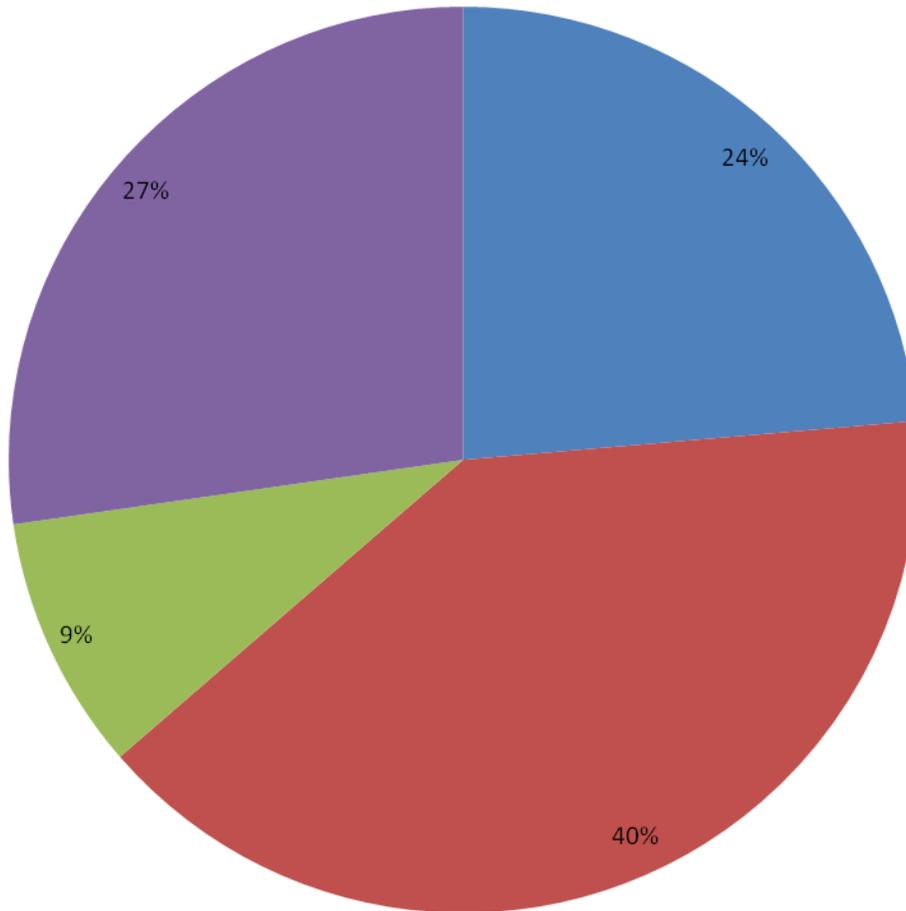


ACRL - Law and Political Science Section (LPSS)
Membership Survey Results

Conducted During January, 2012 by the LPSS Membership Committee

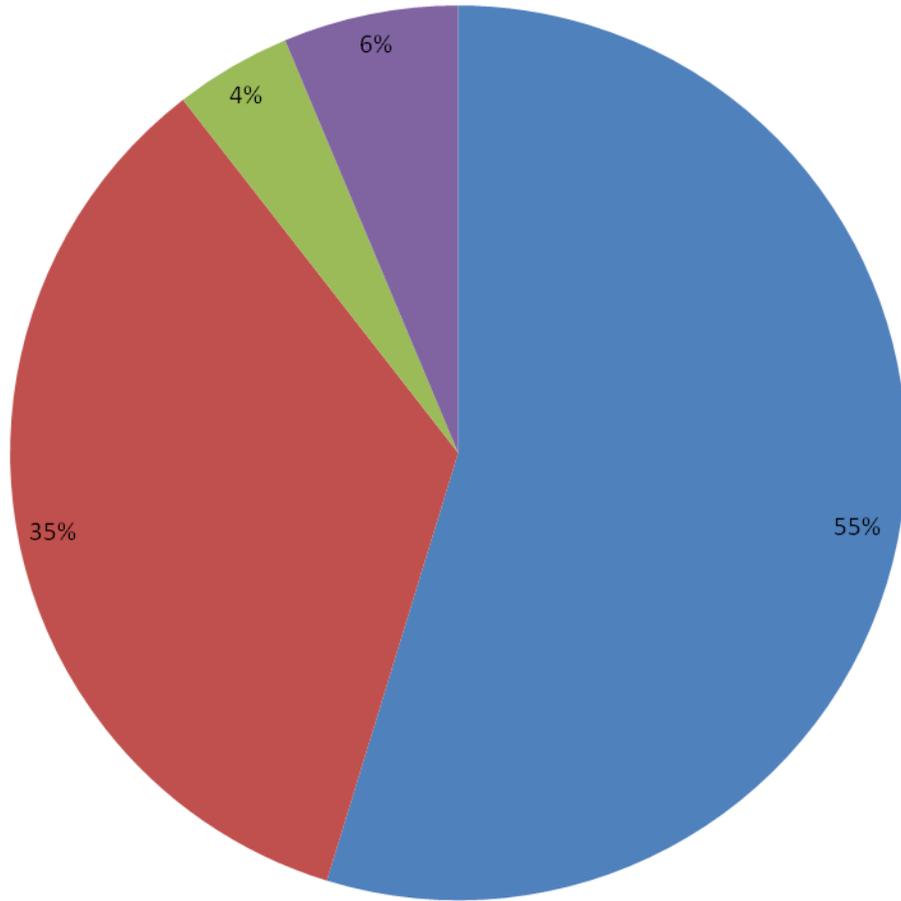
How long have you been a member of LPSS?

■ Less than 2 years ■ 2 to 5 years ■ 6 to 10 years ■ More than 10 years



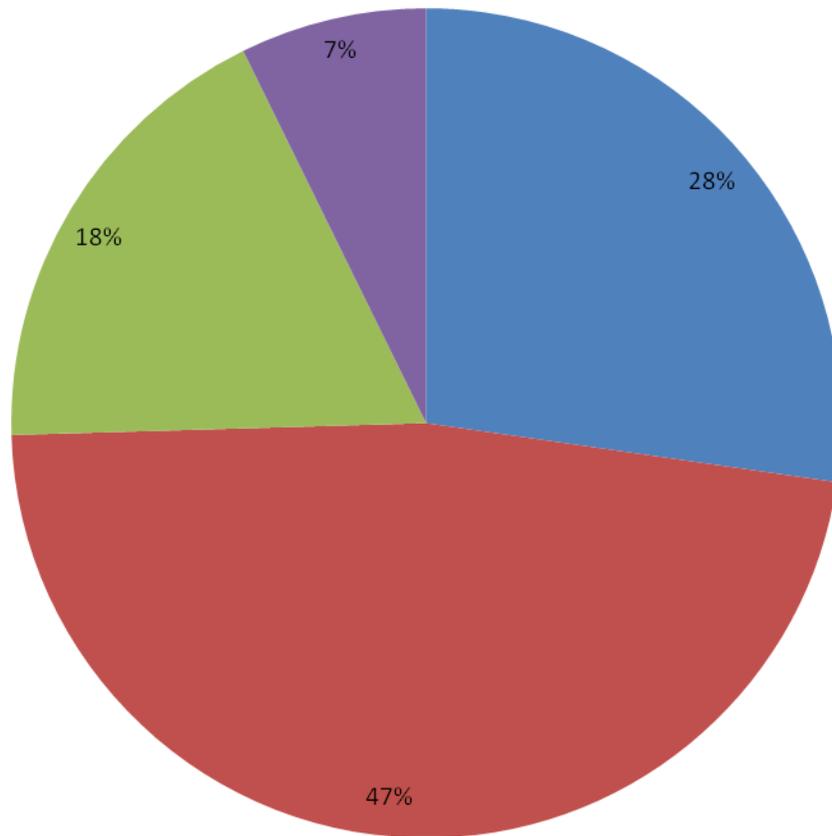
Why did you join LPSS?

■ Professional development ■ Networking ■ Job requirement ■ Other



How did you hear about LPSS?

■ Colleague ■ ALA/ACRL materials ■ ACRL or LPSS Website ■ Other

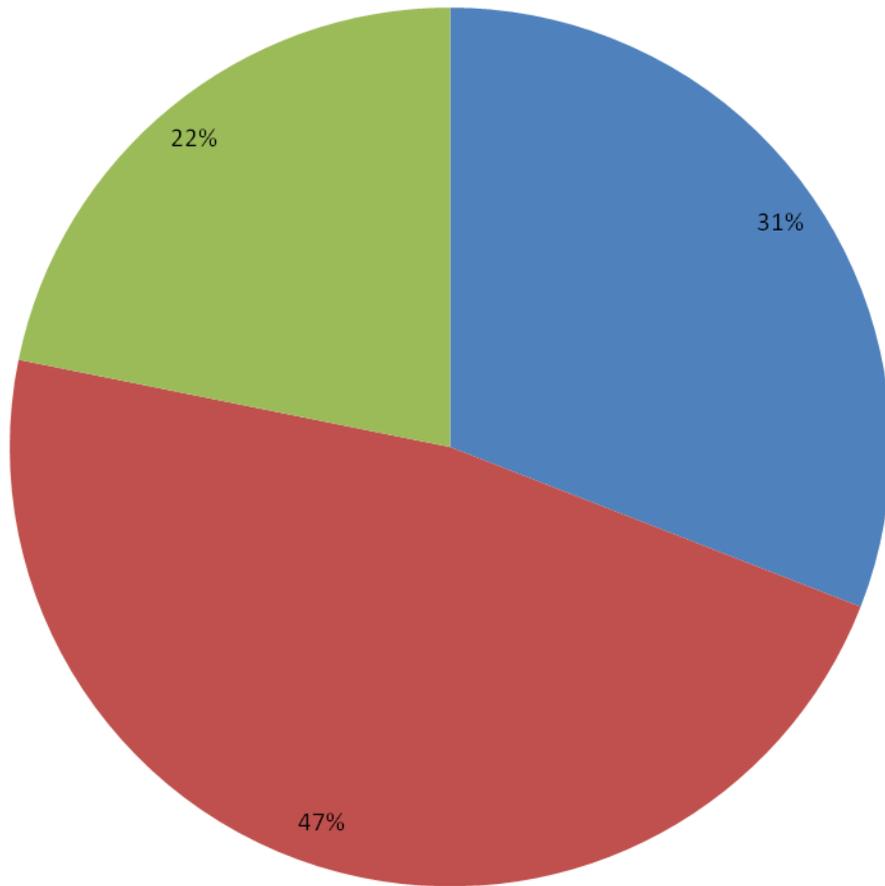


Other:

- ALA Conference Program
- either ACRL or GovDoc-L posting - or search of Listservs - think I was searching for Listservs but I don't remember
- Google search
- Listserv post I think

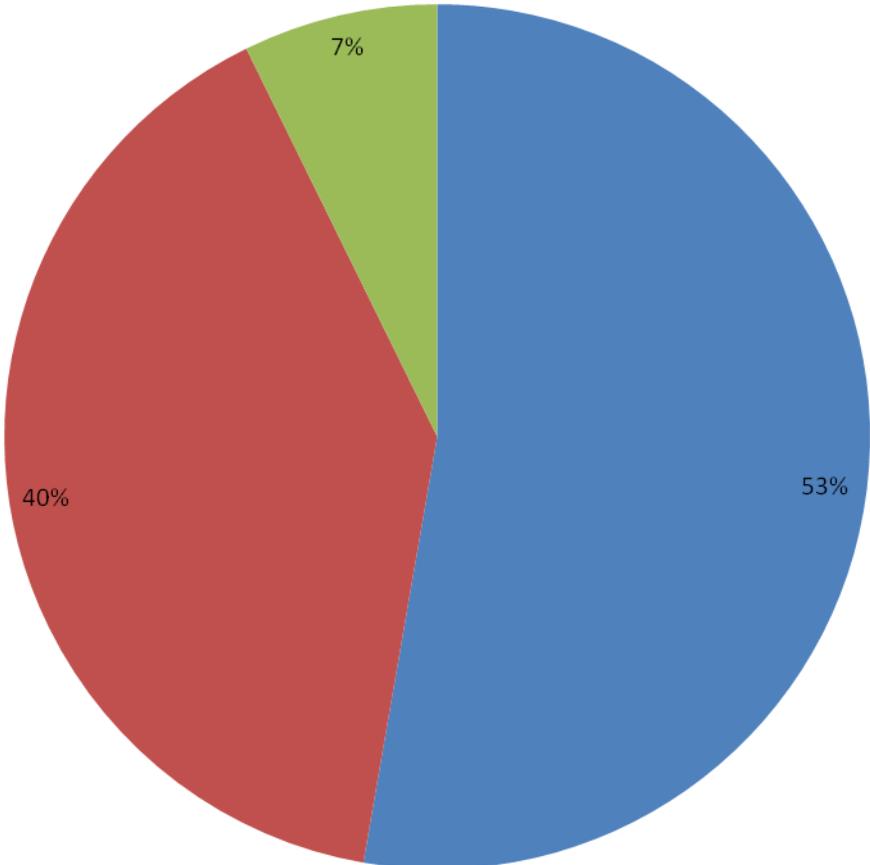
How frequently do you attend American Library / Association (ALA) Midwinter Meetings?

■ Every year ■ Occasionally ■ Never attended



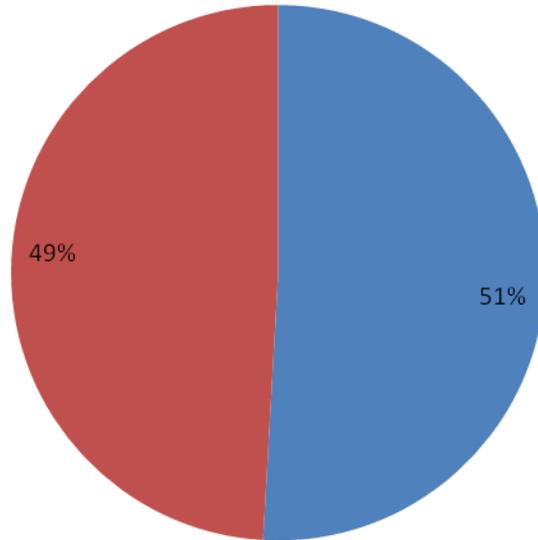
How frequently do you attend ALA Annual Conferences?

■ Every year ■ Occasionally ■ Never attended

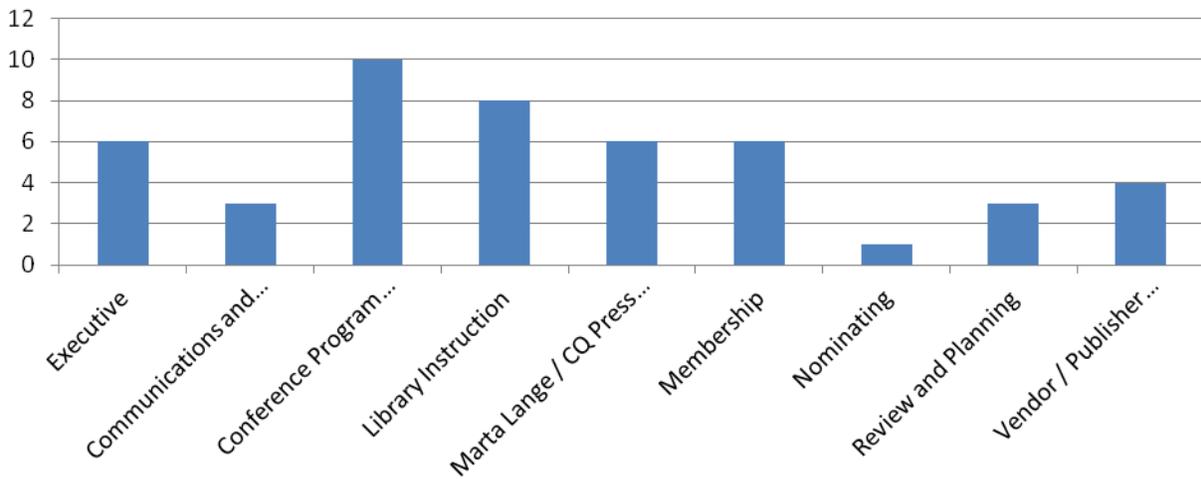


Are you active in a LPSS committee(s)?

■ Yes ■ No

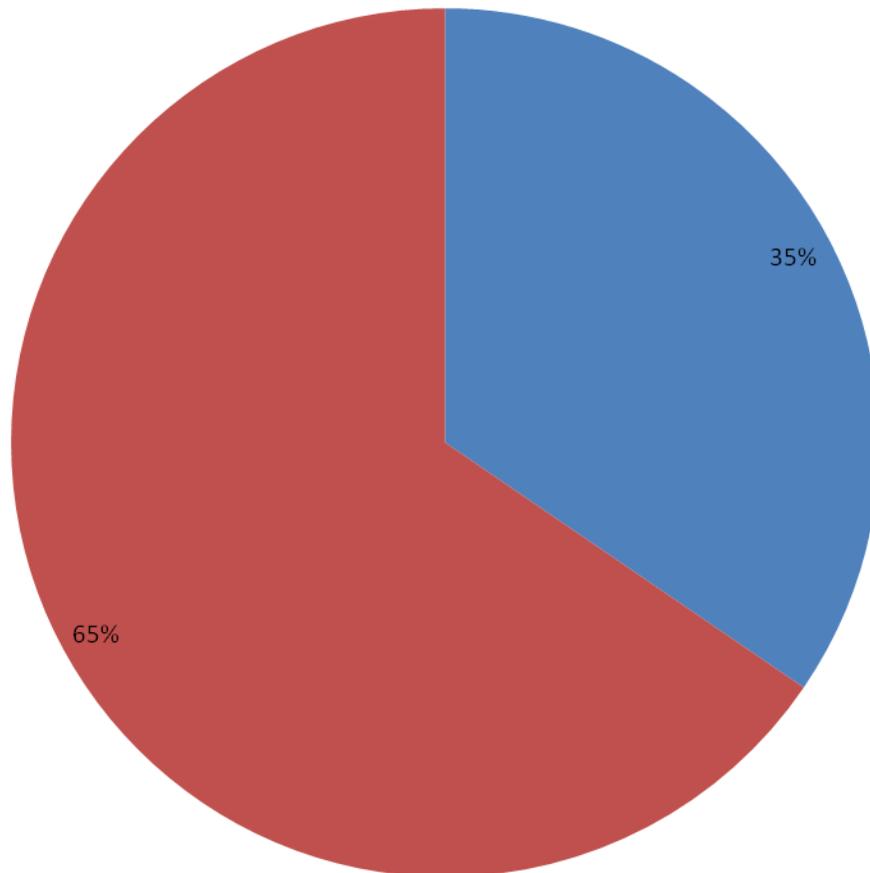


If so, which ones?



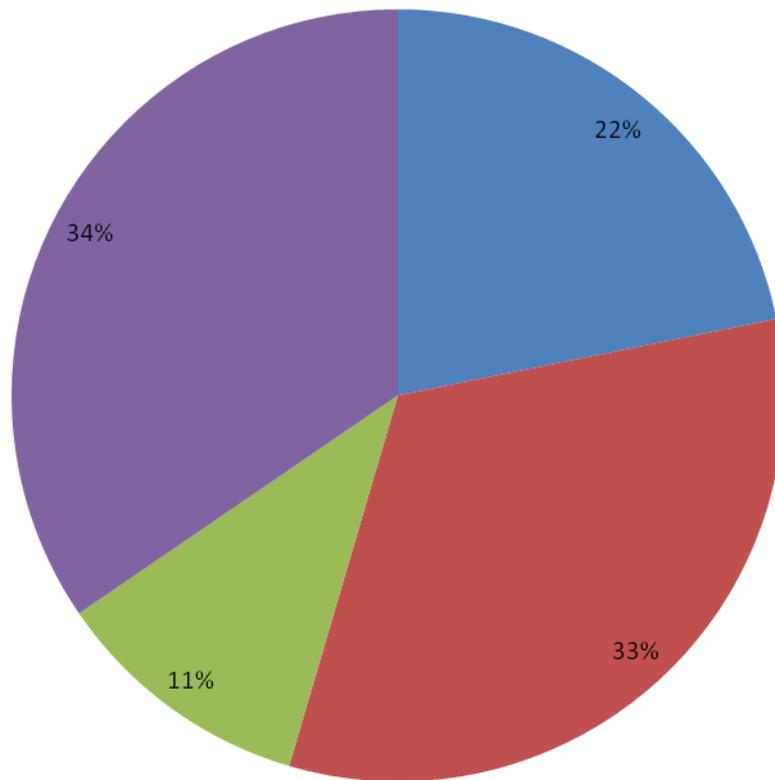
Do you prefer to participate virtually or in person on / section committees?

■ In person ■ Virtually

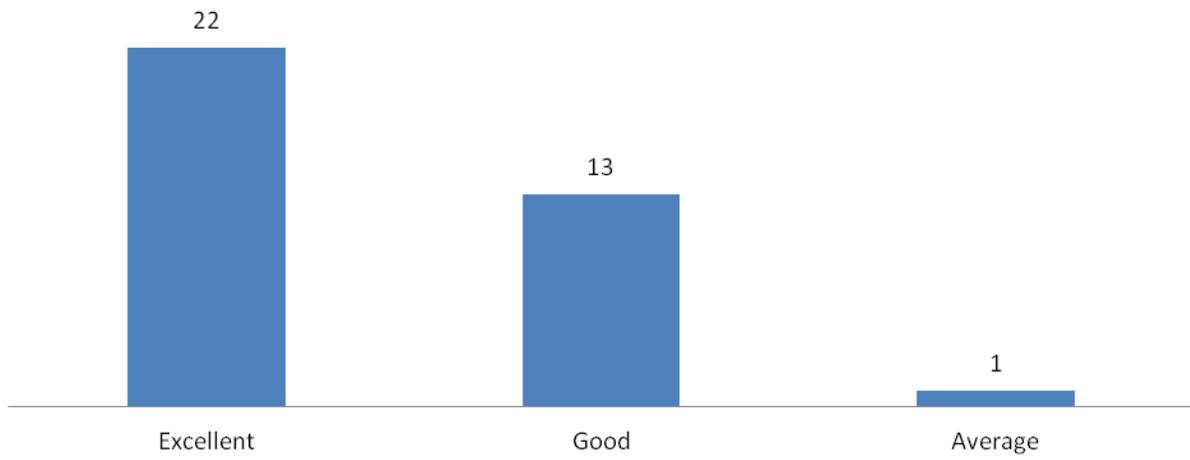


If you have attended ALA's Annual Conferences, how many times have you attended the LPSS Annual Conference Program in the last five years?

■ 4 or 5 ■ 2 or 3 ■ 1 ■ Never attended



If you have attended the LPSS Annual Conference / Programs, how would you rate the overall quality of...

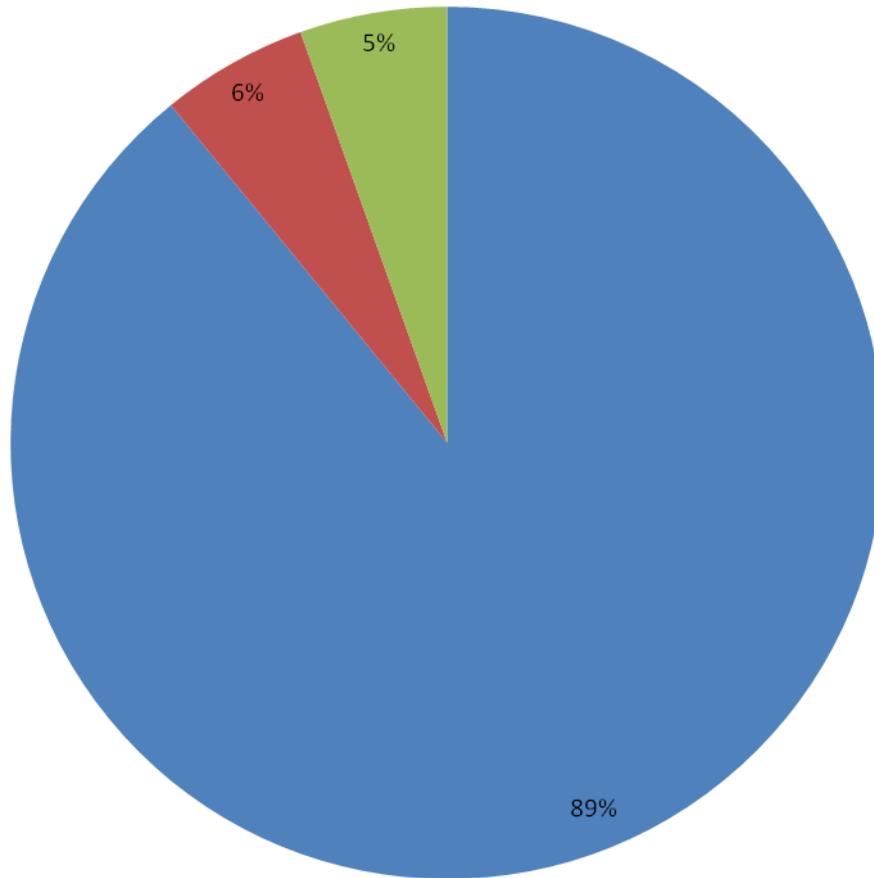


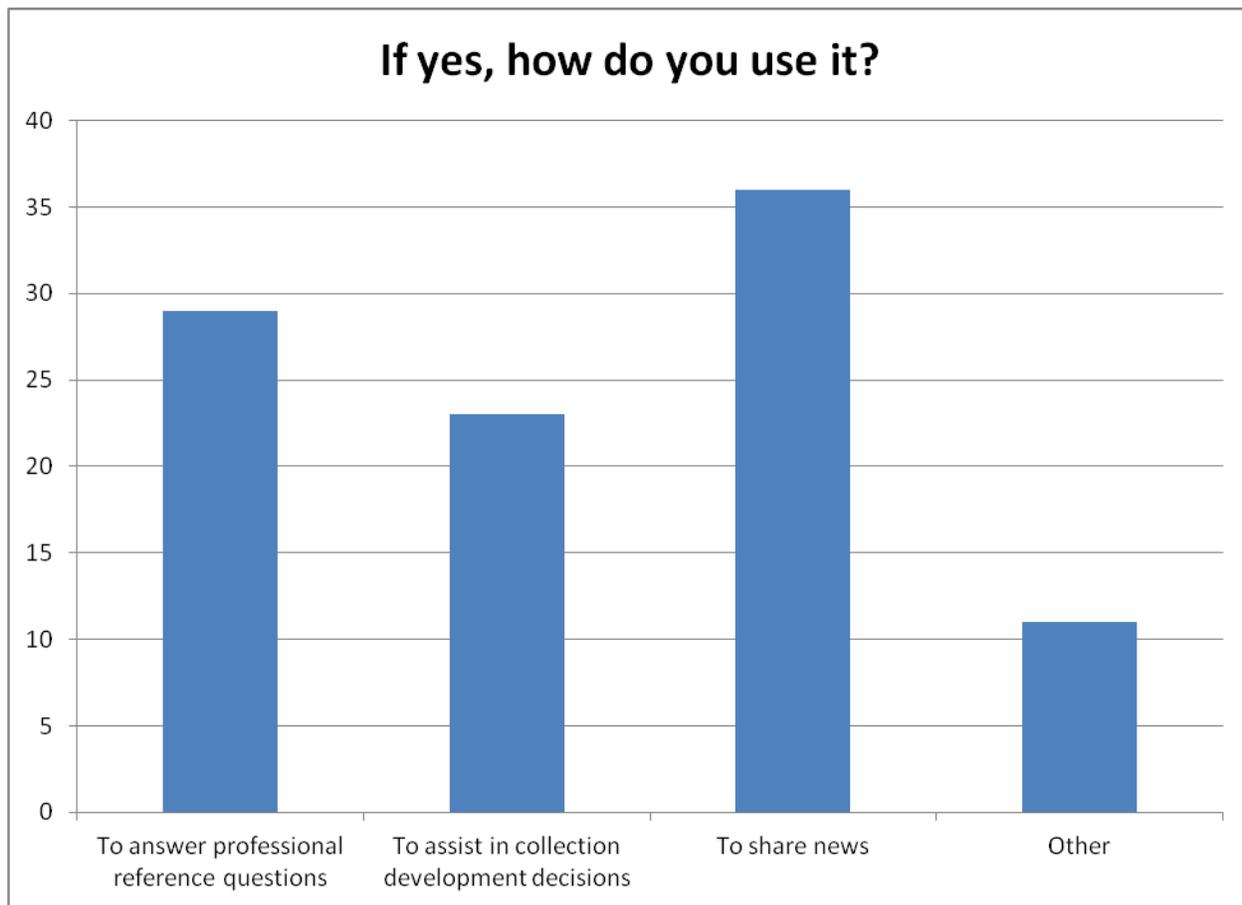
What topics would you like to see covered in future / LPSS Conference Programs?

- Anything about helping researchers use data (numeric or GIS) for the novice, anything about primary sources
- In general either sessions on political or law resources OR a panel that addresses a current issue in politics or law.
- In general, I wouldn't mind seeing Public Administration better covered. But that wouldn't need to be the "program" per se. I've enjoyed that some of our programs aren't "practical tips" sessions.
- Intellectual rights- legal issues related to libraries. Copyright law.
- International law or government as they work for both law & political science
- I've always been interested in the conference programs that I've seen, but unable to attend for one reason or another. I especially like programs that bring together folks from related social sciences that feature non-librarians that have something to offer librarians.
- Law and policy
- Legal implications of social networking sites
- More "right-wing presentations" less left-wing...
- My favorite program of yours was when you invited political bloggers to speak. I'm particularly interested in politics and the media. Perhaps a panel of political fact check sites. In the law, I'm interested in what the Harvard Berkman Center is doing. I also follow the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (media law)
- political theory in the 21st century and core resources and instructional items
- Recent reform ferment in the US & abroad. How to track, document
- Teaching legal research in an academic environment
- The evolving nature of political science research, especially the use of data and technologies like GIS.
- topics on working with social science data; politics of the budget and federal restructuring; campaign finance and super PACs
- Use of social media in the various Arab Spring movements.
- veterans as an item of scholarly research (not simply as a user population)

Are you a member of the LPSS-L Listserv?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure



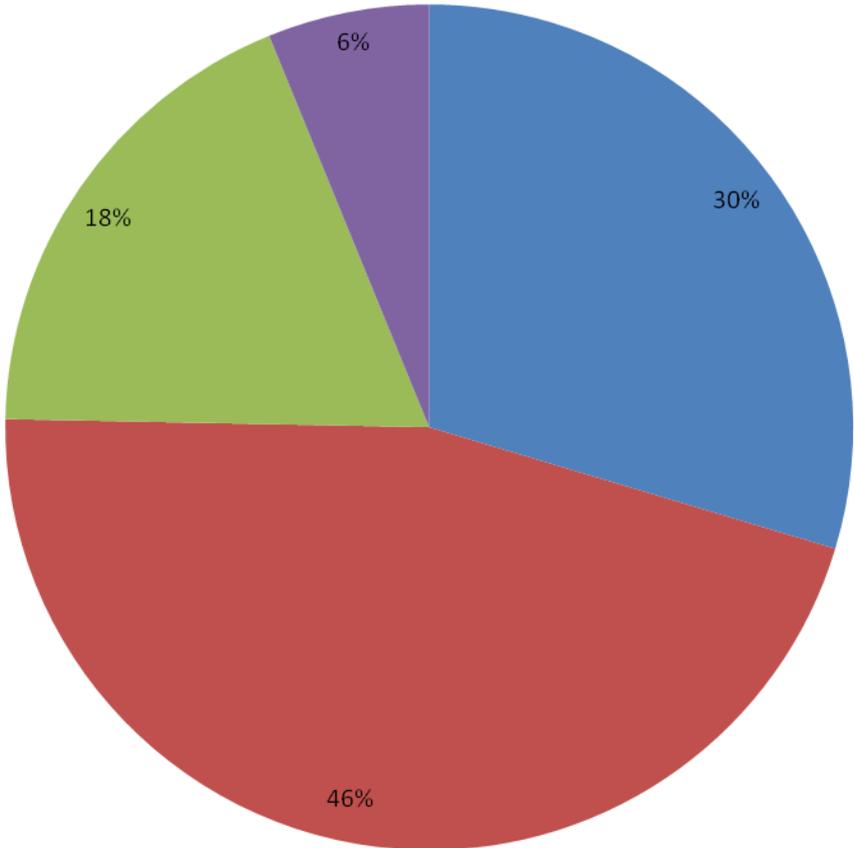


Other:

- As a current awareness tool.
- general information sharing in the discipline
- keep up
- learn what others are talking about
- networking
- See what others are doing
- To hear about LPSS developments
- to keep up to date with discussion issues related to discipline and practice
- to learn more from others, whether the question is currently relevant to me or not
- to learn more in the subject area
- To read about issues that other professionals in this area are encountering

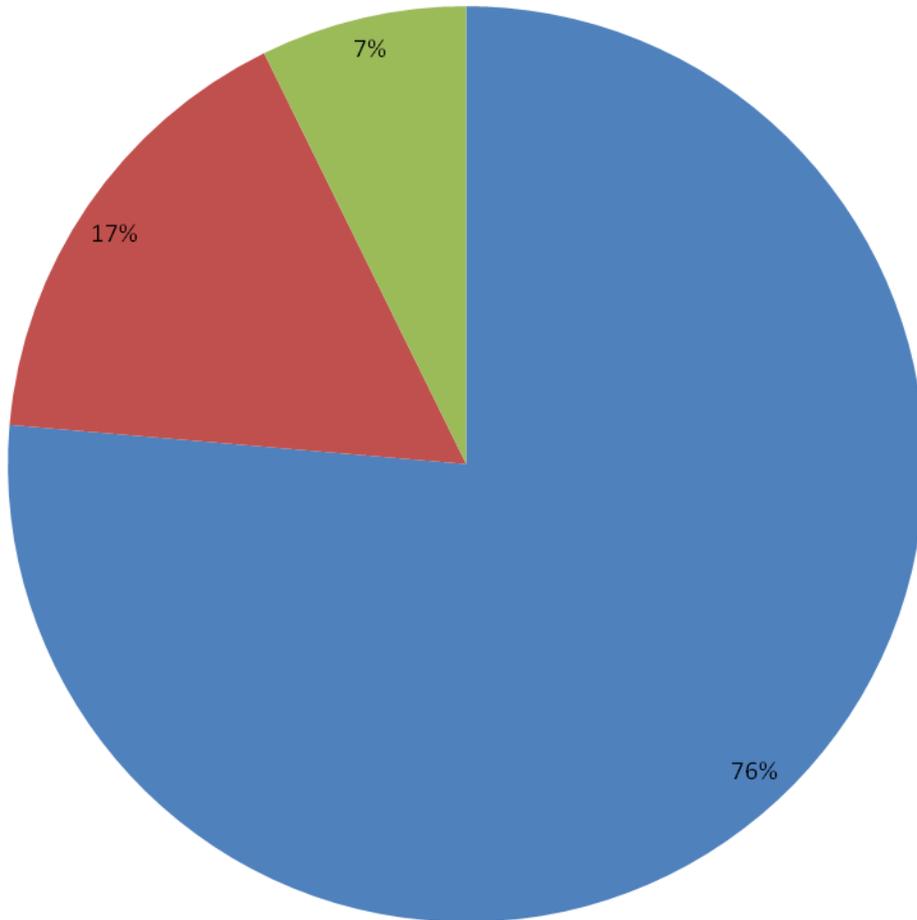
The LPSS Section publishes an electronic newsletter twice a year. What kinds of articles/topics would you like to see in the newsletter?

■ More news ■ More reviews ■ More people-related articles ■ Other



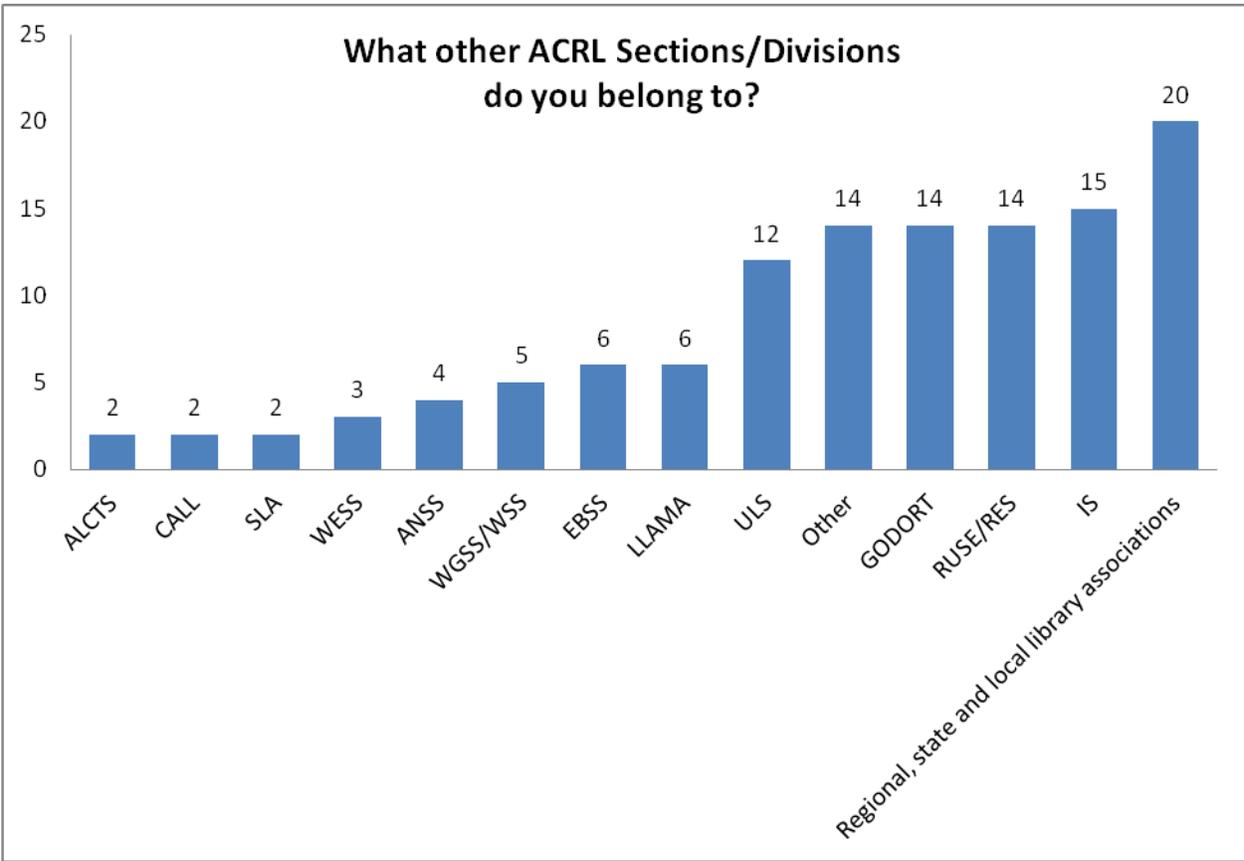
Are you familiar with the Political Science Research / Competency Guidelines?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Didn't know it existed



If you have used the guidelines, please explain how they / were used.

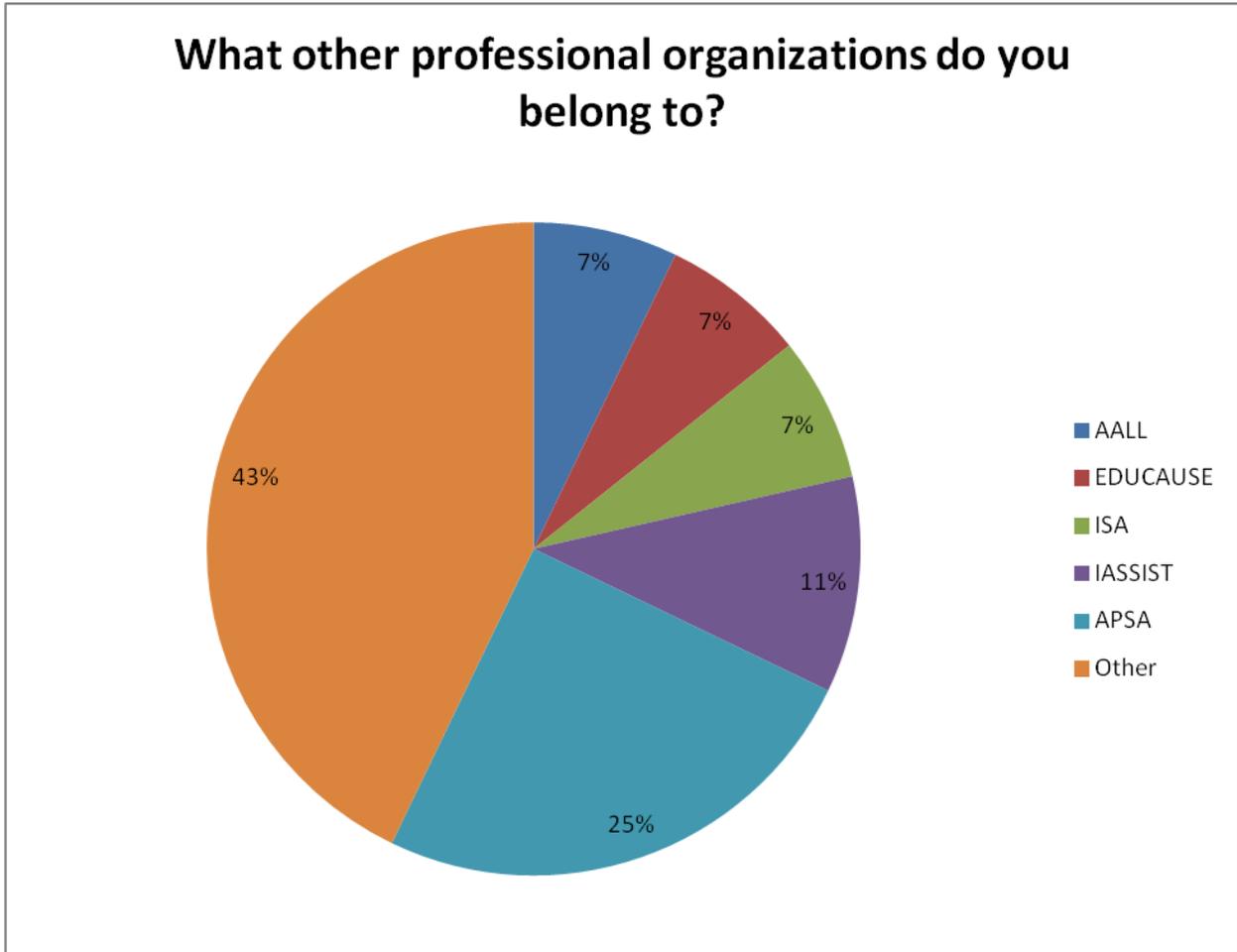
- For developing a survey instrument that looks at student learning outcomes.
- Have not used in classes
- I helped develop Competency Guidelines for Journalism -- we used the LPSS guide as a model. I thought the "expertise indicators" were a novel approach and I liked the grid layout.
- I used them in a workshop at the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference
- Instruction; discussion with faculty and graduate students
- I've never used them, but I'm at a school that isn't big on instruction
- Looked at these in putting together other social sciences guidelines.
- personal prep
- Seldom use (as I seldom use the ACRL standards which the PS standards too slavishly copy) -- beyond the main standards, my faculty are simply not interested in all the details, which make the guidelines essentially unreadable. The guidelines do not help faculty pull together the many "literacies" they may have to teach to, and seldom speak to their professional practices. Lately the British Seven Pillars of IL work has been getting traction.
- Shared them broadly with Political Science faculty
- Shared them with teaching faculty in Political Science and will be using them as we further flush out our expectations for disciplinary Information Literacy competency.
- shared with poly sci faculty; note standard, performance indicator and outcome on handouts I distribute to students before the instruction session
- to advocate with faculty about the importance of integrating info lit into classes; to consider concrete examples of theoretical skills
- used in work with faculty member around designing desired outcomes for public policy instruction
- used many times most recently while working with classroom faculty member to incorporate into her assignments
- Used to determine levels of instruction for various Political Science courses, especially when starting fresh with new faculty. A way to figure the best places for library instruction to be incorporated into the overall program and not hit or miss.
- Using them to help in developing criteria for evaluating student papers for information literacy research
- When I first started teaching they really helped me to focus my teaching and come up with active learning ideas. Love them!



Other:

- AFAS
- BCALA
- GLBTRT
- IFRT
- IRRT
- LIRT
- LRRT
- Numeric and Geospatial Data Services in Academic Libraries Interest Group
- RBMS
- SALALM
- SEES
- SRRT
- STS
- VRT

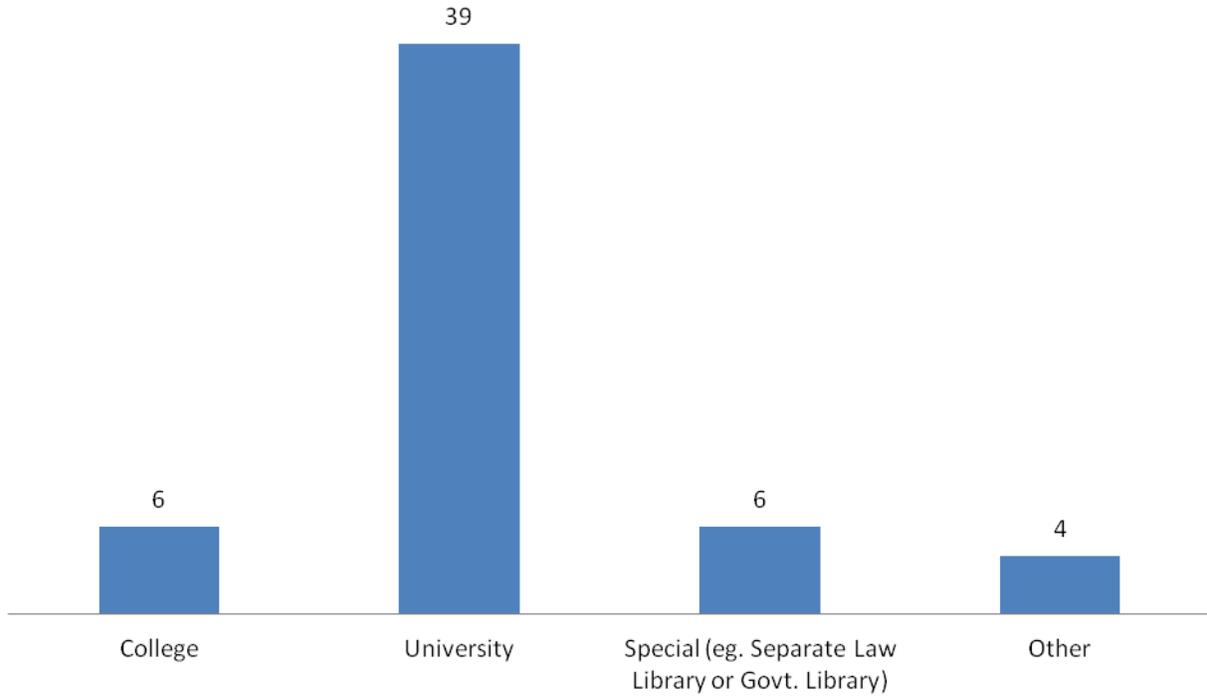
What other professional organizations do you belong / to?



Other:

- AAHE
- AERA
- AHA
- APA
- ASHE
- ASIL
- Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress
- CLGH
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisiana Historical Association
- NITLE
- League of Women Voters

What type of library do you work in?



Comments?

- Although small, the LPSS section is one of the best I have ever encountered.
- Because of its small size LPSS is an excellent place to get involved professionally and to feel you can actually make a difference
- Do you prefer to participate virtually or in person on section committees?--I actually like both, NOT one or the other....
- Formerly active in LPSS but once I could no longer attend ALA stopped being active
- I don't use the political science guidelines as I'm a law librarian working in the law branch library at my university.
- I let my LPSS membership lapse for a couple of years and recently rejoined last year. I find a lot of what you do useful.
- I particularly like the ListServ -- especially when people relate their experiences and knowledge about a resource or service or ideas. I hope it becomes even more active. This survey was a good idea.
- I think LPSS does good work but my focus has shifted over the years to management. While I still belong most of my time is engaged / with LLAMA activities.
- I want to find out how to become involved in LPSS -- please tell me how.
- I wish I had more time to be involved in the activities of LPSS, but unfortunately my College does not allocate any time in our responsibilities for involvement in professional associations.
- I'd love to see more interaction in the division--more questions and discussions on the ListServ, more opportunities to meet and learn from other librarians
- In the question above on in person or virtual did not allow for a hybrid. I like to meet F2F annually and virtually for midwinter.
- Just one note: I appreciate the option of being able to participate virtually in the midwinter meeting, but don't necessarily want all the committee meetings to be virtual.
- There should be more neutral than the typical left-wing bias.

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