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# **2021 Fall Membership Meeting**

Friday, November 5, 2021

# Agenda

- Budget Update
- Membership Survey Results
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Other Business
  - Annual Meeting
  - Leadership Change



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# Budget Update



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# 2021-2022 Total Revenue

- Collected assessments = \$204,008 YTD
  - ✓ Anticipated collection of about \$15,048
  - ✓ Would result in a total of \$219,056
- 2020 – 2021 carryover = \$8,350 (reserve)
- **Total Revenue YTD = \$212,358**



# Operating Balance YTD

Total Assessments YTD	\$ 204,008
Reserve allocation YTD	\$ (8,350)
Actual Expended YTD	\$ (52,334.43)
<b><u>Operating Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$143,323.57</u></b>



# Budget Status

<u>Budget Categories:</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>
<b>Legal/Regulatory Services</b>		
<b>Water Quality Standards &amp; PFAS</b>	\$80,000.00	\$19,055.48
<b>Permit Reviews</b>	\$15,000.00	\$4,071.25
<b>Reg Advocacy &amp; Communications</b>	\$45,000.00	\$9,329.50
<b>Legal/Regulatory Services Total</b>	<u>\$140,000.00</u>	<u>\$32,456.23</u>
<b>Recruitment/Retention</b>	\$12,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Organizational Services</b>	\$14,850.00	\$14,800.70
<b>Technical Consulting (Hall)</b>	\$35,000.00	\$5,077.50
<b>Budget Reserve</b>	\$8,350.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<u>\$210,700.00</u>	<u>\$52,334.43</u>



# Budget Recap

- Likely sufficient recourses to complete general work plan activities
  - ✓ PFAS Monitoring and Continued Advocacy
  - ✓ Wild Rice Sulfate issues
  - ✓ Upcoming Class 1 & 2 Rulemakings
  - ✓ Clean Water Discussion Series
  - ✓ Permit Reviews
  - ✓ Legal/Regulatory updates
- Reserve funds available if needed to pursue additional advocacy avenues



# MESERB Membership Survey

- Participation:
  - 23 Respondents
  - 19 City Staff
  - 16 Different Cities/Facilities
  - 4 Associate Members



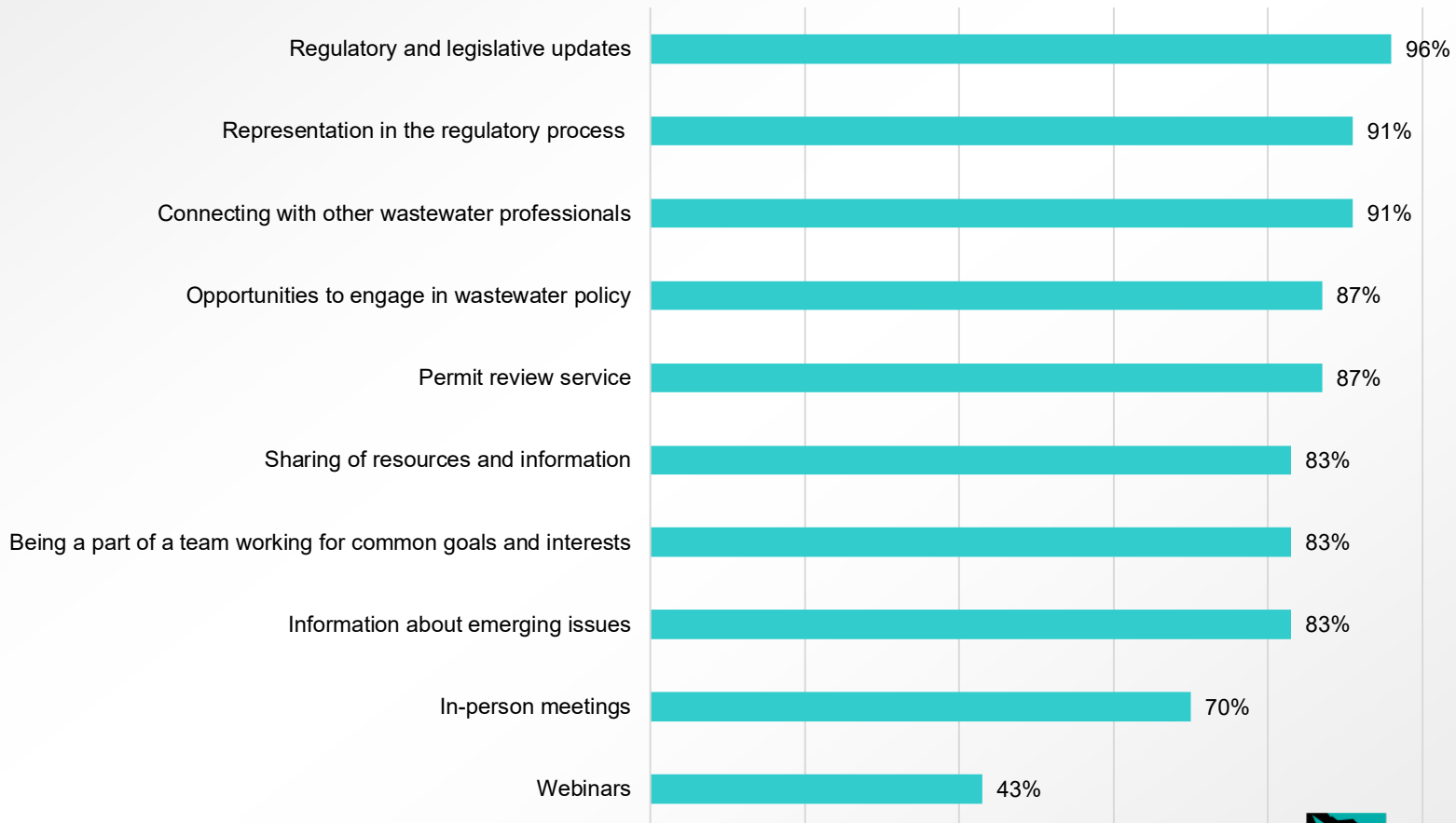
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# Question 1: Experience

What do you find valuable about being a MESERB member?



# Question 2: Improvements

- **In-person meetings, trainings, and opportunities to consult with other members**
- Expanded state lobbying on important issues
- Informational bridge for best practices



# Question 3: Recruitment techniques

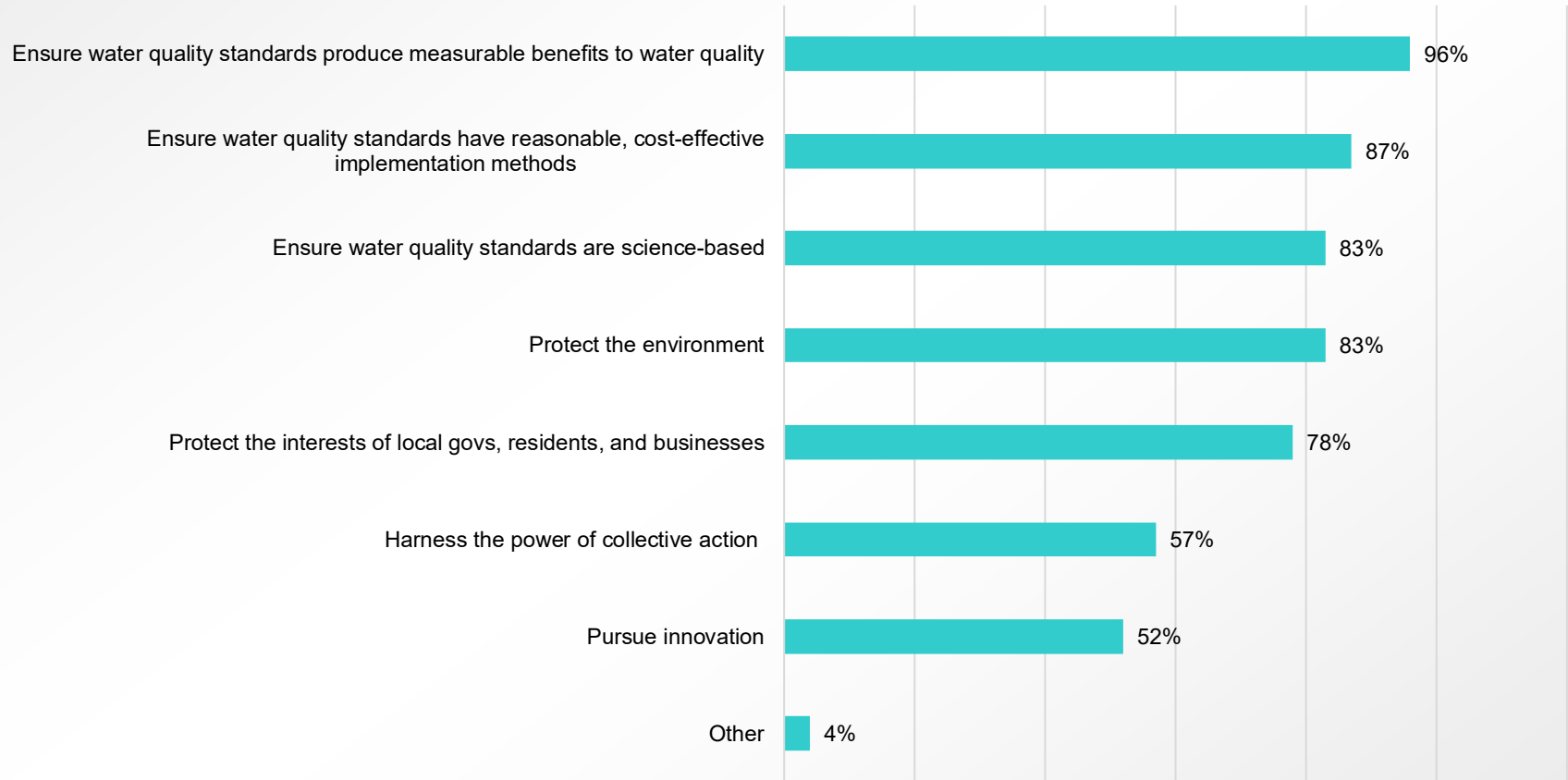
## - why did you join?

- Networking opportunities and in-person meetings
- Assistance with complex issues at state and local levels
- Collective goals, resource, and information sharing
- Centralized information
- Early information on regulatory updates
- Permit Reviews



# Question 4: Mission and Vision

Aspects/factors that should be included in the mission and vision of MESERB



# Question 5: Description of MESERB

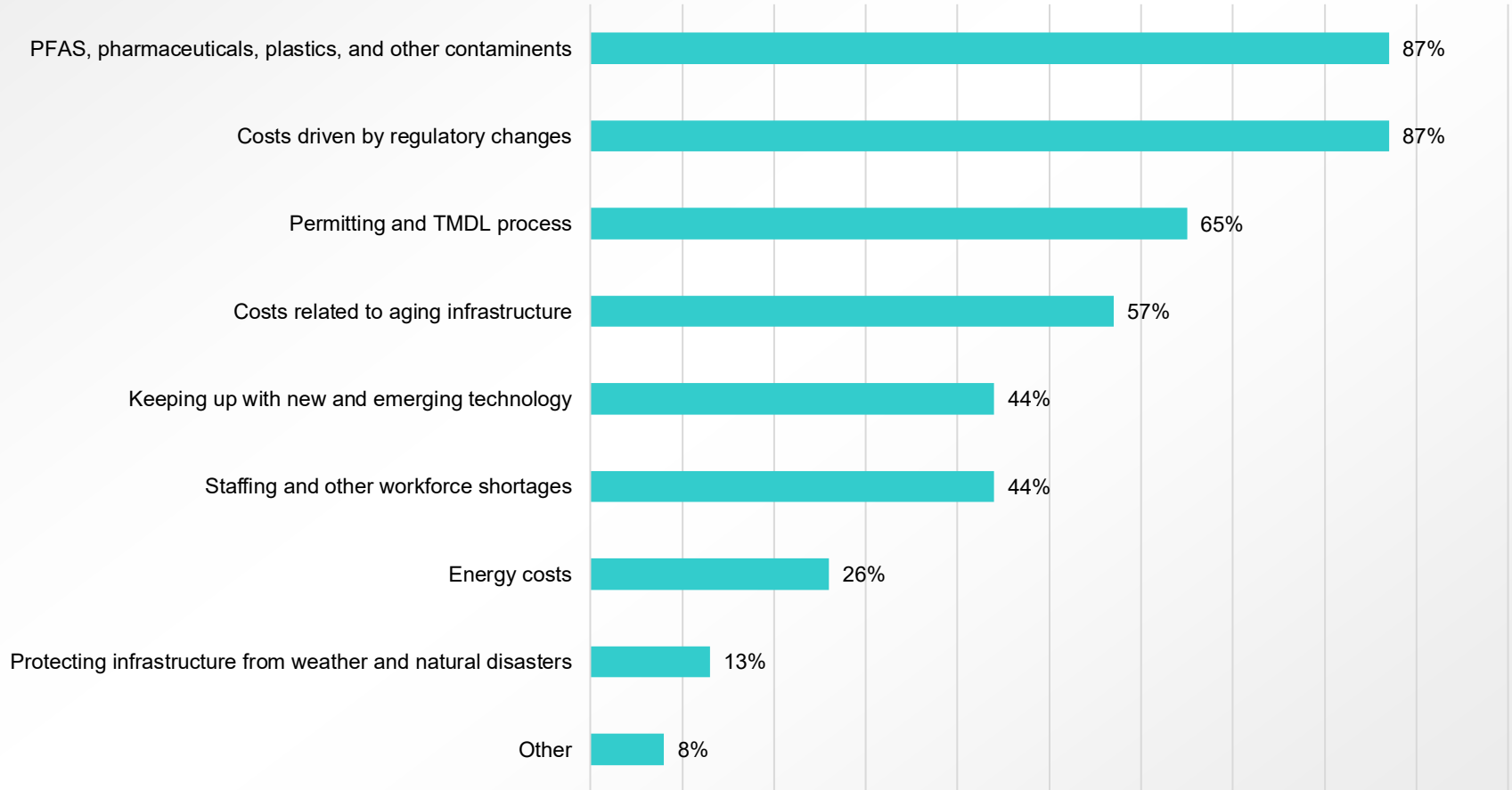


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# Question 6: Concerns in Wastewater

What are your biggest concerns for the future of wastewater management?



# Question 7: Future Priorities

- Biosolids/Land Application
- Class 3 & 4 Standards
- WWTPs are not landfills – many things cannot be reasonably treated
- Balance regulation/requirements with staffing and infrastructure needs
- Continued representation at state and federal levels as necessary



# Executive Committee Meeting

- Survey results
- Discussed additional priorities/focus areas for inclusion in MESERB's mission
- Discussion on changes:
  - Bylaws
  - Organizational Structure
  - Need for technical expertise
  - Engage and leverage membership experience and expertise



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# Leadership Transition

- Following the 2021 FY, Andy and John will be stepping down from leadership positions
  - Need to elect new President, VP
- Recruitment Committee



# Other Business

- **2022 Annual Meeting**
  - Repeat 2-day conference?
  - Speakers?
  - When? Thursdays/Fridays in June 2022
    - June 2-3
    - June 9-10
    - June 16-17
    - June 23-24





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# **2021 Fall Conference**

**Thank you to the City of Brainerd and  
Madden's for hosting!**

**Thank you all for coming - have a safe trip  
home!**