



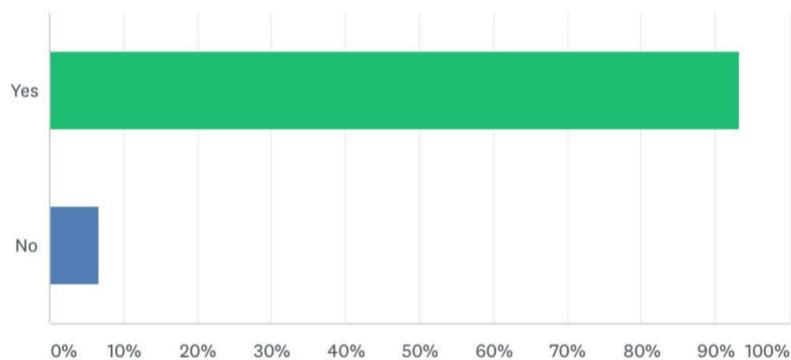
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Dear Vocal Seniors,

A few weeks ago, we sent a questionnaire to those on our mailing list asking ten questions about the organization. The questions asked about your satisfaction with the Seniority's past role and priorities for the future. In this document, we summarize the results of that survey. We currently have 335 people on our mailing list. Of this number, 59 folks (18%) took the time to respond, representing a satisfactory and significant part of the group. Here are the results of the January 2019 survey.

**Q1: Do you agree with the steering committee that Climate Change should be a key focus area for the Vocal Seniority in 2019?**

Answered: 59 Skipped: 2



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Obviously we have general agreement on Climate as a topic for 2019.

**Q2: If you have an interest in participating in VS activities regarding Climate Change, which of the proposed activities would you be most inclined to participate in?**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Closer collaboration with other groups (e.g., Sierra Club, Renew Oregon, 350 Deschutes, etc)	62.07%	36
▼ Letter writing (e.g., to representatives for support of the Oregon Clean Energy Jobs Bill)	37.93%	22
▼ Resist Trump Tuesdays in Bend	43.10%	25
▼ Calls or visits to local legislators in the district	43.10%	25
▼ Sit-ins or marches at local, state, and federal offices of our representatives	39.66%	23
▼ Non-violent civil disobedience	20.69%	12
▼ Car pooling/bus or plane trips (Salem; PDX; Washington DC; etc.)	10.34%	6
▼ Local climate forums	53.45%	31
<b>Total Respondents: 58</b>		

In addition to these answers, 12 respondents took the time to offer additional comments. The majority of the added comments referred to partnering with other local groups (e.g. Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Citizen’s Climate Lobby) and joining in local actions (e.g., Lobby Day in Salem Feb 6). One mentioned stepping up education on the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. And one respondent had a more general suggestion: “Don’t take airplanes unless absolutely necessary. Drive less, eat less beef, go solar.”

**Q3: In addition to Climate Change, what other topics do you believe would be important for the Vocal Seniority to focus on and that you would be willing to take action on? Please rank them in your priority order (1 being most important to you).**

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
▼ Health Care	36.73% 18	24.49% 12	18.37% 9	8.16% 4	12.24% 6	49
▼ Public Lands	23.08% 12	19.23% 10	9.62% 5	25.00% 13	23.08% 12	52
▼ Social Justice	12.77% 6	10.64% 5	46.81% 22	19.15% 9	10.64% 5	47
▼ Immigration/Refugees	7.41% 4	27.78% 15	24.07% 13	22.22% 12	18.52% 10	54
▼ 2020 Campaigns	34.55% 19	18.18% 10	7.27% 4	16.36% 9	23.64% 13	55

Although Question 1 dealt with Climate Change, several respondents added Climate-related concerns in their comments to this question.

Using the provided list of topics, Health Care and 2020 Campaigns were the highest concern for most respondents. Note that Health Care and Immigration/Refugees were listed as second highest concern for another large preponderance of respondents.

Seventeen respondents added additional comments on this question:

- Eight people commented that campaign and election reform were critical, mentioning in particular redistricting, voting rights, and social justice.
- Four respondents said that ALL of these topics are critical and that it was impossible to choose among them.
- Several comments were directed to the importance of government corruption, “holding Individual 1 accountable,” and “impeachment.”
- One respondent wrote that, “Those rankings might change for me as we get closer to 2020.”

**Q4: It is important to engage at all levels of government. Use the matrix below to indicate for each level your interest in making a personal impact.**

	NO INTEREST	SOME INTEREST	MODERATE INTEREST	STRONG INTEREST	SIGN ME UP!	TOTAL
Federal	1.69% 1	11.86% 7	11.86% 7	62.71% 37	11.86% 7	59
State	5.17% 3	15.52% 9	20.69% 12	51.72% 30	6.90% 4	58
County	5.45% 3	23.64% 13	43.64% 24	21.82% 12	5.45% 3	55
City	9.09% 5	21.82% 12	34.55% 19	23.64% 13	10.91% 6	55

Federal and State levels were most important to respondents. But note an impressive 44% of respondents with a “moderate interest” at the County level.

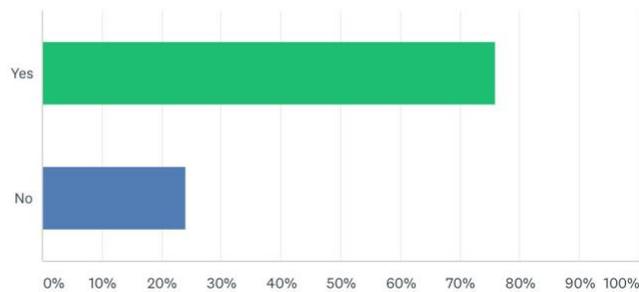
**Q5: How often would you like to get communication from the Vocal Seniority?**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Weekly	33.90% 20
Biweekly	13.56% 8
Monthly	6.78% 4
Bimonthly	1.69% 1
Only when there is an event or action	6.78% 4
No change from what it's been	37.29% 22
Never	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>

This response overwhelmingly supports the status quo. We have tried to be in touch with members weekly through e-mails and web updates. Respondents seem very satisfied with that frequency, so we’ll need to keep doin’ what we’ve been doin’.

### Q6: Do you find the Vocal Seniority bi-annual membership meetings valuable and worth your time attending?

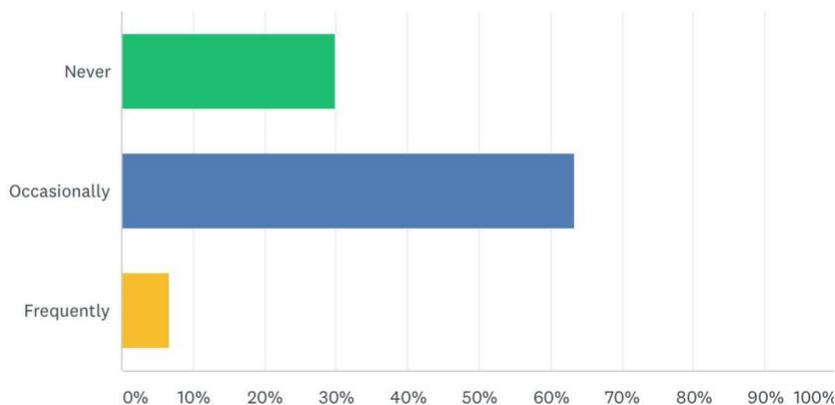
Answered: 50 Skipped: 11



Nineteen people took the time to submit comments to this question.... but 10 of those comments were simply to say that they had never attended one of our meetings. Several of the other questions were helpful. One person asked that the meetings “not drag on too long.” (A not too subtle hint?) Another suggested that our meetings also be held in Prineville, Redmond, and Madras. Several respondents said the meetings should be “fun events and not a meeting.” Two people reminded us that songs and humor are important and praised the ReSistas.

### Q7: Do you visit the Vocal Seniority website?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 1

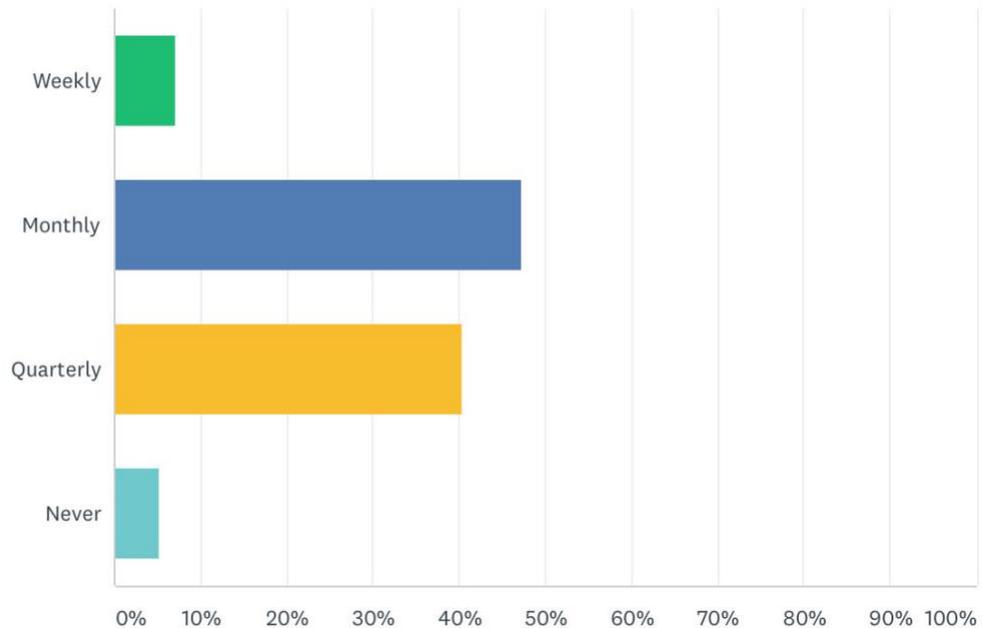


Early in the year, there were times when the VS website was not updated regularly. Since mid-year, the problems were corrected and site is now updated weekly. In response to the survey, we have discussed ways to expand the website and to make it more useful in the future. We urge the 30% of Vocal Seniors who have not done so to bookmark the page (<http://www.thevocalseniority.org>) and to visit occasionally to learn of upcoming events.

Six respondents made comments on this question: one to say the site was excellent, one commenting that there was already a lot of info coming from other sources, and the rest saying they had not seen the site at all.

**Q8: How often would you be willing to get together as a larger group or break into smaller groups working on specific topics important to you?**

Answered: 57 Skipped: 4



Eight people left comments on this question... the gist of which were... that the meetings should be tied to important events as they occur and their number depend on the need.

**Q9: What special talent, skill and/or knowledge can you contribute in your participation with the Vocal Seniority?**

Here is a brief digest of some answers:

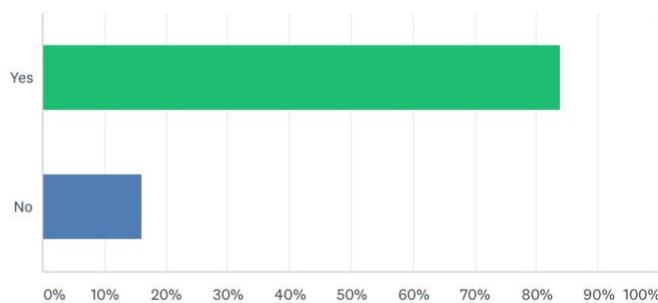
- I can still carry a sign & get out on the Peace corner & I'm 82.
- Collaboration with the Central OR Bitterbrush Broads, Great Old Broads for Wilderness
- Editing, copy editing
- Willingness to write letters and postcards.
- Letter writing
- A historical view
- Not sure
- Writing
- Nothing in particular, although I am a retired lawyer (worked in complex business litigation; nothing very useful on a day to day basis) and have good common sense.
- I am working with all the local organizations that work on climate action. We have a "day of dialogue" planned among us for Feb. 26. Please contact me. Suzanne Butterfield 541-306-6720
- Canvassing; facilitation
- Strong organizational and communication abilities
- Ecological expertise. Computer skills.
- Willingness to make calls

- Political organizing, messaging/information design
- Climate Reality training
- Retired Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist. Familiarity with environmental issues.
- Vocal Seniority organizers are always welcome on my radio show when there is a need to promote events and actions.
- Former City Council member and Mayor, Planning Commissioner, Architect specializing in Affordable housing. So I serve on the Affordable Housing Committee and understand Planning and Land Use issues very well, how that impacts our built environment.
- Presence, protest, speaking, organizing
- Some writing Coordination with env groups
- Enthusiasm, organizing, editing
- Facilitate community events
- Been a professional writer my entire adult life. If that skill would be valuable, would be willing to share it.
- Unfortunately, I have commitments to another organization that is time consuming, but I would be willing to lend my talent in organizing and speaking occassionally
- Recently retired from executive career in business communications and investor relations (private equity sector). My experience is in business writing/communicating (strategy, messaging and delivery).
- Long time Bend resident and been active in "wild fish politics" for many decades
- Writing
- Common sense elder advice

These comments clearly show that respondents have varied talents and are eager to use them. But remembering that the Survey was anonymous we have no names attached to these comments! In the near future we will be asking you to let us know who you are and what you want to bring to the group.

**Q10: Do you have the same level of interest in 2019 to participate in Vocal Seniority activities as you did in the previous two years?**

Answered: 56 Skipped: 5



As seen, respondents are jazzed up and ready to go. Eleven people left comments on this question. Their remarks were about equally divided between being “worn down by Trumpian futility,” and those with “Greater level of interest based on our successes in the past.”

You, the Vocal Seniors are great, involved, informed, and ready-to-go! Let’s go there together...