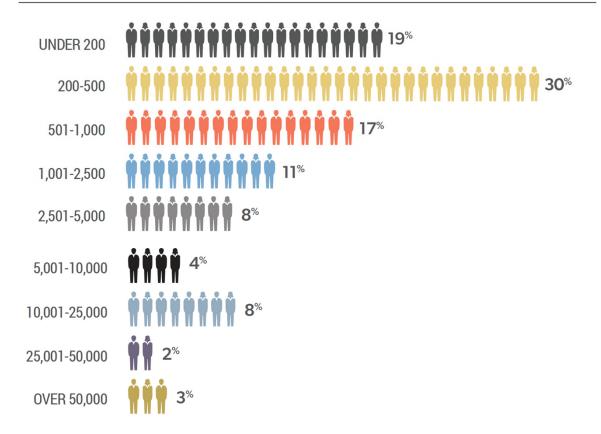


# **20 ASSOCIATION** SURVEY RESULTS

#### ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

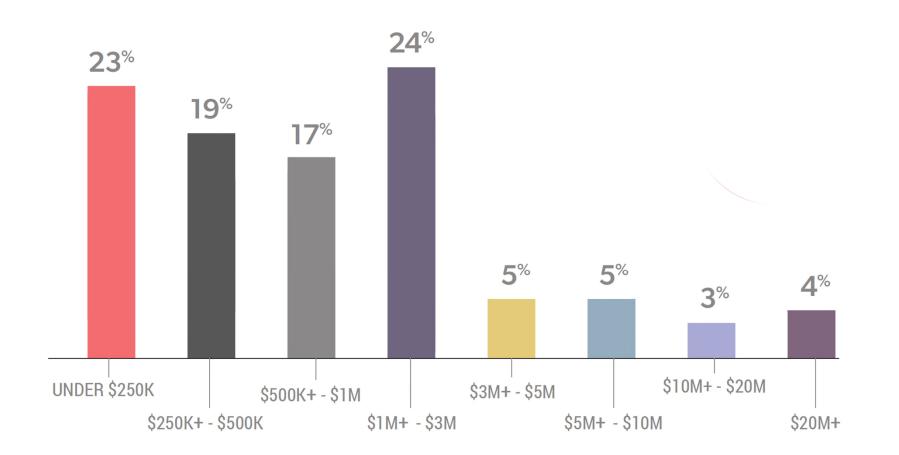
NUMBER OF MEMBERS | PREDICTED MEMBER COUNT ON 1/1/2021



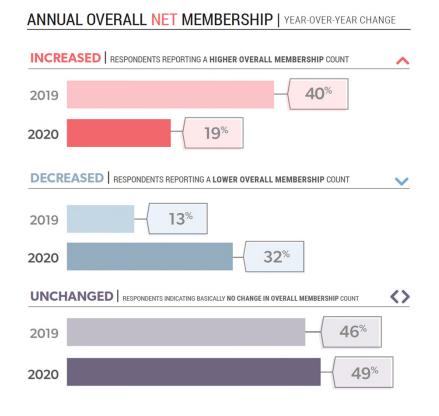


ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS, cont.

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET | APPROXIMATE



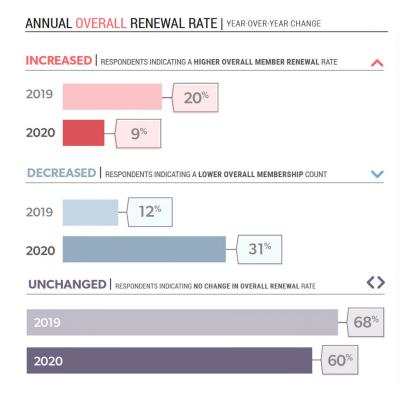
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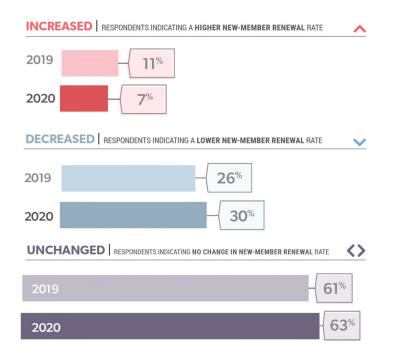
#### ANNUAL OVERALL NEW MEMBERSHIP | YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGE



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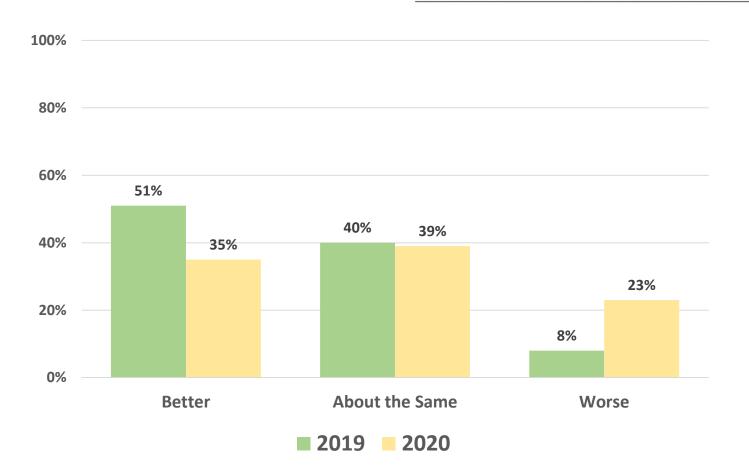


#### ANNUAL NEW-MEMBER RENEWAL RATE | YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGE



#### MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

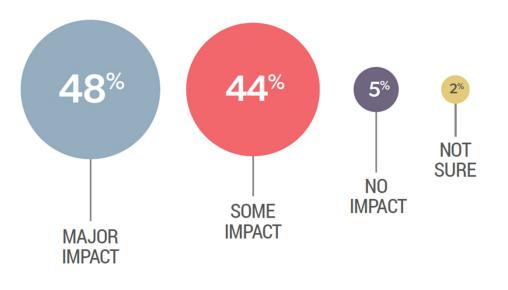
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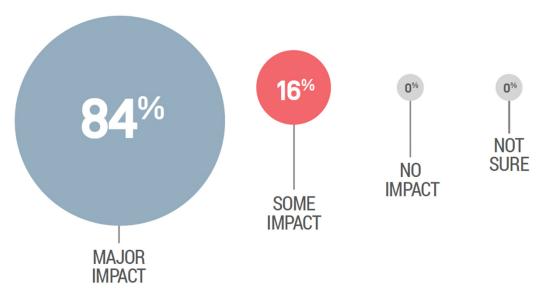
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT, cont.

# **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT CHANGES** | How much has covid contributed to this change in the engagement rate?

RESPONDENTS INDICATING **INCREASED** ENGAGEMENT SAID COVID HAS HAD:



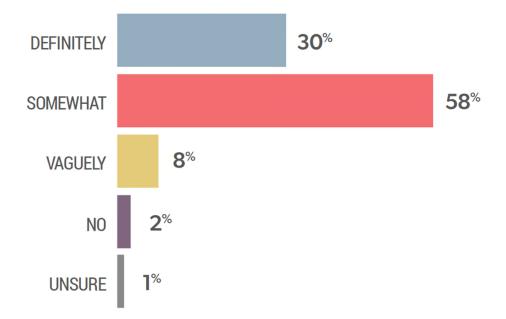
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#### VALUE PROPOSITION

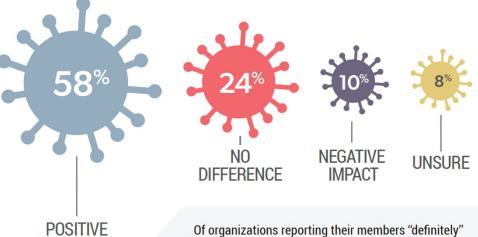
#### MEMBER RECOGNITION

Do you think members recognize your association's value proposition?



### **COVID IMPACT**

In general, how would you say COVID has affected members' opinions of your organization's value proposition?

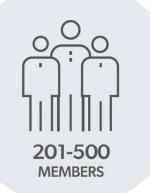


IMPACT

Of organizations reporting their members "definitely" recognize their value proposition, 2/3 felt COVID has had a positive impact on members' perception of value.



VALUE PROPOSITION, cont.



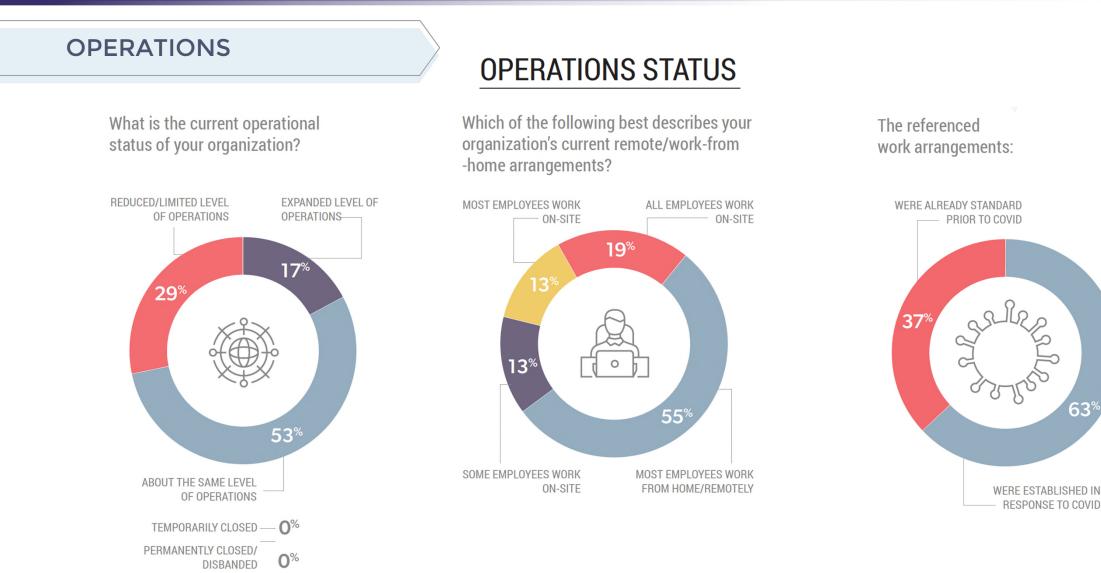
Organizations with 201-500 members were most likely to report their members "definitely" recognize their value proposition.



Those with an operating budget from \$1m-\$3m were most likely to report their members did not recognize their value proposition.

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**OPERATIONS**, cont.

# **EVENTS**

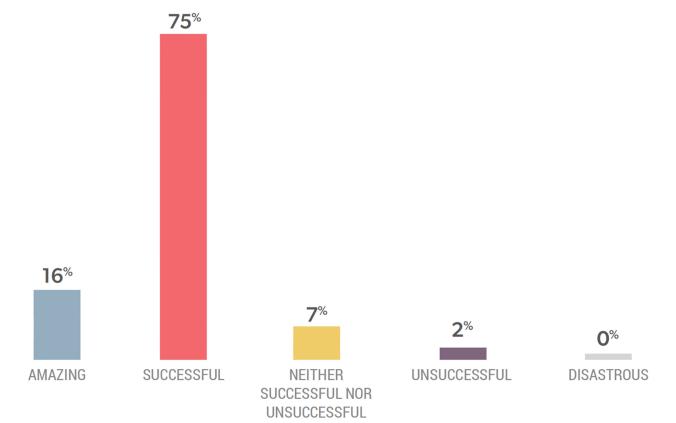
Since the onset of COVID in mid-March, how did/will your organization handle its 2020 MAJOR, in-person event(s)? (e.g., annual meeting/banquet, conference, trade show, etc.)



#### **OPERATIONS**, cont.

#### EVENT RESULTS | THOSE WHO HELD VIRTUAL EVENTS

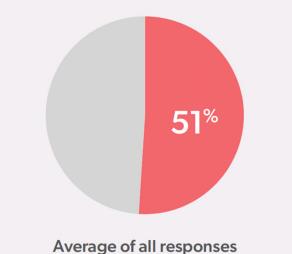
Overall, under current circumstances, how would you rate the success of the virtual event(s)? (Not in comparison to past years or in-person events.)

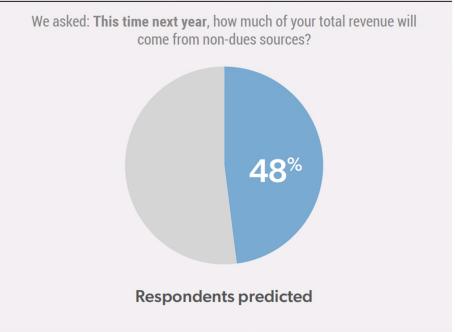


#### REVENUE



We asked: **In an average year**, approximately how much of your total revenue comes from non-dues sources?





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### REVENUE

# NON-DUES REVENUE | TOP 10 SOURCES

We asked: Since the onset of COVID, what has been your organization's most successful source of non-dues revenue?



Of those reporting golf tournaments as their top source of non-dues revenue, the majority specified the event was a summertime, "no-touch" golf tournament.

**REVENUE**, cont.

#### THOSE REPORTING OVER ½ OF THEIR INCOME COMES FROM NON-DUES REVENUE SAID:

Since the onset of COVID, their most successful non-dues revenue sources are:



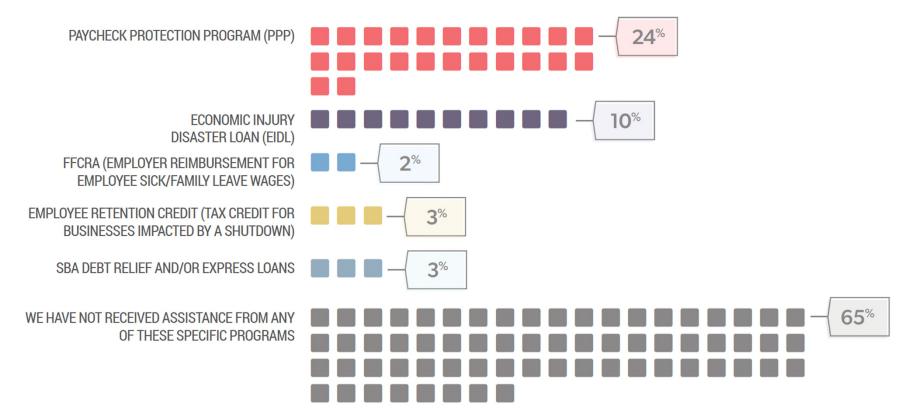
Predicted next year's most successful non-dues revenue sources will be:



### FINANCE

# COVID RELIEF | GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

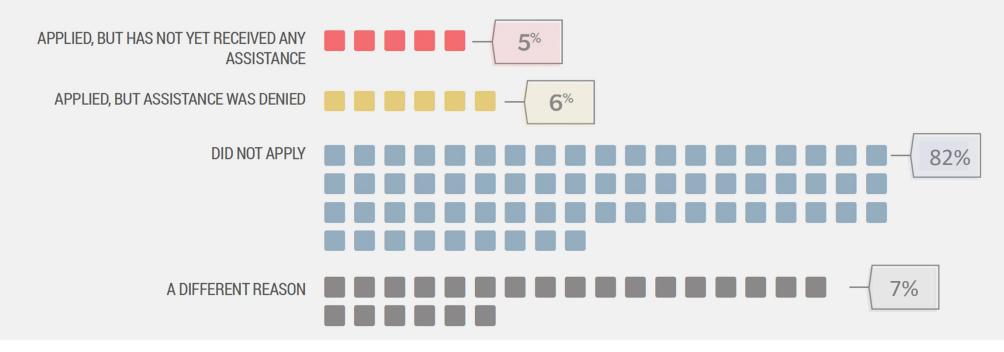
Please indicate if, since the emergence of COVID, your organization has received assistance from any of these SPECIFIC relief programs:





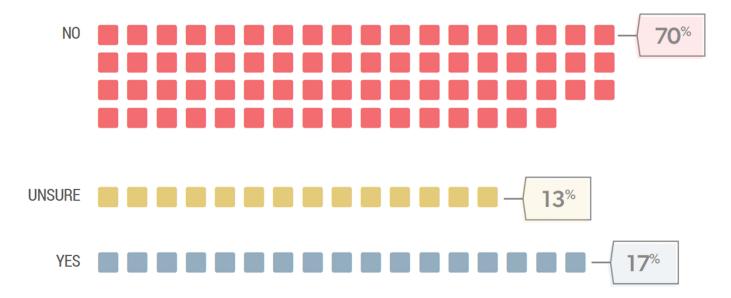
FINANCE, cont.

Respondents **not receiving** assistance from the programs listed above indicated their organization:



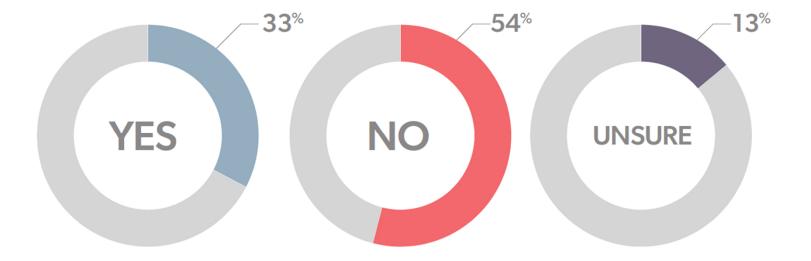
#### FINANCE, cont.

Since the onset of COVID, has your organization received any grants, loans, relief funding, assistance, etc. **from any sources other than those listed above**?



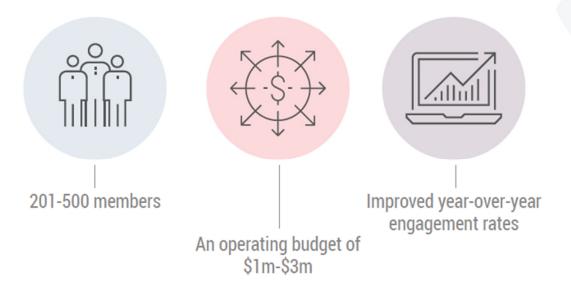
**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, cont.** 

In the past 12 months, has your organization made changes to its Diversity & Inclusion policies/practices in an effort to improve equity and support for employees and/or members?



#### **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, cont.**

Updated D&I practices were most common among organizations falling into at least one of the following categories:



Of organizations indicating changes to D&I policies/practices: 29% reported increased membership engagement vs. only 15% of those who did not make changes.

Interestingly, organizations that **did not** make a change to D&I policies/practices reported a higher or steady renewal rate than those that did.

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#### **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, cont.**

- We reviewed our existing policies to consider changes and found them to be comprehensive.
- We have those programs in place, specifically women, and have a diverse Board of Directors and membership base.
- We are already diversified.
- The program was already in place.
- It is not an issue for our organization.
- We previously adopted a formal policy.

- Have been conducting bias training with our Board of Governors & Committee Chairs.
- We started a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, which developed Core DEI Principles and helped implement changes to make our organization more welcoming and inclusive.
- Created a D&I committee and re-upped efforts to engage minorities in our industry.
- Our Board formed a D&I Task Force.
- We have created a Diversity Committee and are in the process of appointing members.
- We started an anti-racism task force and are actively implementing suggestions.

- No changes yet, but we are investigating and will make changes once that is complete.
- Planning to take a look at the Employee Handbook in the next year to evaluate it in the current era.
- Unfortunately, we've been stagnant in this area. We've created a core values statement for our bylaws but haven't moved much toward being proactive with the membership. There seems to be a lack of appetite for this, and the reasons are unclear to me.
- They are ensuring that we have programs in 2021 to address this.
- We did not have a "policy" but did make a statement on it this year.

**OPERATIONS**, cont.

What would you say is the #1 impediment to doing your job?

# **COMMON CHALLENGES**

- 📁 Time
- Money
- Technology
- 📁 Staff
- Events
- Face-to-face interaction

- Processes/Operations
- Board of directors
- Member engagement
- Remote workforce
- Other/Miscellaneous
- Government

- 📁 Leadership
- **Uncertainty**
- Volunteers

# **2021 ASSOCIATION**

# ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS

#### JOB IMPEDIMENTS

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board has an unrealistic vision of what they can or will actually achieve. They make decisions, but then they don't carry out their responsibilities.

Poor communication from the Board of Directors; slow responses or indecision.

Board members have too many other obligations and concerns, especially during the pandemic, to be available for the organization's needs.

## FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTION

Lack of in-person meetings with staff.

Not being able to hold meetings or events in person.

The lack of opportunity for members to engage.

Membership sales and retention are relationship-based, and it has been more difficult to connect directly with members and prospects.

## VOLUNTEERS

Limited availability of volunteer leaders.

Inconsistent volunteer leadership creates a lack of understanding of the role and value of staff.

# LEADERSHIP

Lack of focus among senior leadership. As an organization, we try to do too much instead of focusing on fewer initiatives but doing them exceptionally well.

Not enough resources nor a supportive leader. No real teamwork.

Lack of organizational structure and management.

## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

COVID-related member disinterest because they're too busy or don't care and don't see the value.

Lack of engagement among members makes it hard to secure nondues revenue sources.

# **2021 ASSOCIATION**

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#### JOB IMPEDIMENTS, cont.

## FINANCIAL

Tight funding due to 2020 event cancellation has resulted in the Board being more cautious than usual. They're reluctant to try new things, even to expand our development pie or member engagement. I feel like we need to be bolder now more than ever, but it's a battle.

Funding for appropriate technology for virtual professional development.

Lack of sufficient funds to develop and upgrade training programs. Revenue has been sufficient to pay our bills and have a little surplus, but not enough to do new-development initiatives this year.

## STAFFING

Lack of staff - volunteerism is not at previous levels, and it has gotten tougher with COVID.

Too much to do and lack of skilled staff to delegate tasks.

Due to cutbacks/financial constraints, there is not enough staff to execute members' service needs.

# GOVERNMENT

Economics/bad government policies.

The struggle due to governmental agencies not returning to work/ office hours. Our state continues to be largely locked down with lots of restrictions on all industries.

The inability to meet with elected officials in-person.

### REMOTE WORKFORCE

Lack of office collaboration - no "water cooler" opportunities.

Work product and productivity on a day-over-day basis are slipping considerably. Unfortunately, the remote work concept is dysfunctional and/or limiting work product productivity.

Reduced communication. Things like walking down the hall or picking up the phone to ask someone something are no longer possible. Communication has to be planned.

#### JOB IMPEDIMENTS, cont.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Member handholding - their need to speak to a staff member to take care of a business need that a better AMS could handle electronically.

We need a software system that covers all of our needs.

Multiple databases/info sources that don't talk to each other.

#### **PROCESSES AND OPERATIONS**

Administrative strangulation... employee manuals, office templates, timely marketing content for social media.

Siloed operations within staff.

Day-to-day needs preventing more big picture strategic planning work. Being bogged down with grant reporting, financial needs, personnel requirements, etc., prevents advancing our strategic goals.

#### UNCERTAINTY

#### The unpredictability of COVID.

Inability to predict what circumstances will be for next year's planning. Not being able to plan accordingly for 2021.

#### TIME

Too much on my plate. I can't fully commit to any one thing. Time wasters; institutional exercises that add no value. Not enough hours in the day to meet everyone's needs.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Internal politics.

Difficult knowing that our members are suffering, and we can only do so much to help them.

Members with different points of view about COVID safety aspects. Basically mask vs. no mask.

**OPERATIONS**, cont.

We asked: In the past 12 months, what (if any) change(s) has your organization made that improved your job efficiency, productivity, satisfaction, etc.?

# **COMMON IMPROVEMENTS**

- Working remotely
- Technology
- Videoconferencing

- Processes/Operations
- Miscellaneous
- Time management

- Staffing changes
- Increased autonomy/flexibility

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