



2019

Membership Summary

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Background

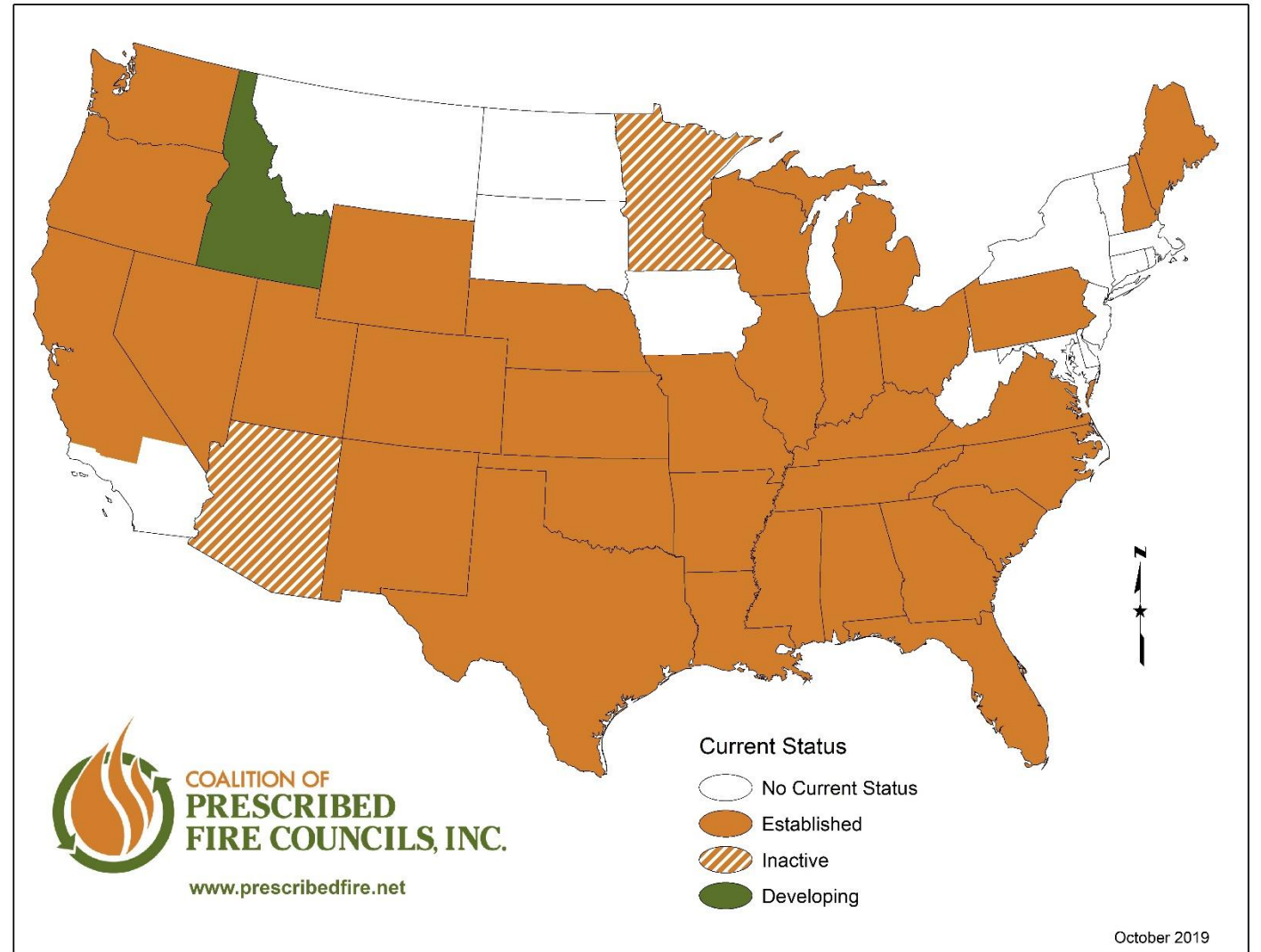
- Primary Survey Goal: to better understand how Prescribed Fire Councils (PFCs) are organized and operate, and improve coordination of efforts.
 - Four focal-areas:
 - 1) Membership
 - 2) Organizational structure
 - 3) Annual meetings
 - 4) Immediate and future needs
 - The results will help the CPFC seek funding and prioritize activities in 2020.
- PFCs have become a valuable part of the fire community by affecting fire policy, training, and communication at local, state, and national levels.

Focal Area

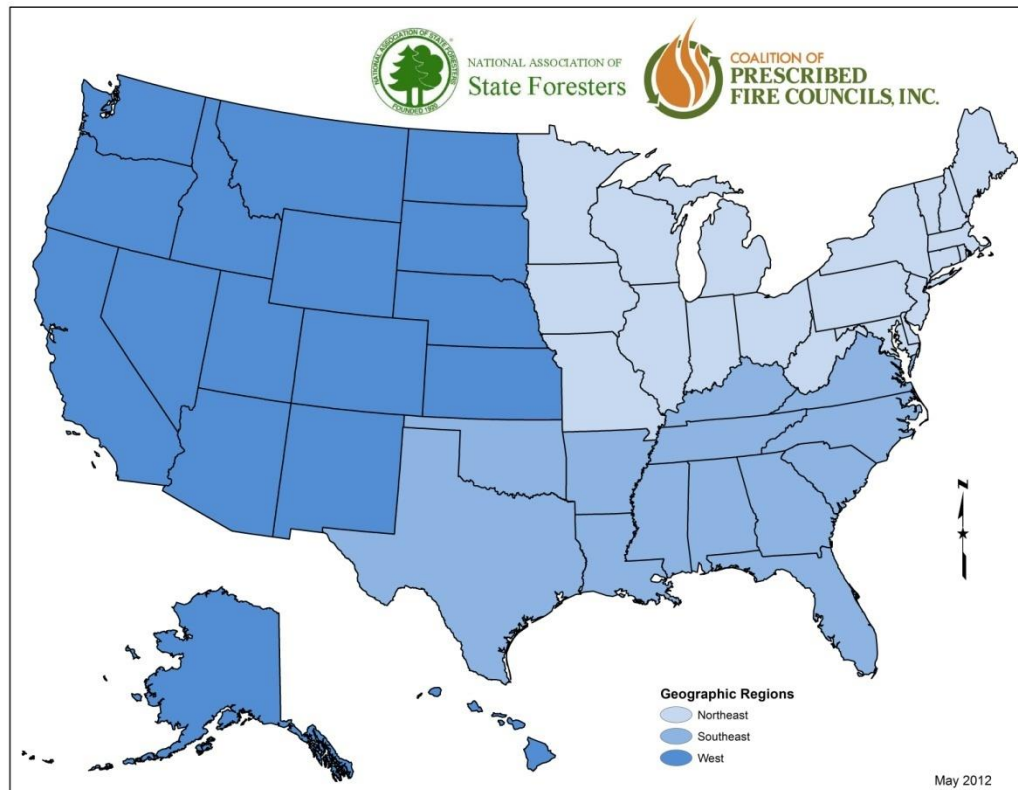
Membership

Member Status

- 34 Member States
 - 39 PFCs
- 2 Inactive
 - Arizona
 - Minnesota
- 1 Nonparticipating
 - California – Central Coast
- 1 in Development
 - Idaho
- 4 Organizational Members



Geographic Regions



Number by Region

- Northeast
 - 10 PFCs in 10 States
 - 10 States without PFC
- Southeast
 - 16 PFCs in 13 States
 - (Florida x3) (Texas x2)
 - PFC in every state
- West
 - 13 PFCs in 11 States
 - (California x3)
 - 6 States without PFC

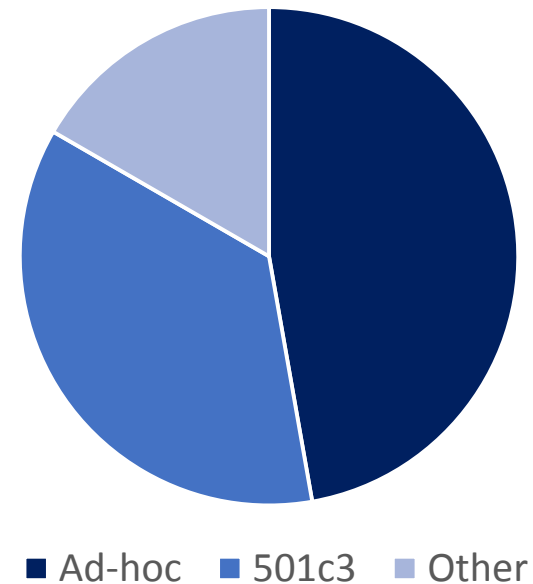
Focal Area

Organization and Governance

Organizational Type

- Most PFCs are ad-hoc or 501c3 organizations
- 6 States are 1 of the following:
(Northern CA, KS, OH, OR, TN, WA)
 - Business
 - Have fiscal sponsor
 - State non-profit

Organization Type



Governance

Board of Directors Structure

- 47% of PFCs
- Average size 9 Members
 - Range 3 - 25

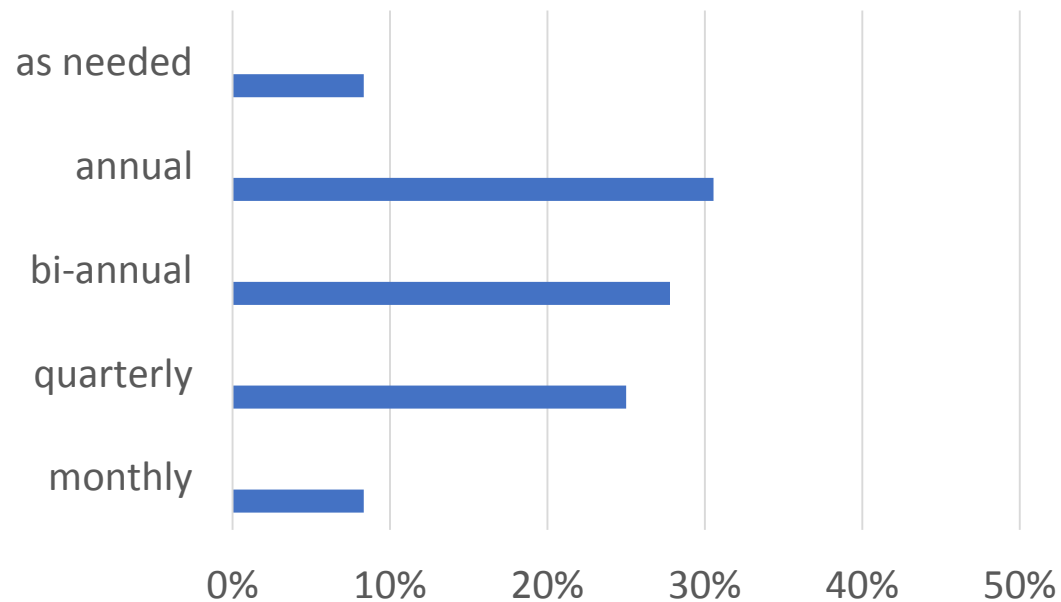
Steering Committee Structure

- 53% of PFCs
- Average size 15 Members
 - Range 4 - 34

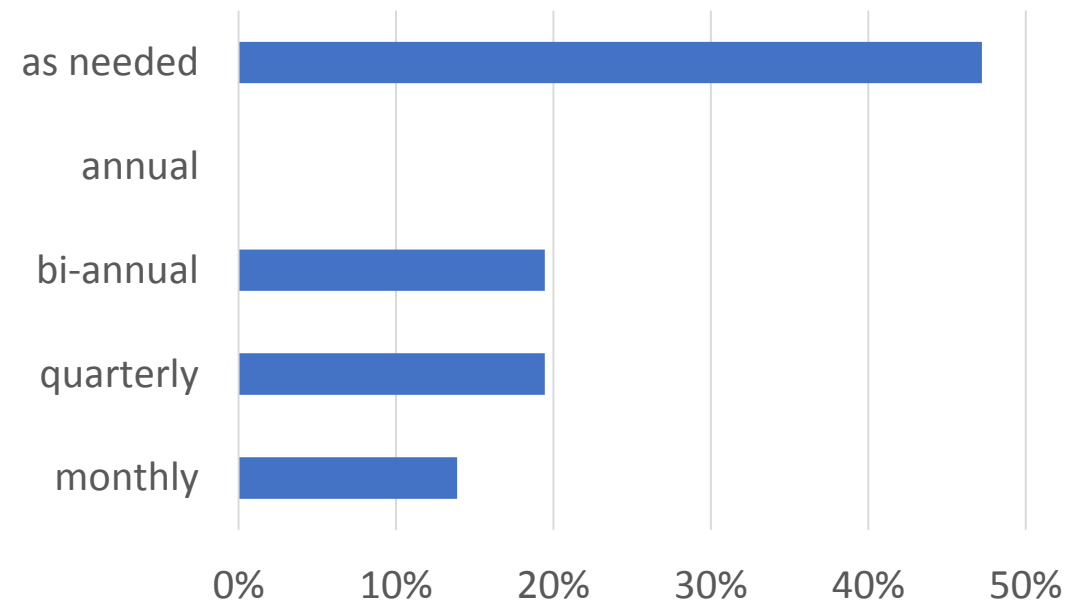
State Air Quality Environmental Agencies are members on the leadership team of 15 PFCs

Meeting Frequency

In Person

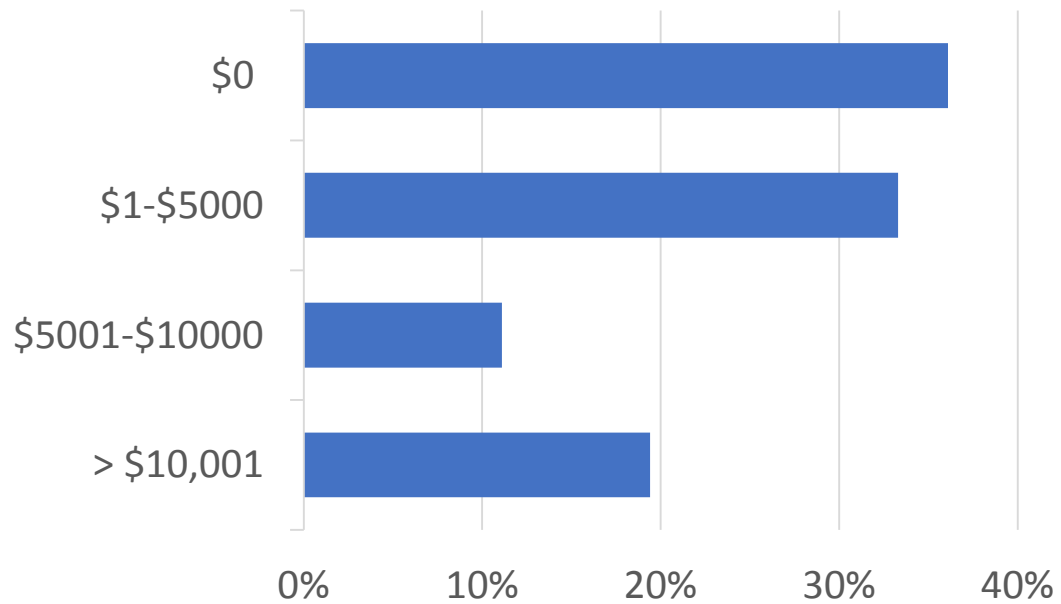


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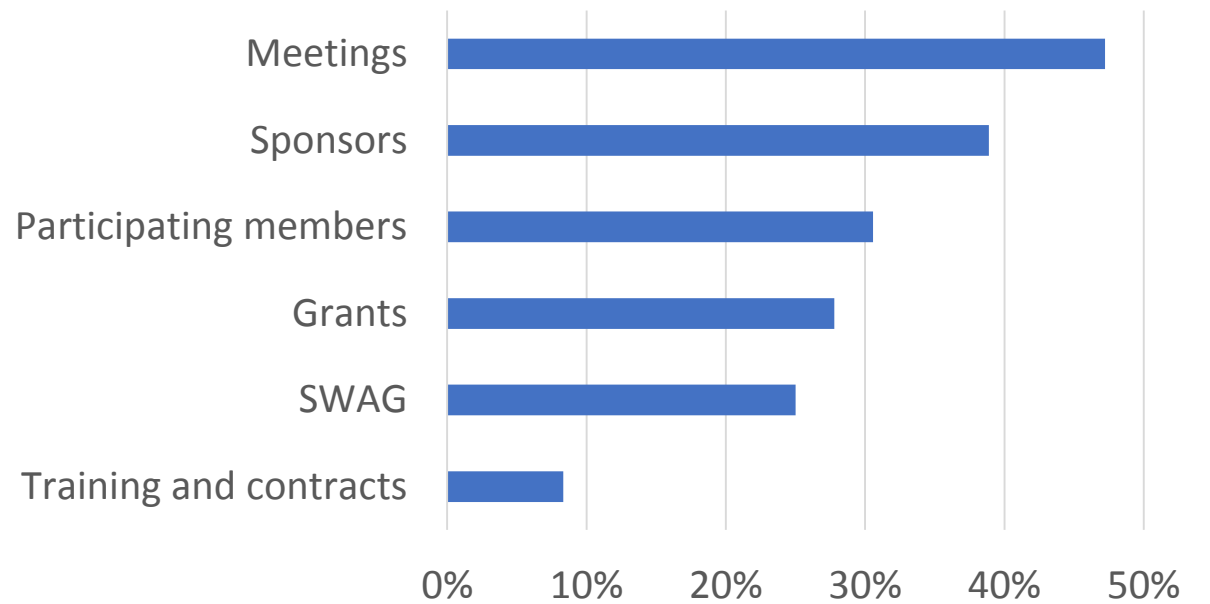


Funding

Operating Expenses



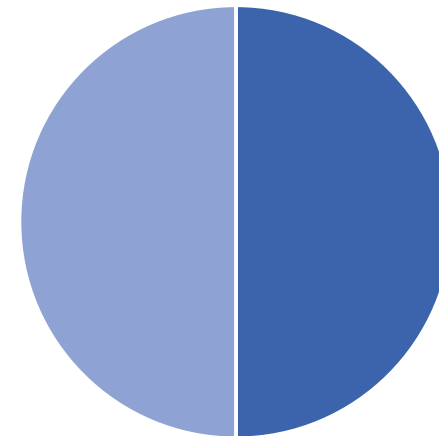
Sources of Income



Operations

- 5 PFCs have membership dues
 - KY, NC, PA, TN, WI
 - Range: \$10 - \$35
- 5 PFCs have paid staff
 - CO, MI, OR, WA, WI

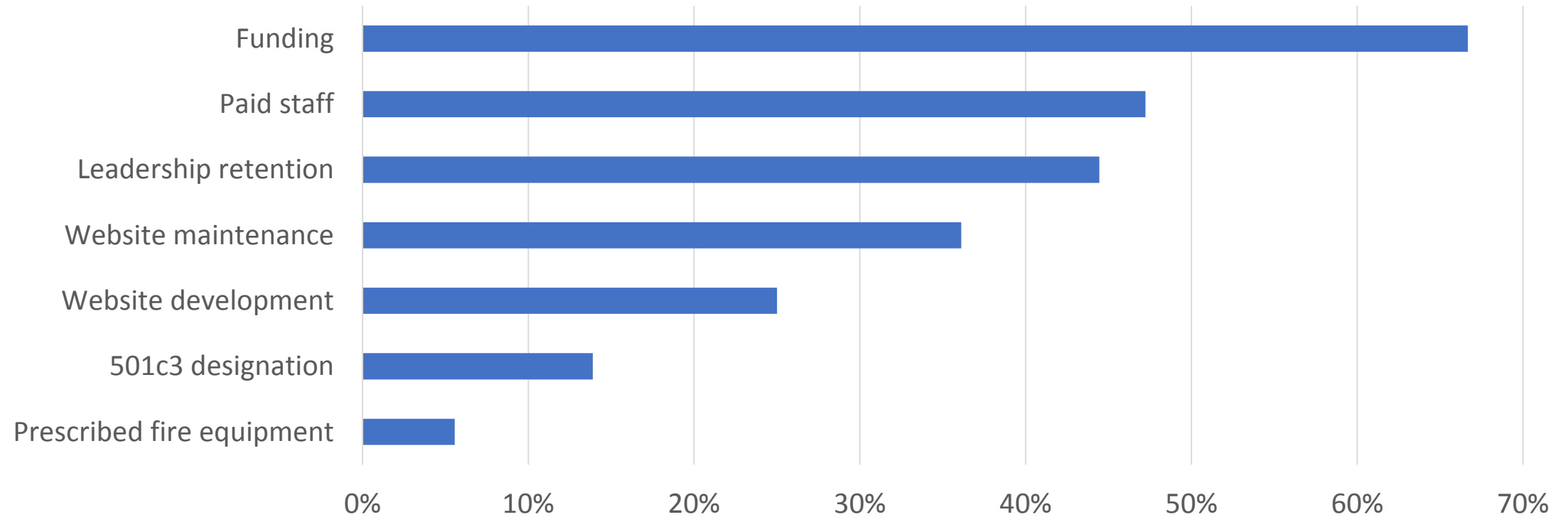
Appropriate Level of Funding to
Support Mission



■ Yes ■ No

Areas of Need

Challenges for Future Growth

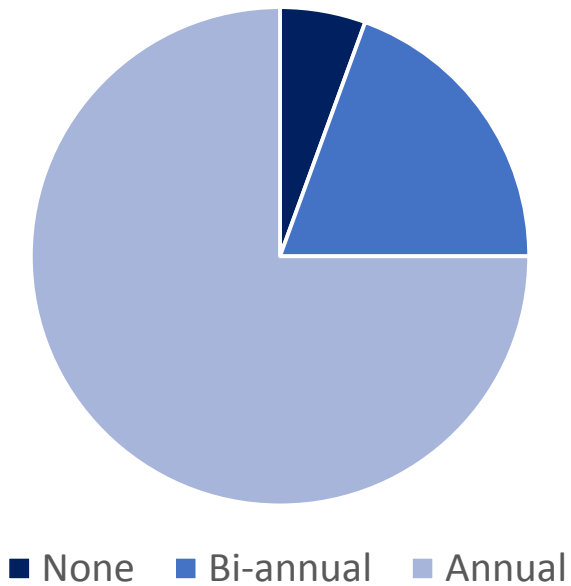


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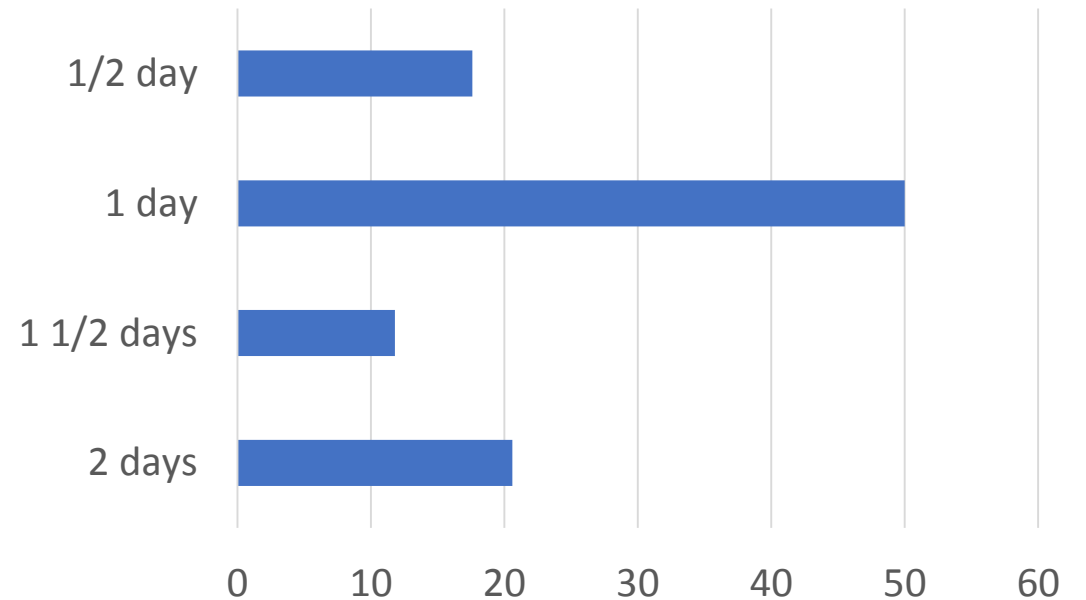
Meetings and Activities

Annual Meetings

Meeting Frequency

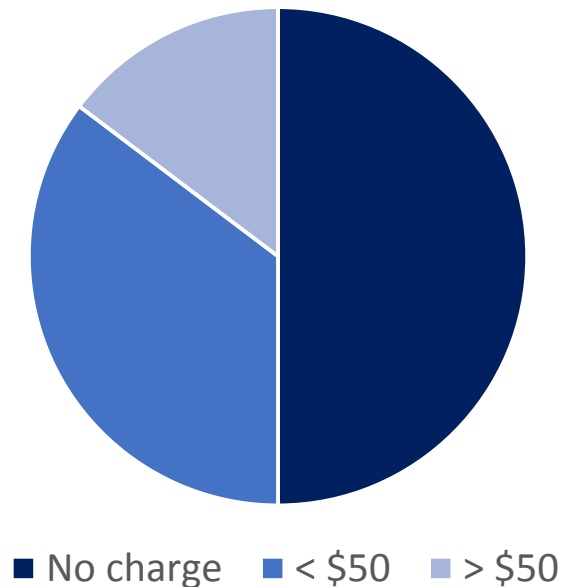


Meeting Length



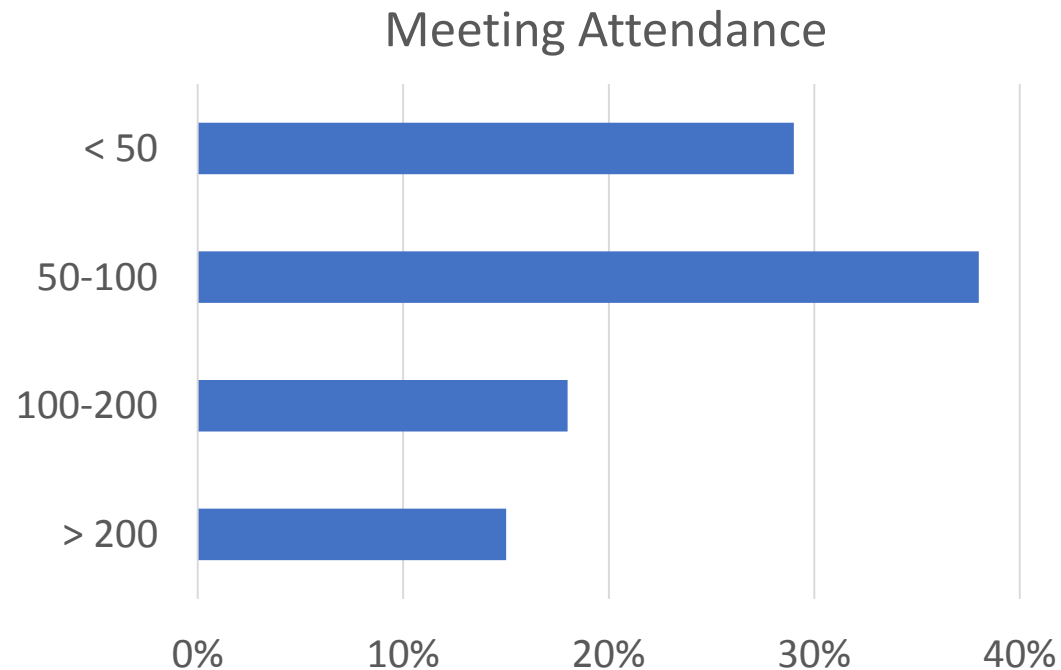
Annual Meetings

Registration Cost



- 17 States report no charge for attendance
- 5 States report costs >\$50
 - IL, MI, NC, PA, SC
 - Average - \$75
 - Range: \$65 - \$95

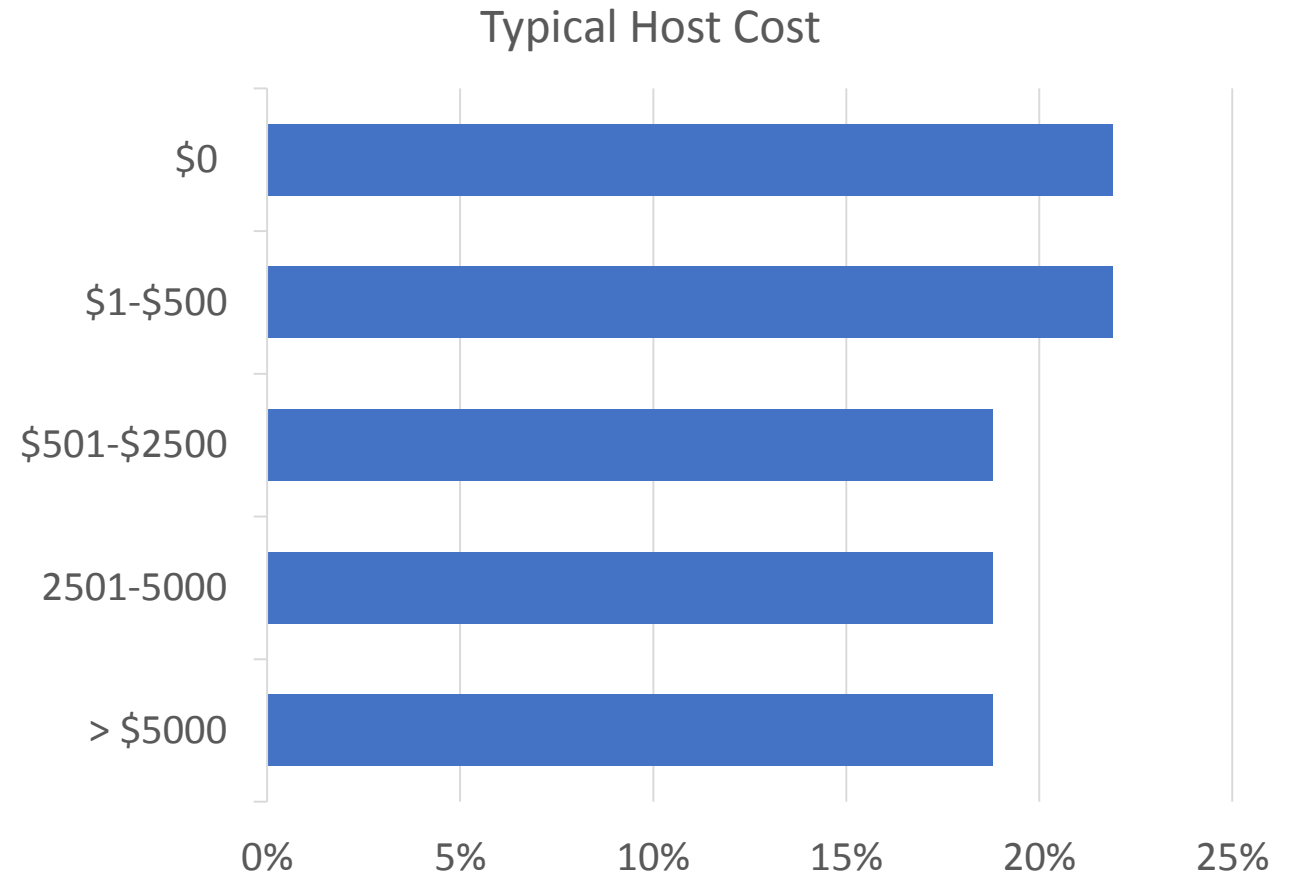
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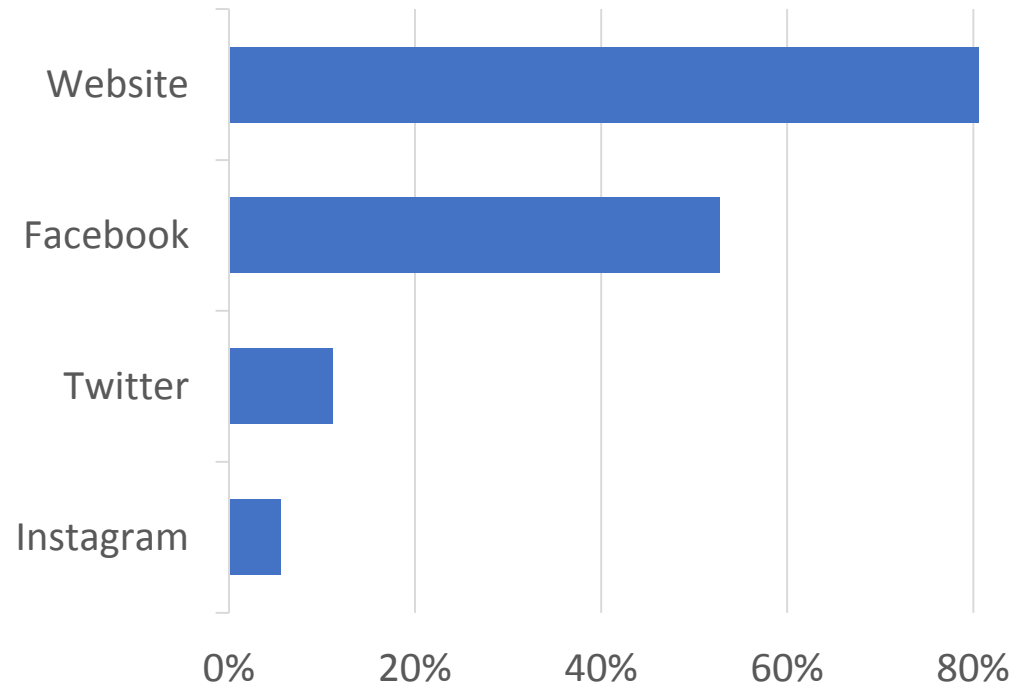
- 5 States report attendance over 200
 - Central FL, North FL, GA, NE, PA
 - Average – 300
 - Range: 210 – 500
 - 74% include field component
 - 47% offer Continuing Edu Credits
 - A Coalition Board representative has attended at least 1 meeting in 21 states

Annual Meetings

- 6 States reported meeting costs > \$5000
 - GA, NE, PA, OR, SC, WA
 - Average - \$11,000
 - Range: \$5,500 - \$25,000
 - 56% always include meal(s)
 - 32% reported sometimes
 - 35% always have sponsors
 - 24% reported sometimes



Social Media



- 25% of PFCs indicated needing assistance with website development
- 36% of PFCs indicated needing assistance with website maintenance

Focal Area

Barriers for Success



When asked to Identify National/Regional Needs for Assistance – PFCs Reported the Following:

- Addressing air quality/ smoke management concerns
- Regional coordination
- Grant writing/funding opportunities
- Motivation/leadership recruitment and retention
- Training standards integration
- Messaging/outreach
- National policy updates
- Insurance for burners



When asked to Identify any 'Other' Needs for Assistance – PFCs Reported the Following:

- Organizational management
- Coordination between neighbor PFCs
- Speakers at annual meetings
- Sharing annual accomplishments
- Renewal of interest
- State fire needs assessment
- Legal review of state policy, certified burn manager programs, fire statutes



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