

Feature

ASEG Members Questionnaire: results



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The response to the recent ASEG Membership Questionnaire was excellent, with 340 people participating. The first order results of the Questionnaire are shown in Figures 1–10 and Table 1. A number of highlights from the survey are summarised below.

Results from Question 1 of the survey show that Members highly value ASEG conferences, publications, and State Branch technical events (Figure 1). The most highly requested additional benefit is online access to material from ASEG events such as technical meetings, training courses, workshops and conferences. Other popular suggestions included mentoring and networking opportunities for early career geophysicists, improvements to the accessibility and useability of the website, increased continuing education opportunities and a range of employment support options (Table 1). A number of already existing benefits were also mentioned such as scholarships for students, these are currently awarded through the state branches on an annual basis, and removing charges for colour pages in *Exploration Geophysics*, which was addressed 2 years ago.

A number of questions were asked regarding attendance at State Branch technical events, time spent outside of Australian capital cities, and reasons for non-attendance at events. This data has been broken down on a state by state basis, over 50% of SA and ACT respondents attend more than half of the technical events with NSW not much further behind at 40%. The information on reasons for non-attendance will be used by the State Branches to help with the planning of future events.

Questions 9 (Figure 8) and 10 (Figure 9) regarding future and current careers revealed that over 60% of respondents are currently permanently employed and 57% of respondents are planning on continuing as practicing geophysicists. Finally feedback on future OzSTEP courses showed good interest in a wide range of topics, especially Potential Fields, and Electrical and Electromagnetic techniques (Figure 7).

The results from the survey provide key insights into the current ASEG membership and will be discussed in further detail at the Federal Executive strategic planning meeting in September. The ASEG would like to thank everyone who participated for taking the time to provide input.

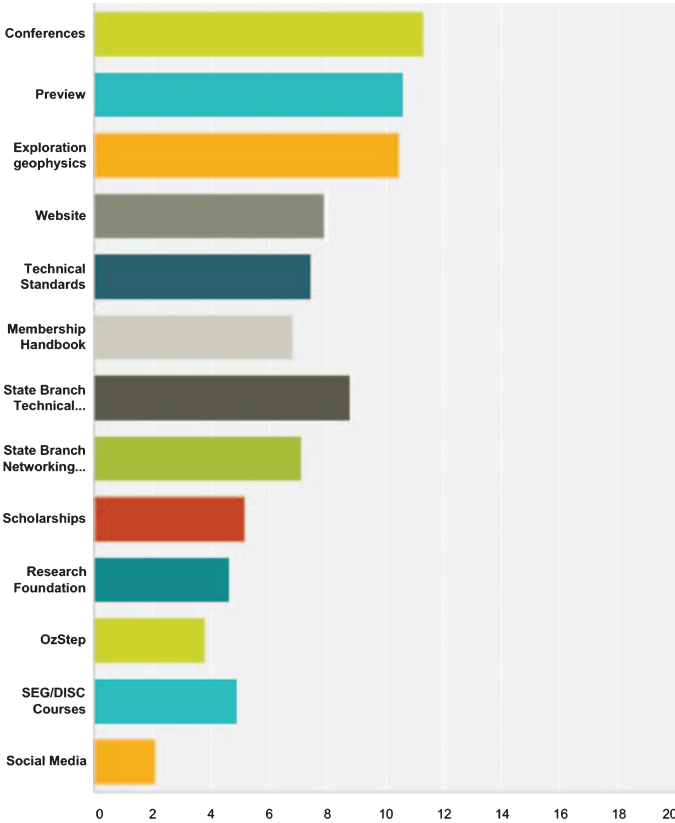


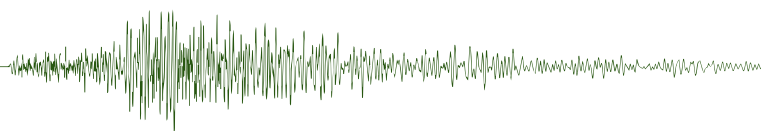
Figure 1. The response to Question 1 'Please rank the following ASEG benefits in order of importance to you' (n = 340).

Table 1. The response to Question 2 'List the benefits that you would like to see the ASEG introduce' (n = 340)

ASEG mobile app to access technical notes on the go
Record technical talks and post them online for members who cannot attend the meetings. More networking opportunities that encourage newer members to meet people in the industry
A blog to discuss and ask questions
A good web site, please!
A mentoring or buddy program might be good for students/early career Members to be mentored or buddied up with more experienced Members
A national geophysics lecture series that can be viewed on-line
A website that is current and contains information that one would expect from a society
Access to ASEG and SEG journals

Table 1. *Continued*

Access to more articles. Technical support group (for theory & software)
Access to on-line SEG publications
Access to other societies' publications
Affiliate membership fee discounts with other societies
Affiliation with EAGE
Am happy with what ASEG offers
An app for smartphones/tablets that allows you to access ASEG webpage features such as membership details and publications
Anything to encourage involvement from junior geophysicists
As I understand it, a portion of my dues goes to local Branch, but as an international member, I do not receive any benefit from this. How about reduced dues?
ASEG mobile app for easy access to journal articles, account details and registering for technical nights
ASEG provides quite a comprehensive service for its members
ASEG should continue to support AGC and be a member of STA so that we can provide input to science policy issues
Australian lecture tours
Better conference discounts
Better federal and state representation for the group as working professionals, support for small businesses and consultants
Better student development
Better talks
Book offers
Books
Career events
Career Prospects/advertising
Central support for technical meetings – for instance sponsoring say 2–3–4 travelling speakers each year
Centralised website for information regarding scholarships
Cheaper conference attendance of student/academics
Cheaper conferences – they have become expensive. All good if your employee pays but not so good for self-employed people. The cost of travel, accommodation and the conference is expensive. They used to be focused on the technical program
Cheaper conferences, but increase membership costs to offset
Cheaper courses
Childcare at conferences to make attendance possible
Conference
Conferences every 12 months
Courses in developing Pacific Island States and Territories
Current benefits are fine with me
Decent website and useable membership login facility
Digital database of publications
Discount arrangements on work equipment such as PPE etc.
Discounted print library à la SEG
Discounted sister society conference registrations
Discounted technical books/publications
Download/recording of Technical nights/events, for Members who live/work remotely
Drop/reduce colour charges for publications
Each Exploration Geophysics Volume in a Single PDF file
EAGE Access. Live stream of technical night talks
Emeritus
Emeritus membership
Employment board
Employment opportunities
Employment stats, salaries, charge out rates



Endorsement of accreditation through AIG rpgoe Scheme More combined symposia or workshops with sister societies

Fellowship

For ASEG to be more vocal about the threats to Member careers from misinformation in the public arena

Free t-shirt with subscription

Further co-events with other membership bodies such as Geological Society of Australia or PESA

Geophysical and related software or software maintenance discounts

Get the website working properly, PARTICULARLY THE MEMBER DATABASE

Graduate job board

Greater access to journals and abstracts

Greater flexibility to watch or get information on technical talks when not able to attend. Access to digital archives of previous workshops presentations etc.

Hands on experience for students

Happy with present, and I would like to get to the next screen

Have all workshops/training and meetings recorded and available for viewing on the internet (either live or after the fact)

History website

I have always found the collaborative social events with ASEG/PESA valuable for networking/keeping in touch

I think ASEG is doing just fine

I think it's pretty good as it is...

I would like to leave this blank but it won't let me

I would like to see more cross-discipline events – events where geology and geophysics are seen as an integrated whole

Improve the integration of ASEG publications into the SEG Cumulative Digital Index. Currently it doesn't seem to find any articles from *Exploration Geophysics*, and only finds very old ASEG conference abstract

Improved web site with easy access to technical material prepared for both members and the general public

In the down turn, there are likely to be several or even many geophysicists with time on their hands. Perhaps some sort of Geophysicists Without Borders program could be established?

Info on child friendly places at or near conferences and similar events

Insurance, courses

Internships

It is ridiculous that an answer to this question is mandatory

It would be interesting to see a section in Preview tailored to students, like: Handy Tips from Practicing Geophysicists etc.

It would help me if I could renew my membership for more than one year at a time

Job advertising section on the ASEG website? Opportunities within the industry for work or research?

Job notice board

Joint membership to partner societies (SEG/EAGE?)

Library access

Linking old fogies with youngies

Links to other organisations

Local SEG/DISC courses more than once a year

Lower fees \$148 is lot for what I get, and more than SEG or AIG

Lunchtime technical and social local state events

Membership card in print form

More casual networking events

More early-career networking events

More focus on employment opportunities and training

More golf days

More half-day technical presentations within the Brisbane region

More in-depth information about different career pathways for students

More Intersociety collaboration

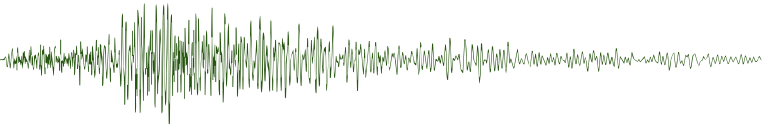
More media presence promoting the industry. Political campaigning to support industry

More online training courses

More petroleum focussed articles in Exploration Geophysics that are more interpretation based than acquisition and processing

Table 1. *Continued*

More social evenings
More sponsorship facilities for students
More things related to employment
More wine offers
Negotiated discounts on car hire and accommodation
Networking events during lunch hour
Networking events not involving golf
Networking functions
On campus talks
Online access to SEG material
Online or web-based short courses or webinars
Online webinars
Option of fee reduction if elect to get journals digitally rather than hardcopy
Papers on the geophysics new conference information
Perhaps an event such as: informal expo/demo rather than lecture combined with social event (food, drinks)
Perhaps group discount for technical software?
Polo shirt
Portraying ASEG as a scientific society (in addition to a technical and professional society) may be a good idea
Professional indemnity insurance discounts for Members
Professional qualification
Professional standards
Receive the SAGA newsletter, and the same from the Brazilian SEG (do they publish one?)
Record of talks given
Reduce book prices
Reduced cost for membership
Reduced membership fees for the unemployed
Reduced memberships for women on maternity leave. Childcare options for conferences. Child friendly Branch events
Reduced rates for under-employed
Regular meetings in Tasmania
Reintroduce free tickets to opening function for exhibitors
Research foundation
Retail discounts
Same affiliation into the EAEG journal as per SEG
Scholarships (on list but not actually in existence to my knowledge)
Single-day training courses, maybe associated with a Uni, but with recognised practitioners
Special events with more connection between academia and Industry would be great
Sponsor overseas students
Sponsored conference attendance under certain conditions (academic achievement, booth duty, ASEG volunteer record, etc.)
Sport (Active) social events, especially during the conferences. Also, good suggestion would be to have, maybe every first Thursday in the month some kind of active social gathering (cycling, golf...)
State Social days/networking opportunities
Student chapters and contests my (non-Australian) students could do
Student help
Student support/networking
Subsidised/part subsidized ASEG branded shirts/caps to wear representing the ASEG. Outreach to encourage young geophysicists - payment to conferences for exchange to help with ASEG work
Talks/Conferences within easy reach from my location e.g. visiting lectures
Tech nights be attend by web video
Technical specialist groups



Technical information
Training Courses
Training for Members on how to get value and use social media successfully
Unemployed active Member concessions at Conferences
Video link for conferences/presentations
Visiting lecturers
Web casts of events
Webcast video links to ASEG conferences and state technical meetings
Webinars/web-based training platform
Webinars from the technical meetings
Webinars. A library of recorded talks for download and listening to
Would be nice to see some Member only benefits or advance access to something for being a Member

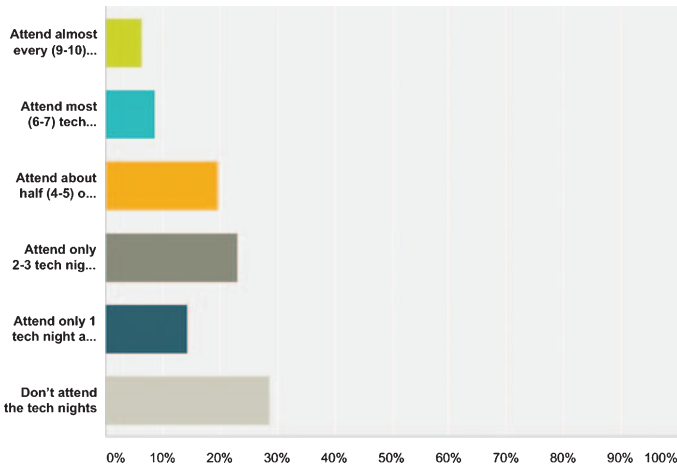


Figure 2. The response to Question 3 'How often do you attend local State Branch Technical Events' (n = 340).

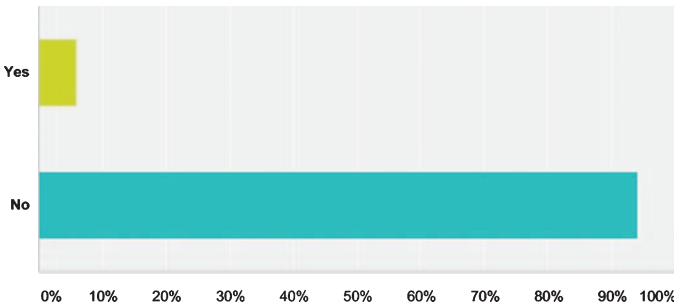


Figure 4. The response to Question 5 'Would childcare facilities at conferences influence your ability to attend?' (n = 340).

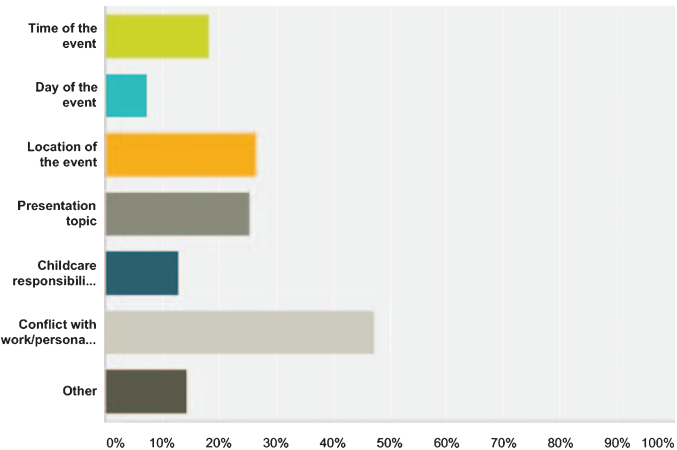


Figure 3. The response to Question 4 'Which of these reasons prevent you from attending more events?' (n = 324).

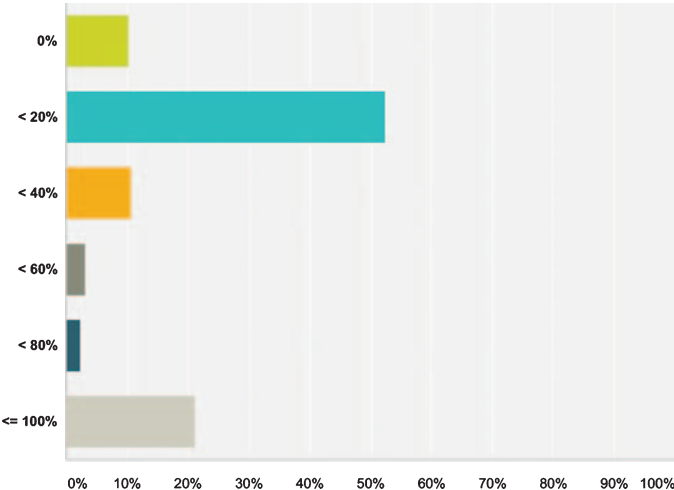
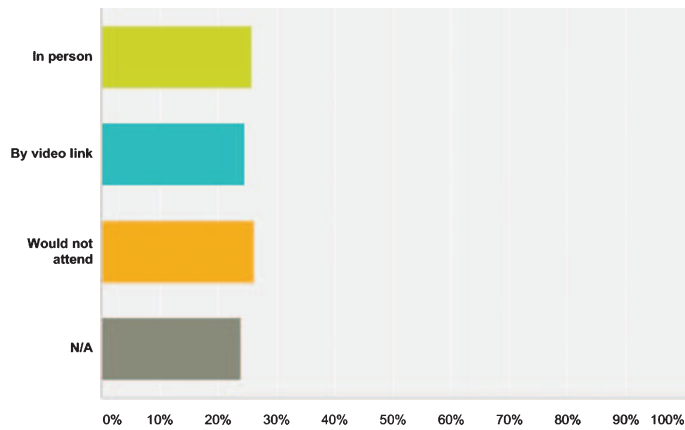
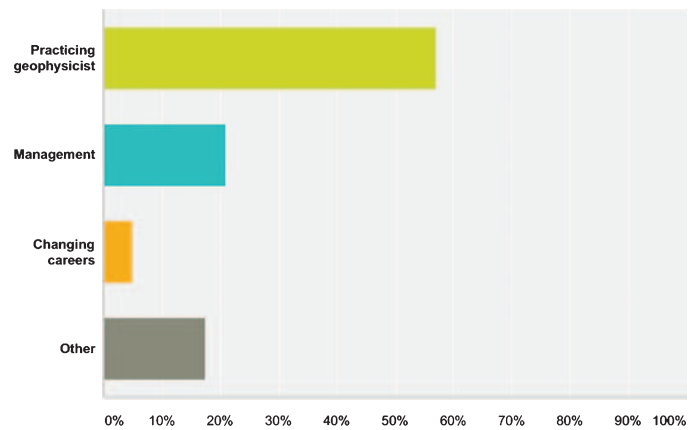


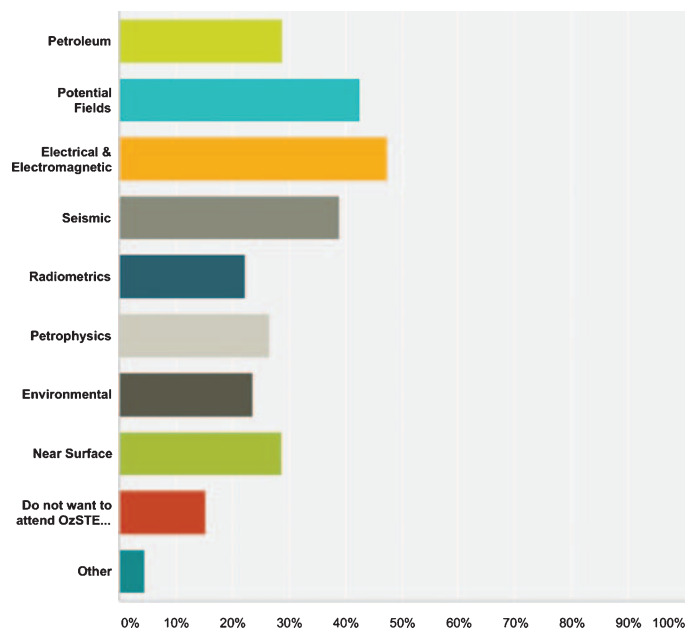
Figure 5. The response to Question 6 'What proportion of each year do you spend outside of Australian capital cities?' (n = 340).



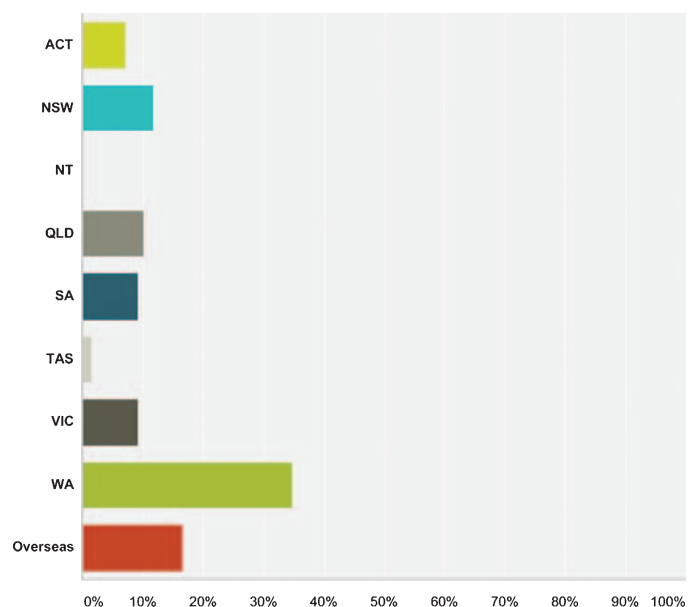
**Figure 6.** The response to Question 7 'Would you attend events outside of Australian capital cities if offered?' (n = 340).



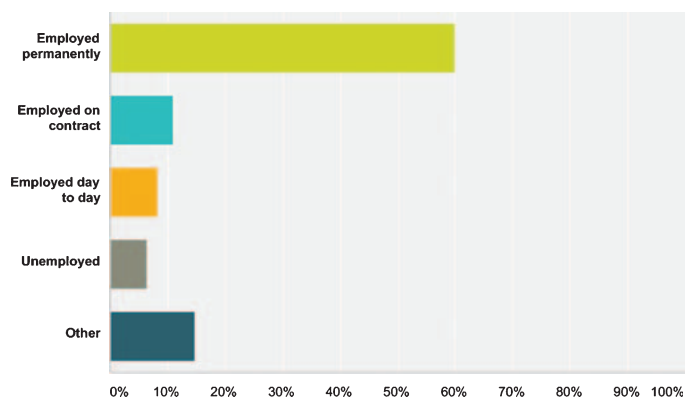
**Figure 9.** The response to Question 10 'Please select the following options that best describe your current and future career: Future career -' (n = 340).



**Figure 7.** The response to Question 8 'Which topics would you attend as an OzStep course, please select all that apply' (n = 340).



**Figure 10.** The response to Question 11 'In which state is your Membership held?' (n = 340).



**Figure 8.** The response to Question 9 'Please select the following options that best describe your current and future career: Current career -' (n = 340).