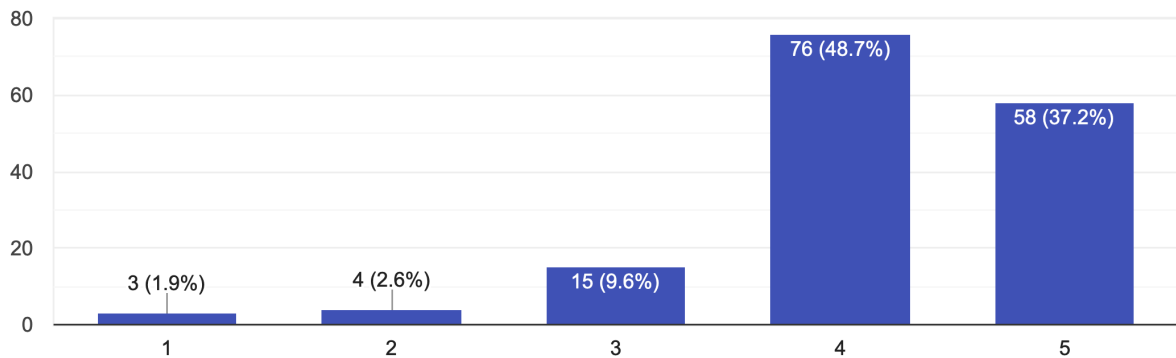


ASOR 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting: Feedback Summary

Overall the feedback from ASOR's 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting has been very positive. Ahead of the meeting we heard concerns about pre-recording presentations and about the format of the live sessions and workshops. The feedback from the Virtual Annual Meeting indicates that these concerns are the minority or have been reversed. Attendees liked the format of the meeting and many sent positive comments by e-mail, social media, and the Virtual Annual Meeting evaluation. The charts below are a great visual, with the scale ranging from poor (1) to excellent (5). Below the charts are some of the comments we have received.

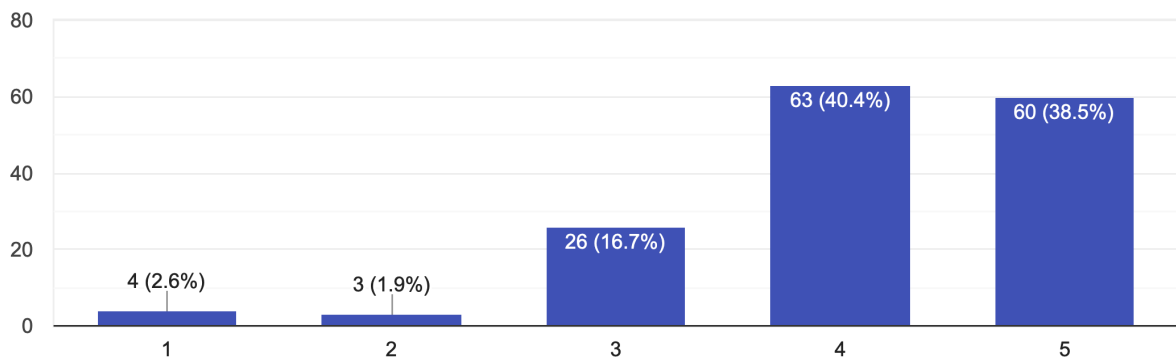
How would you rate the format and functionality of ASOR's Virtual Annual Meeting Platform (hosted by OpenWater)

156 responses



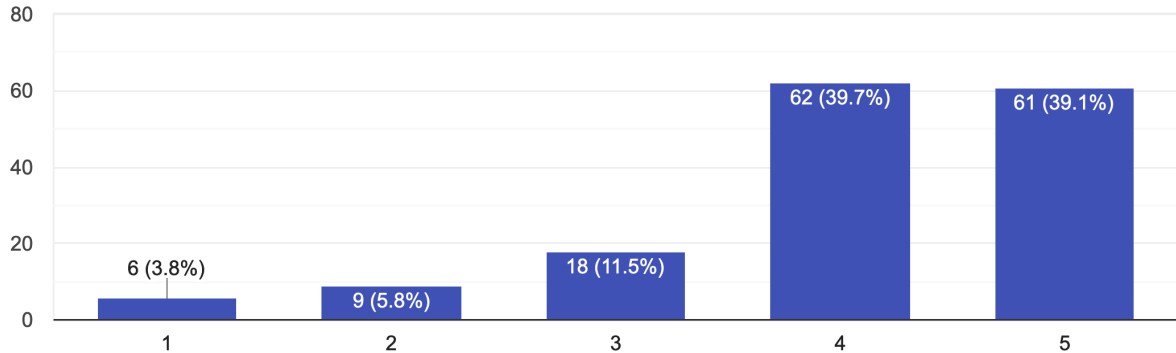
How would you rate the format for the 2-hour Workshops (no pre-recorded content - all live/online presentations and discussions/panels)?

156 responses



How would you rate the format of the 60 minute virtual sessions (viewing pre-recorded paper presentations ahead of the sessions in order to ful... online/live discussion and Q&A of presentations)?

156 responses



“Thanks so much for the survey and for all your hard work on the Program committee. I know this was very tough and a huge amount to take on. I thought the online format was very successful overall, and also thanks to Jared, Marta and others who were helping throughout. I really hope we can retain an online component in future years, as it is so inclusive.” – Jack Green

“Everything was so clear, the website software worked beautifully, and we had all the support we needed--you've blown all the other professional societies out of the water. It was so nice to be able to connect with colleagues and carry on with the meeting--honestly, it felt like a little slice of normalcy and was a bright spot for me in this challenging fall. Thanks so much for the hard work and brilliant ingenuity that made the meeting possible.” – Jessie DeGrado

“You pulled off a miracle! That should be recorded somewhere for use when you come up for admission to sainthood! Stay well!” – Doug Clark

“The organization and management of the ASOR VAM was truly masterful! Well done and kudos to all involved!” - Tim Harrison

“I want to thank you for everything that you did and congratulate you on an exceptionally successful event given the amount of time you had to turn it into a virtual event. Just really terrific.” – Emily Miller Bonney

“In this time of pandemic, when I start to feel isolated, this ASOR meeting was a breath of fresh air!” – Laura Battini

“Just a note of profound thanks and gratitude to both of you for so proficiently setting up the virtual conference and seeing to its smooth operation. As an attendant/presenter/session organizer, I did not sense a single glitch throughout and I am sure you both get the credit for this!!! I wholeheartedly wish

you both the best for the holidays and hopefully our paths will cross again in a similar setting or in an actual conference in the future.” - Nassos Papalexandrou

“I experienced several format for online meetings, but that of the ASOR Annual Online Meeting is really the best” – Anonymous

“Well, I think this virtual meeting went really well, don't you? It was great to be able to listen to the recorded presentations and there was a lot more time for discussion, which were pretty lively in the sessions I attended!” - Celia J. Bergoffen

“In addition to providing feedback as a session chair, I just wanted to let you know how excellent I thought the ASOR conference was! While nothing can take the place of face-to-face interaction, there were some definite plusses to the online format. Overall, it seemed to me that people were more engaged and had more time for discussion. It also seemed more equitable, reaching people who may not have been able to attend the in person conference. I also think that conversations around the bar area are fun but can exclude people who don't drink or don't feel comfortable in such situations. Removing alcohol from the equation kept the conversations more professional and encouraged a broader diversity of voices. So, a huge congrats and thanks to you all and to ASOR for a super successful conference!” - Sarah Whitcher Kansa

“For the virtual sessions, I found the online format (with presentations pre-viewed) surprisingly effective, as long as the format involved a broad discussion involving all panelists (rather than dedicated time for questions directed toward each presentation). I found that I engaged (esp in the chat) more than I would have in person. However, it was hard to fit in pre-viewing all the papers I would have wanted to in prior to the live sessions (as well as the live sessions themselves), given that they had to be fit in around "real life" over the course of weeks-- as the benefit of an in-person conference is how it "concentrates" your time.” – Anonymous

“I thought it worked very well, it was easy to navigate, and I was very impressed with how well it went.” – Anonymous

“I have attended several virtual annual conferences since March, 2020 and ASOR's was great! Format worked well. Schedule with links to individual sessions (and ability to select "favorites") worked well.” – Anonymous