

AOU and COS Member Survey

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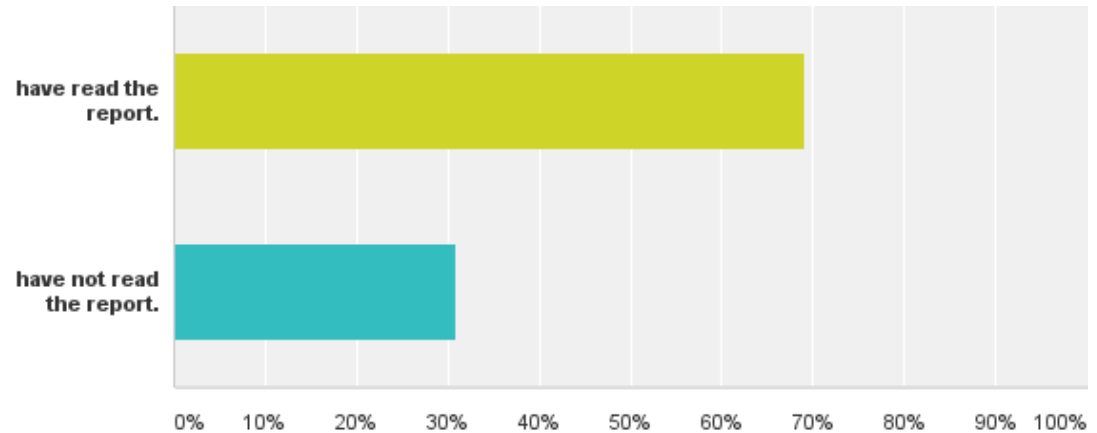
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Q1: The joint AOU-COS Merger Working Group report discusses merger issues. I

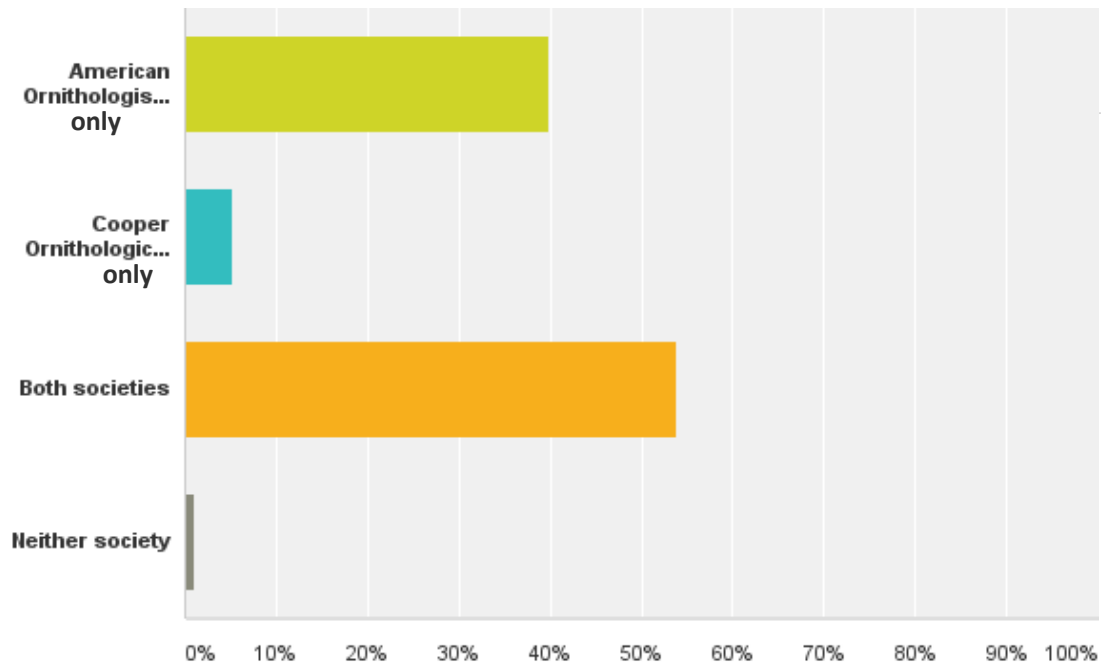
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Answer Choices	Responses
have read the report.	69.06% 424
have not read the report.	30.94% 190
Total	614

Q2: I am a member of:

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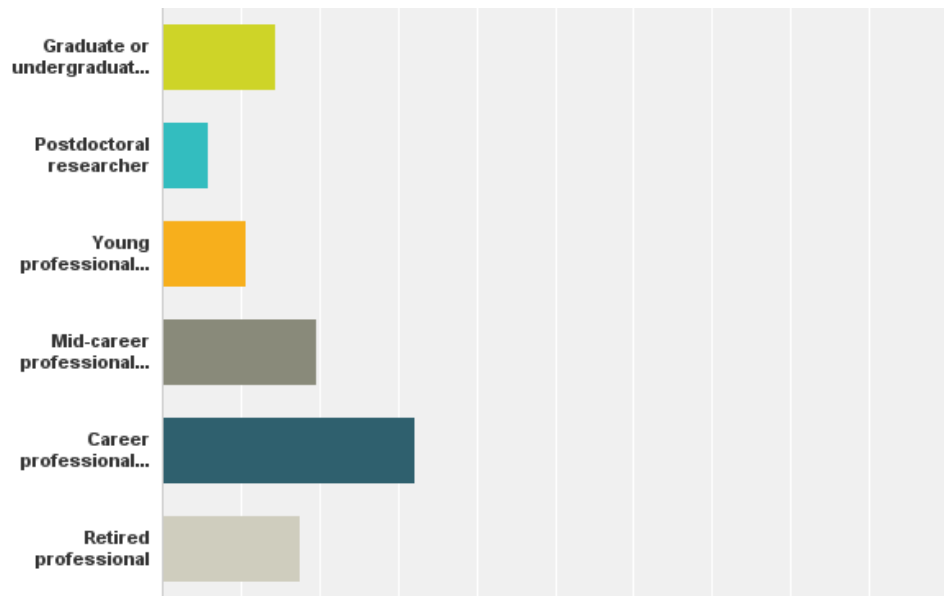
Answer Choices	Responses
American Ornithologists' Union (AOU)	39.90% 245
Cooper Ornithological Society (COS)	5.21% 32
Both societies	53.91% 331
Neither society	0.98% 6
Total	614

AOU All (AOU only + Both) = 93.1%

COS All (COS only + Both) = 58.1%

Q3: I am a:

Answered: 614 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Graduate or undergraduate student	14.33%	88
Postdoctoral researcher	5.86%	36
Young professional (< 10 years post B.A., M.S. or Ph.D.)	10.59%	65
Mid-career professional (10-20 years post B.A., M.S. or Ph.D.)	19.54%	120
Career professional (>20 years post B.A., M.S. or Ph.D.)	32.08%	197
Retired professional	17.59%	108
Total		614



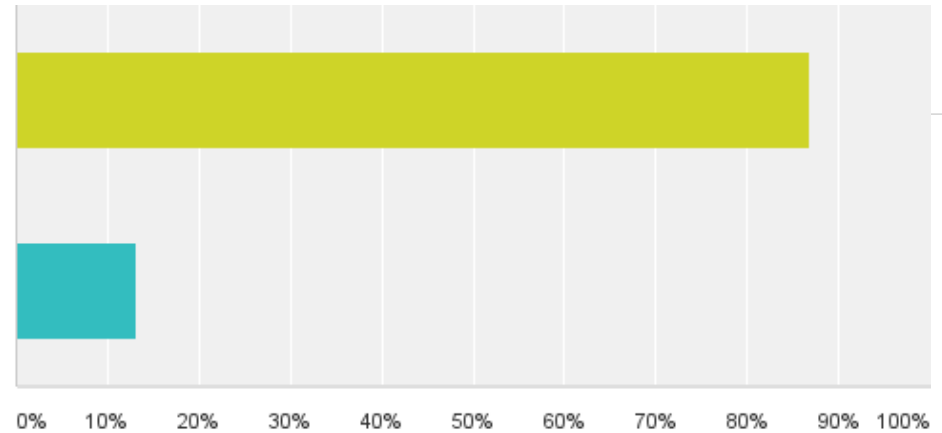
Young members = 30.78%

Q4: I am in favor of:

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Continuing merger
discussions

Ending merger
discussions



Answer Choices	Responses
Merger discussions continuing to unite AOU and COS into a single society.	86.81% 533
Merger discussions ending because I prefer to have two separate societies.	13.19% 81
Total	614

Society views (percentages) on whether merger discussions should continue

Membership	Merger	Merger	Total	N
	discussions	discussions		
	continue	end		
AOU only	91.8	8.2	100	245
Both societies	83.1	16.9	100	331
COS only	84.4	15.6	100	32
Neither society	100.0	0.0	100	6
Total	86.8	13.2	100	
N	533	81		614

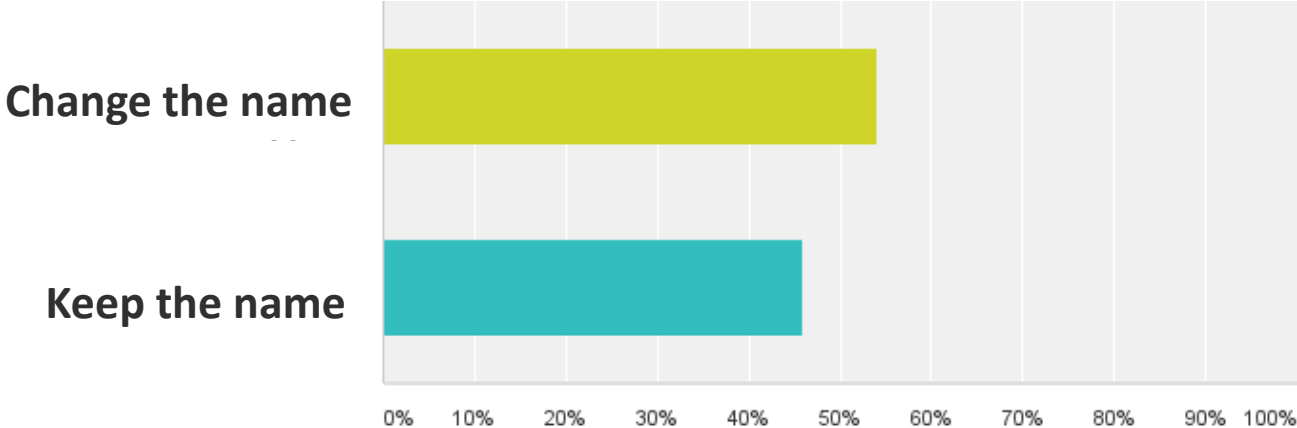
Society	Merger	Merger	Total	N
	discussions	discussions		
	continue	end		
AOU All	86.806	13.194	100	576
COS All	83.196	16.804	100	363

Age group views (percentages) on whether merger discussions should continue

Age group	Merger discussions	Merger discussions	Total	N
	continue	end		
Graduate or undergraduate	95.5	4.5	100	88
Postdoctoral researcher	97.2	2.8	100	36
Young professional (< 10 yrs)	90.8	9.2	100	65
Mid-career professional	91.7	8.3	100	120
Career professional (>20 yrs)	81.2	18.8	100	197
Retired professional	78.7	21.3	100	108
Total	86.8	13.2	100	
N	533	81		614

Q5: If AOU and COS merged, should the AOU be renamed? I prefer to:

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Answer Choices	Responses
Change the name of the society to indicate a merger had occurred.	54.07% 332
Keep the name the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU).	45.93% 282
Total	614

Society views (percentages) on whether the AOU name should change if merger occurred

Society	Change the name	Keep AOU	Total	N
AOU only	43.3	56.7	100	245
Both societies	59.5	40.5	100	331
COS only	75.0	25.0	100	32
Neither society	83.3	16.7	100	6
Total	54.1	45.9	100	
N	332	282		614

<u>Society</u>	<u>Change the name</u>	<u>Keep AOU</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>N</u>
AOU All	52.604	47.396	100	576
COS All	60.882	39.118	100	363

Age group views (percentages) on whether the AOU name should change if merger occurred

Age group	Change the name	Keep AOU	Total	N
Graduate or undergraduate	46.591	53.409	100	88
Postdoctoral researcher	52.778	47.222	100	36
Young professional (< 10 yrs)	53.846	46.154	100	65
Mid-career professional	62.5	37.5	100	120
Career professional (>20 yrs)	58.376	41.624	100	197
Retired professional	43.519	56.481	100	108
Total	54.072	45.928	100	
N	332	282		614

Members of AOU Only: Age group views (percentages) on whether the AOU name should change if merger occurred

Age group	Change the name	Keep AOU	Total	N
Graduate or undergraduate	36.207	63.793	100	58
Postdoctoral researcher	43.75	56.25	100	16
Young professional (< 10 yrs)	50	50	100	34
Mid-career professional	56.818	43.182	100	44
Career professional (>20 yrs)	42.553	57.447	100	47
Retired professional	34.783	65.217	100	46
Total	43.265	56.735	100	
N	106	139		245

COS Members Only: Age group views (percentages) on whether the AOU change should change if merger occurred

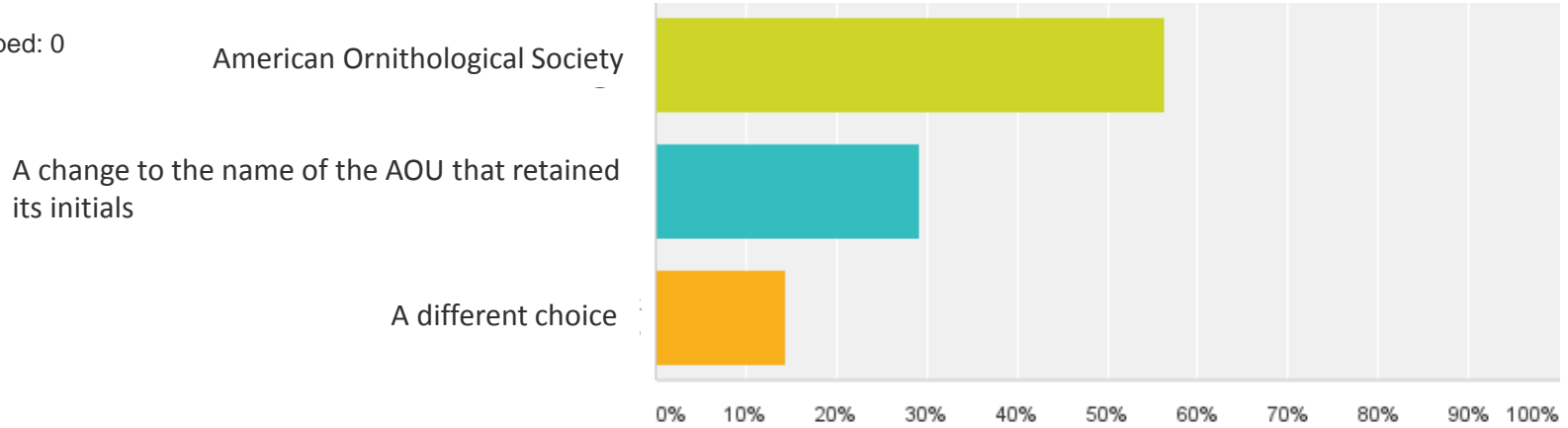
Age group	Change the name	Keep AOU	Total	N
Graduate or undergraduate	100	0	100	2
Postdoctoral researcher	100	0	100	2
Young professional (< 10 yrs)	50	50	100	2
Mid-career professional	60	40	100	10
Career professional (>20 yrs)	90	10	100	10
Retired professional	66.667	33.333	100	6
Total	75	25	100	
N	24	8		32

Members of Both Societies: Age group views (percentages) on whether the AOU name should change if merger occurred

Age group	Change the name	Keep AOU	Total	N
Graduate or undergraduate	61.538	38.462	100	26
Postdoctoral researcher	52.941	47.059	100	17
Young professional (< 10 yrs)	57.143	42.857	100	28
Mid-career professional	66.667	33.333	100	66
Career professional (>20 yrs)	61.594	38.406	100	138
Retired professional	48.214	51.786	100	56
Total	59.517	40.483	100	
N	197	134		331

Q6: If a new name was desirable for the merged society, I prefer:

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Answer Choices	Responses
American Ornithological Society.	56.35% 346
A change to the American Ornithologists' Union name that retained the initials AOU (e.g., American Ornithological Union).	29.32% 180
A different choice that I have written in the box below:	14.33% 88
Total	614

Society views on the name of a merged society if a new name was desirable:

Society	Retain AOU Initials	American Ornithological Society	Different choice	Total	N
AOU only	33.878	54.694	11.429	100	245
Both societies	26.888	56.798	16.314	100	331
COS only	21.875	59.375	18.75	100	32
Neither society	16.667	83.333	0	100	6
Total	29.316	56.352	14.332	100	
N	180	346	88		614

Society	A change to the AOU that kept the initials	American Ornithological Society	Different choice	Total	N
AOU All	29.861	55.903	14.236	100	576
COS All	26.446	57.025	16.529	100	363

Age group views on the name of a merged society if a new name was desirable:

Age group	Retain AOU	American	Different	Total	N
	Initials	Ornithological Society	choice		
Graduate or undergraduate	31.818	63.636	4.545	100	88
Postdoctoral researcher	27.778	63.889	8.333	100	36
Young professional (< 10 yrs)	23.077	58.462	18.462	100	65
Mid-career professional	26.667	60	13.333	100	120
Career professional (>20 yrs)	26.904	57.36	15.736	100	197
Retired professional	38.889	40.741	20.37	100	108
Total	29.316	56.352	14.332	100	
N	180	346	88		614