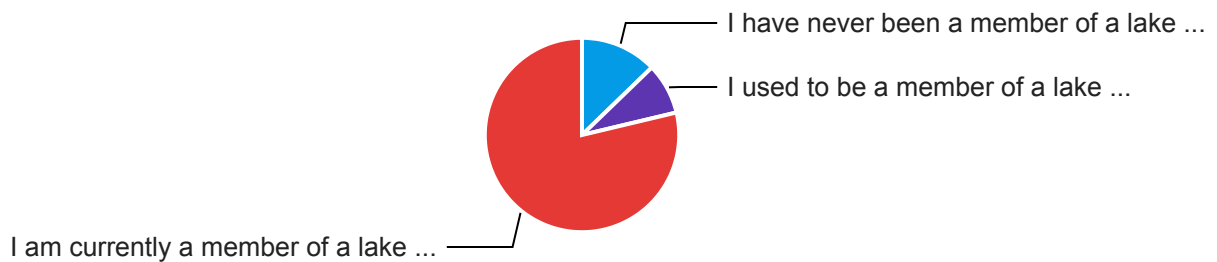


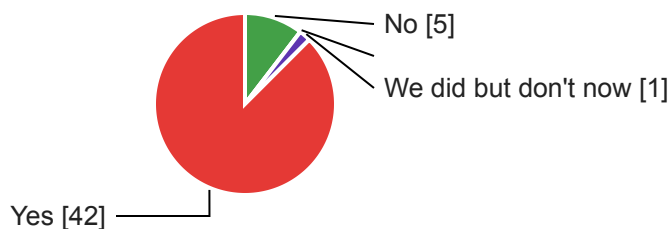
Lake Association Survey for Practical Water Wisdom Webinar

Q4 - Lake association membership. Please indicate your relationship with lake associations.



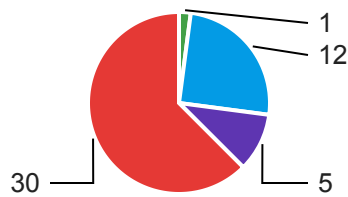
■ I have never been a member of a lake association
 ■ I used to be a member of a lake association but am not now
■ I am currently a member of a lake association

Q5 - Do you or your family own property on a lake?



■ No
 ■ We are trying to buy property
 ■ We did but don't now
■ Yes

Q6 - How often do you spend time on or near the lake?



■ Occasional visitor
 ■ Frequent visitor
 ■ Seasonal resident
 ■ Year-round resident

Q15 - What do you value most about lake associations? Move the sliders to indicat...

Field	Mean	Variance	Responses
Protecting water quality	4.81	0.21	36
Keeping the lake healthy for future generations	4.80	0.27	35
Learning more about lake ecology and stewardship	4.28	0.48	36
Getting reliable information about lake issues	4.22	0.73	36
Other: _____	4.00	3.33	6
Working with neighbors on shared concerns	3.92	1.13	36
Protecting property values	3.54	2.08	35

Q15_7_TEXT - Other: _____ - Text

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watershed important too

Watershed Health is important also.

Opportunities to meet and visit with lake association members

How to manage boating compliance

learning about invasive species and prevention

Understanding nearby mining procedures and how that will effect lake quality

Challenges Faced By Your Lake Association

Q1 - Please move the sliders to indicate the relative seriousness of challenges...

Field	Mean	Variance	Responses
Same small group doing everything	4.03	0.93	31
Hard to recruit new volunteers	3.71	1.37	31
Difficulty getting people to volunteer to lead	3.58	1.92	31
Difficulty sustaining long-term leadership	3.28	1.83	32
Low turnout at meetings or events	3.06	1.93	32
Only a small fraction of shoreland owners are association members	2.69	1.66	29
Difficulty fundraising	2.65	1.97	31
Reaching seasonal residents	2.61	1.53	31
Confusion about bylaws, authority, or mission	2.45	2.52	29
Tension between being a "social club" vs. a "stewardship organization"	1.86	1.84	28

Q3 - Please indicate any other challenges your lake association is facing or has faced

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The older leaders are passing away and young people are not stepping up

getting County or State AIS boat inspectors to our lake, except for volunteers, havent had any.

very frustrating!

I have just become part of the association and trying to figure out how to get involved.

Same people in leadership. Don't get timely information on what is important. Website has good information, would be nice to focus on what is new. Social is not important to us. Need to get informed about the steps the association is taking regularly. Annual meetings are not well done anymore.

People "ageing out". Younger generation is not into volunteering

Small lake, less than 20 property owners. Mostly seasonal from Twin Cities. They don't want to spend their short stays in meetings. We are only an association by Email. They might rally around a serious issue. None have time to contribute to projects. As President, all I do is keep members informed of what is or could happen.

How does one measure success? The turnout at events? The lack of AIS? Membership numbers?

Short term rentals; wake board boats; lack of enforcement from county on environmental and zoning issues.

funding for firewise program

Methods for effective removal of AIS. Research is slow.

Residents who do not volunteer are harassing the lake association president. The DNR has strict policies regarding the harvester, yet a few residents in a weedy location on the lake have become unreasonable and are suing the lake association.

Reasons to NOT join a Lake Association

Q7 - Please move the sliders to indicate how important each of the following rea...

Field	Mean	Variance	Responses
The association seems like a small or closed group ("clique")	86.25	379.19	4
I don't agree with the association's priorities or actions	85.75	109.69	4
Meetings or events are inconvenient to attend	69.67	1553.56	3
I prefer to enjoy the lake without being involved in an organization	52.67	1232.89	3
I don't see the value of joining	52.50	897.25	4
I don't have enough time to participate	48.75	1117.69	4
I'm not aware of what the association does	36.80	1664.96	5

Q8 - Other reasons you choose not to participate in a lake association (please describe):

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Other property owners Un willing to participate

I have been very active and so was my husband but the lake association don't do anything or can't when they see infractions.

About Lake Associations

Q9 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about...

Field	Mean	Variance	Responses
They play an important role in protecting lakes	83.88	363.11	40
They represent the interests of most lake users	75.00	581.64	39
They are welcoming to new people	81.49	400.71	39
They communicate clearly about what they do	69.21	540.01	39
They are effective in improving lake health	65.92	607.97	39
I trust lake associations to make decisions that benefit the lake as a whole	75.16	362.40	38

Q16 - Please indicate other feelings about about lake associations:

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seems like all lake issues are put on lake assoc to fix, feel no support from DNR or County AIS. have brought many ideas to County/DNR, didnt go anywhere. Seem to cater to larger lakes.

When did it become that lake associations are responsible for lakes if they become infested? we all pay taxes on our lakeshore and properties, there doesnt seem to be any AIS prevention interest. Why did DNR cut the volunteer program they had? Now they want you to bring a table and chairs to access, and dont approach boater/ anglers unless they approach you...seems to me DNR is not real interested in AIS prevention.

Trying to figure out associations and where to put my energy especially when the Ratio of less than 20 ... Lake residents vs 100's of ...lake residents

They want a permit to do anything on our land.

I can only speak to the one I belong to

Communication to Many. Participation by a minority.

I'm wondering how nonmembers view lake associations. Busy bodies? Newbies? Social club?

sometimes tension between summer residents and year round residents, including priorities for the lake

Lack of interest from most property owners

.... is a mess! But money talks!

There are no consequences for people doing the wrong thing!! If organizations wanted to do something, run for county commissioner or get on the board of appeals. When I see that happen I will support more

We have an excellent lake association. Great at fundraising and disseminating AIS information.

Q10 - Please rate how important each of the following concerns about lake associa...

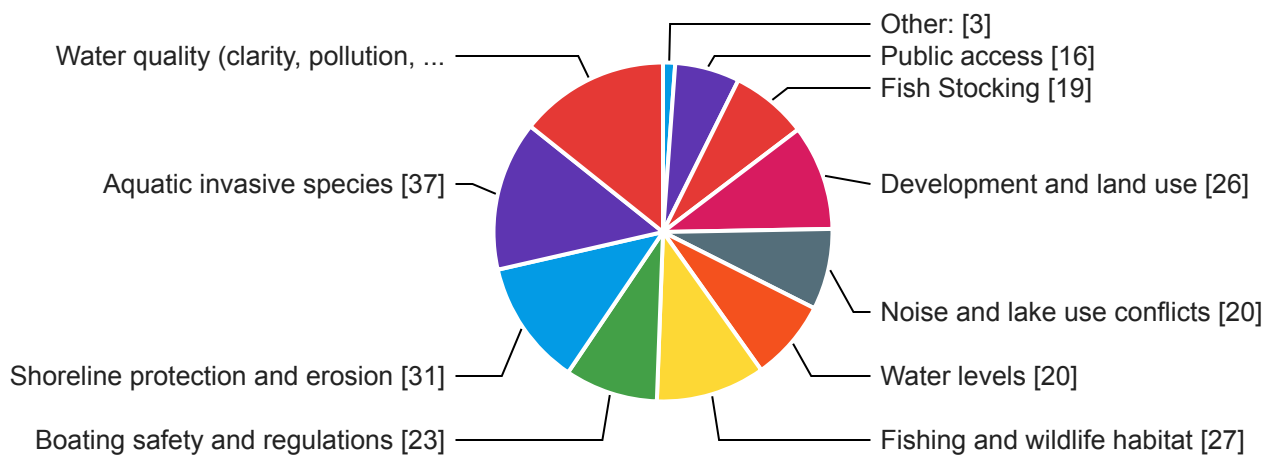
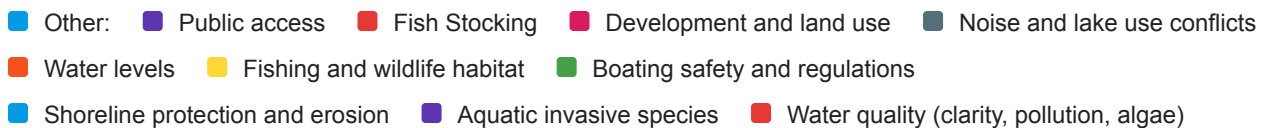
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Lack of transparency in decisions	71.67	414.89	6
Lack of visible results or impact	48.17	1145.14	6
Disagreement with how funds are used	46.60	480.24	5
Concern about loss of personal freedom or property rights	32.50	1036.92	6
Other concerns (please specify)	0.00	0.00	0

Q11 - What could change your mind about lake associations? Please indicate how li...

Field	Mean	Variance	Responses
Other things that could change my mind (please specify)	100.00	0.00	1
Seeing measurable improvements in the lake	84.40	201.84	5
Clear communication about goals and impact	81.33	320.56	6
Opportunities to contribute without a major time commitment	78.20	880.96	5

Personal invitation from a neighbor or association member	70.67	1242.56	6
More inclusive timing or meetings (time, day, season)	62.60	1006.64	5

Q12 - Issues That Matter to You: Which issues affecting the lake are most important to you? (Select all that apply) - Selected Choice



Q13 - What, if anything, would make a lake association more relevant or valuable to you?

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I would like to be able to volunteer on a weekend and somewhere not far from the bus routes. I also think it would be helpful if there was more concise information on what you actually do and how everyday people can get involved.

All of the above

support from DNR/ County . listen and work with Lake Associations, it is a two way street.

Land and water quality of life

Regular communication regarding the lake quality. Status on AIS inspection staffing, issues. Notification of tournaments. Up to date news on wave boat research. Shoreland protection options (we have 100 feet of trees, plants, but still have some erosion.

Water quality data more timely. Details on chemicals. Details on any issues with channel health.

Being recognized by DNR.

Stronger controls on lakeshore health. No lawns to waters edge. (buffers required). Stronger regulations to keep AIS from lakes. Develop a set of "measures" to rank lakes and perhaps lake associations. Make it public. Give lake associations the power to work on improvement.

Regular education on specific lake hydrology, influence of beavers, effects of soaps/nitrates/gardening/golf course inputs on lake quality.

Knowing what a lake association can actually do for me. They don't have legal authority, so what can they actually provide me as a homeowner, person recreating on the lake, and someone concerned about ecological protection over human habitation.

Greater participation in County COLA and State MN COLA

better recruitment of property owners to engage in issues around lake protection

It is time for new ordinances to be written! And I forced

Q14 - What advice would you give to lake associations trying to better engage people like you?

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Make things more accessible overall.

Send out letters to owners on the lake so they are aware there is a Lake association.

Keep trying to engage, life situations change.

continued communication with members, seems like once you recruit a new member, they do not continue after the first year, new members today dont seem to take ownership in their beautiful lakes and do not volunteer or maybe they see no value in the association...

A yearly -August Annual meeting Reports and where people can get involved and not all or nothing

Slides at meetings, budget transparency, details to loon count, water testing, secchi tests. Ours is now focused on social. I prefer data, getting a good speaker at the annual meeting. Data on loon behavior, data on wave boat research, data on fish health. Some is repetitive, but new residents need to hear it.

Knock on doors

You may clearly communicate the mission of the lake association, but that might not be what the people want, they often only think of themselves, the waters in front of them, etc.

Show how the "measures" relate to property values. Possibly a state organ could take this on.

Put women at the helm. They are better listeners. Better communicators.

Be more open, transparent, and have events that actually get people involved.

I suspect that person-to-person invitations are what is effective. No matter how good your newsletter is, and especially if it only goes to members, it may not be the best recruitment tool.

Approach new riparian owners positively and make them feel welcome and encouraged to participate.

Better welcoming of new residents/owners with information on the lake, the Association and current environmental issues.

pay attention to new lake owners, getting interest up right away. Be informative and helpful to lake property owners on an ongoing basis

Follow the bylaws set by the township and lake association in your own life.

I am active and want to have a functioning association, but other property owners are apathetic

Ask input