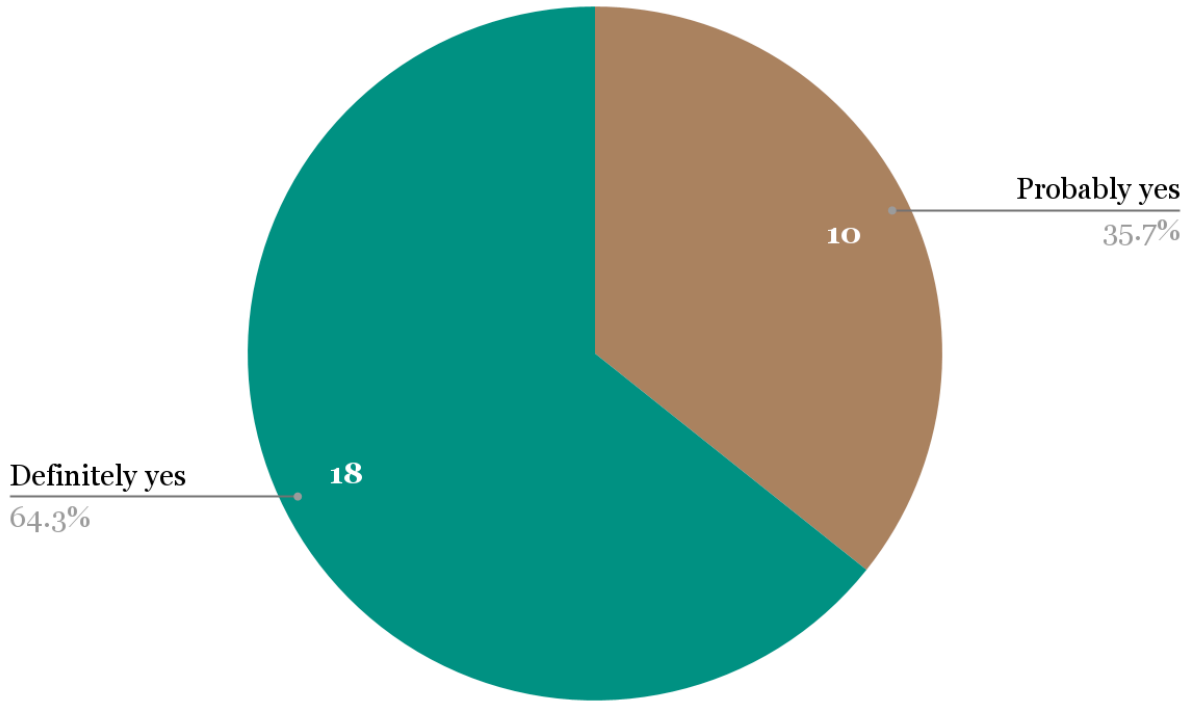
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Choice	#	%
1 day	9	30%
2 days	21	70%
3 days	0	0%

### Should STA offer another workshop from the SAA Continuing Education Course Catalog at the Annual Meeting in 2025?

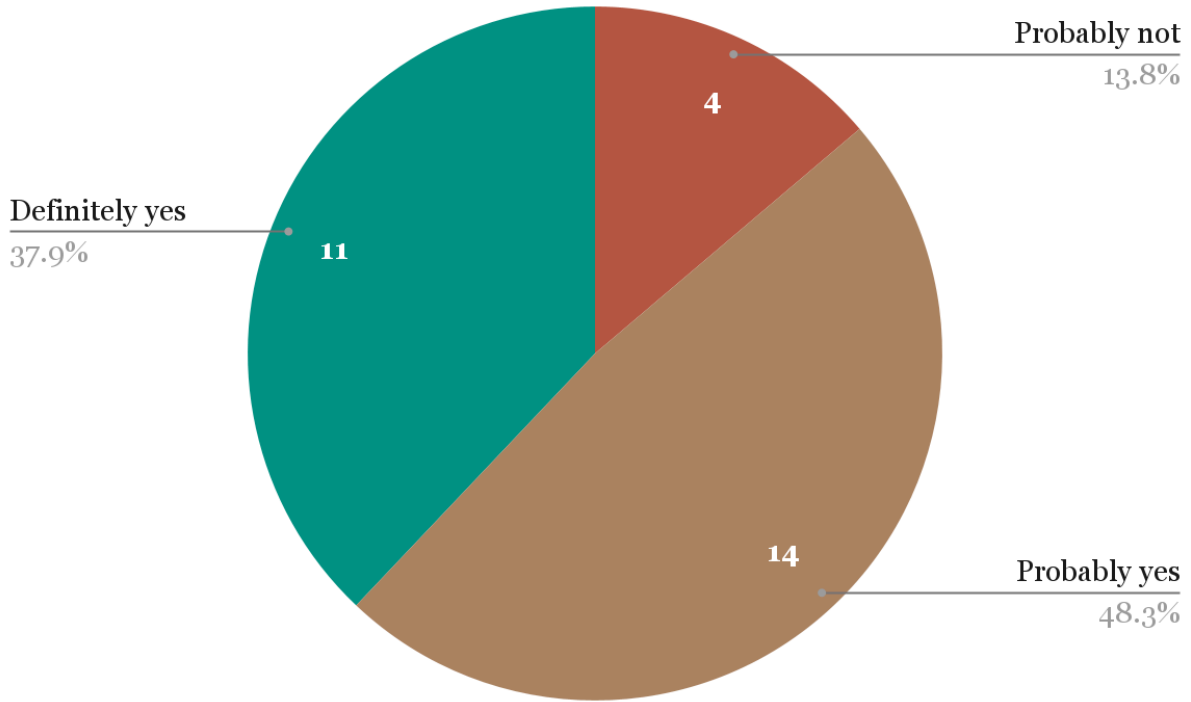
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Choice	#	%
Definitely not	0	0%
Probably not	0	0%
Probably yes	10	36%
Definitely yes	18	64%

**Should STA organize a field trip to a local library, archive, or museum at a future Annual Meeting?**

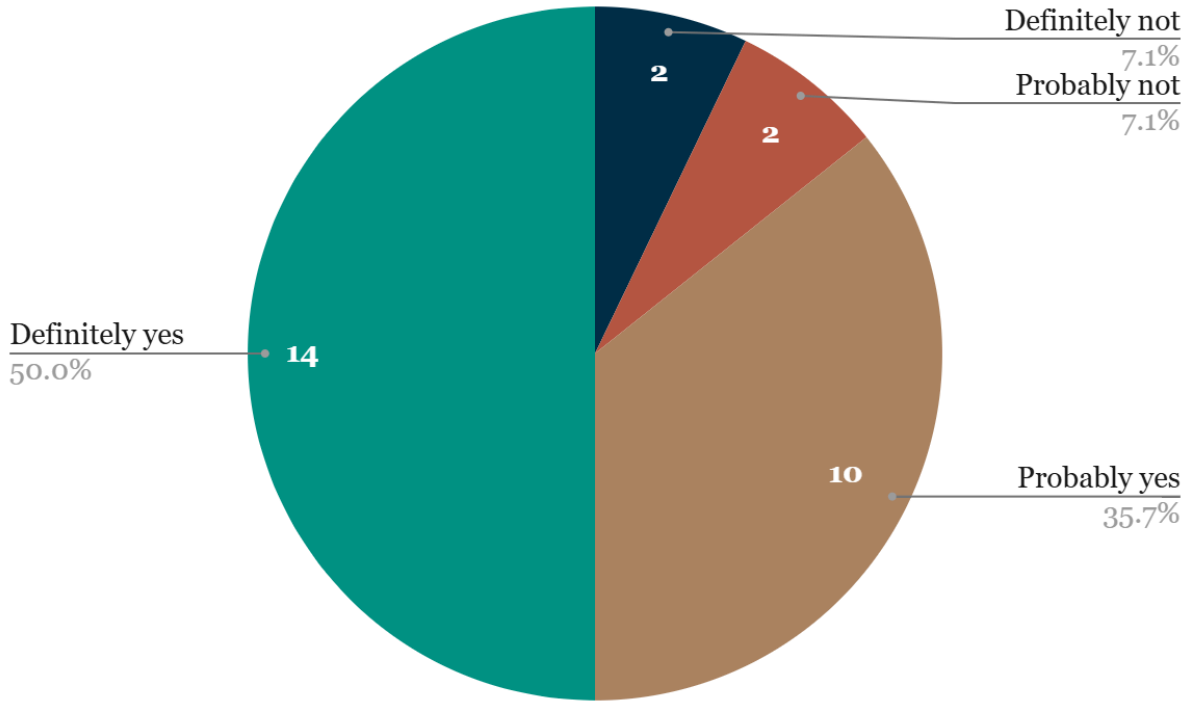
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Choice	#	%
Definitely not	0	0%
Probably not	4	14%
Probably yes	14	48%
Definitely yes	11	38%

**Would you or your organization be able to afford a \$100 Annual Meeting registration fee to offer a field trip, improved catering, an online registration process, or a longer meeting?**

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Choice	#	%
Definitely not	2	7%
Probably not	2	7%
Probably yes	10	36%
Definitely yes	14	50%

**Offer additional feedback about the Annual Meeting.**

I would love a workshop on grant writing or copyright for digital material. I kind of enjoyed not having a keynote and banquet. I kind of wish there was a little more time between sessions to be able to mingle and chat with people. I think if you wanted to do a field trip, I think it would make the most sense to see the archive or collection holding space at the institution where the conference is held. I would have loved to see UTC archives. And next year with Vandy, I think a lot of people would love to see one of their archives. Also, fitting it all in one day (main sessions) works well for people.

Overall, I thought the Annual Meeting was very well done. I enjoyed the variety of presentation topics. I also appreciated that the hotel was close to the university, so it was easy to get to. I would prefer to have the entire meeting stretched out over the course of 2 days though, so that we would not need to choose which presentations to attend. It would be nice to have the opportunity to hear all the presentations.

I would love to see an organized social hour at a designated local venue the night before the first day and/or a group dinner after the first day.

I loved having it at the UTC library during Fall Break. I think this made it more relaxing and easier to access parking and the facility with all the students gone. I liked having box lunches, but the sandwiches were not very good. At least mine wasn't. It has one piece of turkey and one piece of lettuce. I would also have liked to have been able to see the program itinerary before I had to register. In closing, I thought this year's meeting was considerably better than previous years. I thought the topics and presentations were much better. I look forward to next year!

Thank you for your hard work!

I really enjoyed it! It was very interesting seeing what archiving means to so many different people; on that note, I would have liked to see more and different presentations, because I liked all of the ones that I saw! I'd love to see what unique insights other archivists from around the state have on various topics. Finally, even though I did not attend the meeting virtually, I would have liked it if the meeting had been more hybrid-friendly, such as incorporating Zoom into presentations/panels; I feel like that might help STA be accessible to archivists who would not otherwise be able to attend. Overall, though, I had a great time!

Loved the meeting. I wish there had been an evening networking event at a local museum. I would also have loved a tour of UT's archive since we were right there.

Ensure events don't take place on government holidays