



ASERL Fall 2018 Membership Meeting

November 28 – 30, 2018 – Atlanta, Georgia

November 29, 2018

3pm – 4:15pm

Small Group Discussion Questions – led by ASERL Board members

- A. Do you want ASERL to grow? If yes, how? If not, please explain.
- B. What activity would risk your membership in ASERL if we stopped doing it?
- C. What issue(s) do you want ASERL to focus on in the next three years?
- D. What issues or areas are your biggest challenges? Considering the issues/areas, how can ASERL support your efforts?

Large Group Polling Questions – via Slido.com

With 38 libraries, is ASERL's current member base "right sized"?

- Yes, 38 members is a good size
- No -- It's too big and unwieldy; fewer member libraries would be better
- No – We are small to have much influence; more members would be better

Future Growth: Should ASERL grow its staff and programming?

- No, stay the course -- current staff size and our membership dues are in good balance
- Yes, ASERL would benefit from more staff and I am willing to support it
- Not sure. A significant dues increase (\$3,000/library or more per library) would lead me to re-evaluate my membership in ASERL

Grant-seeking: Do you expect ASERL to rely on external funding to develop future programming?

- Yes, future programming should be developed with outside grant monies
- Grant monies may be useful but not a requirement for future growth -- and grants require investments to secure
- Grants are not 'free money' – not a great way to fund future growth, and sustainability is a serious concern

How do you want ASERL to determine its future programming?

- Stay the course – share information about new, hot topics at the expense of deeper programming
- Emphasize Deans' meetings and develop specific, limited areas of focus for deeper programming

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