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# Learned Societies

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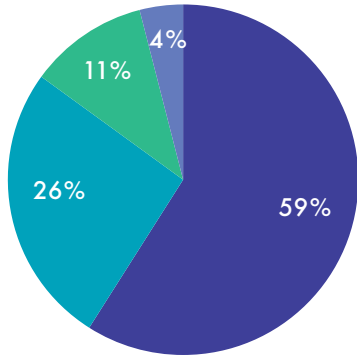
# NUMBERS

A Survey of  
American Council  
of Learned  
Societies Members  
2017

# LEARNED SOCIETY REVENUE

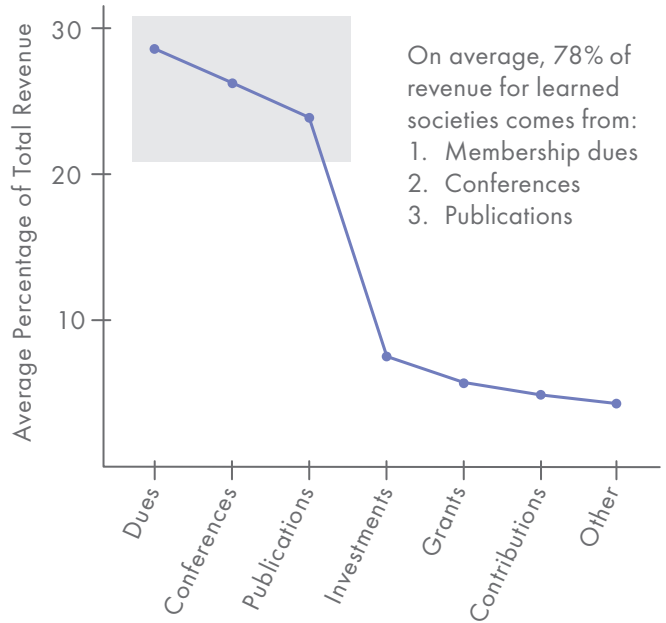
## MOST RECENT FY ANNUAL REVENUE

- <\$1 million
- \$1 million-\$4.9 million
- \$5 million-\$10 million
- >\$10 million



OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, revenue has increased for 72% of learned societies, remained the same for 20%, and decreased for 8%.

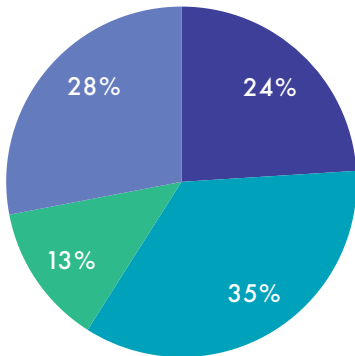
## SOURCES OF REVENUE



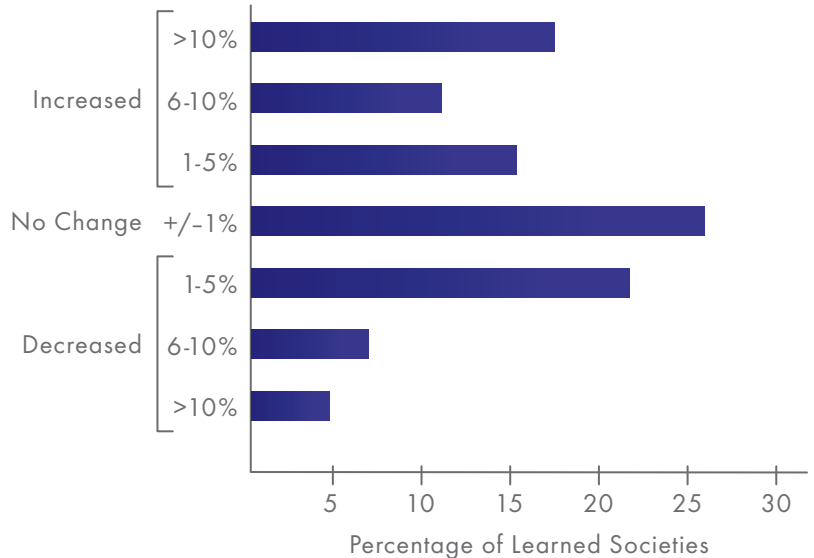
# MEMBERSHIP

## PREVIOUS YEAR MEMBERSHIP

- <1,000
- 1,000-2,499
- 2,500-6,000
- >6,000



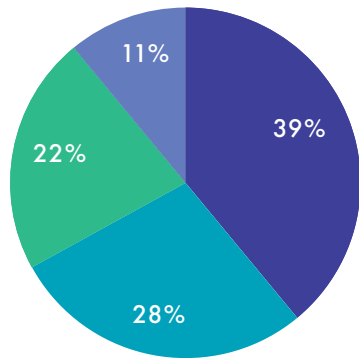
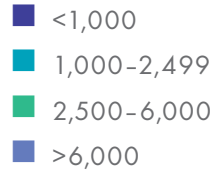
## PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS MEMBERSHIP



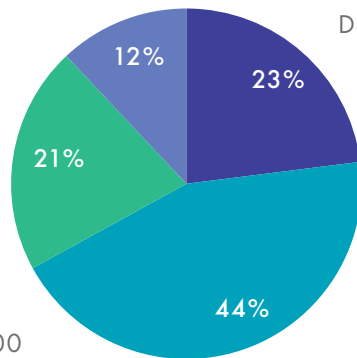
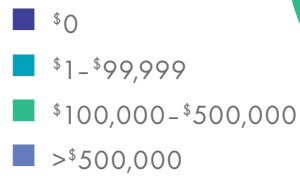
OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, membership has remained steady at +/-5% for 62% of learned societies. Overall during this period, 42% experienced a membership increase and 32% experienced a decrease.

# ANNUAL CONVENTION

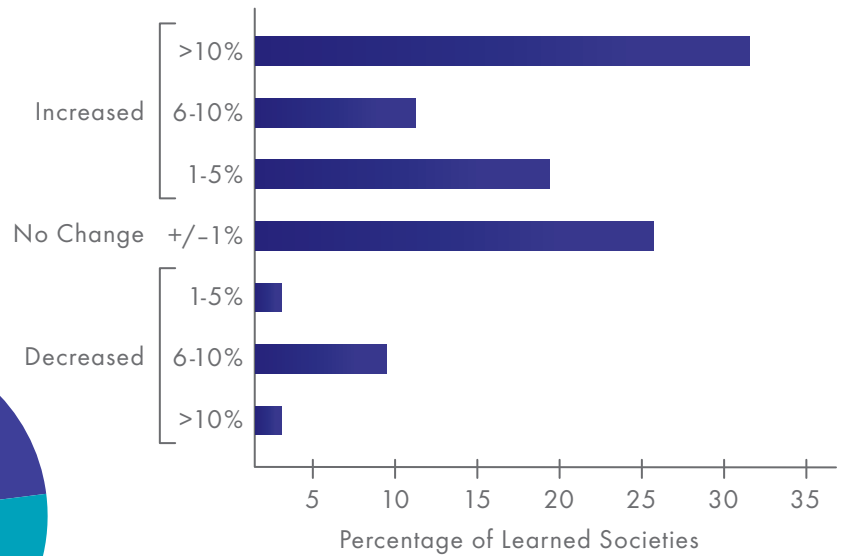
## MOST RECENT CONVENTION ATTENDANCE



## MOST RECENT CONVENTION NET REVENUE



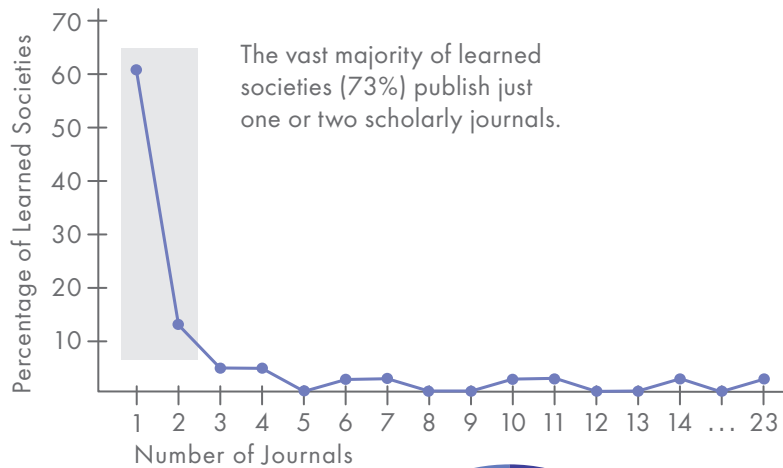
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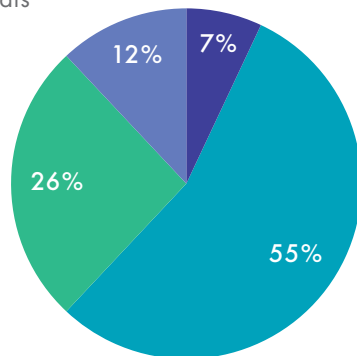
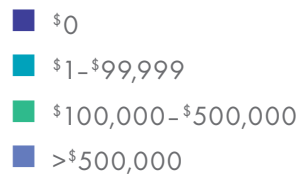
OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, attendance at 87% of learned society meetings increased or remained steady, with 32% increasing by more than 10%.

# PUBLICATIONS

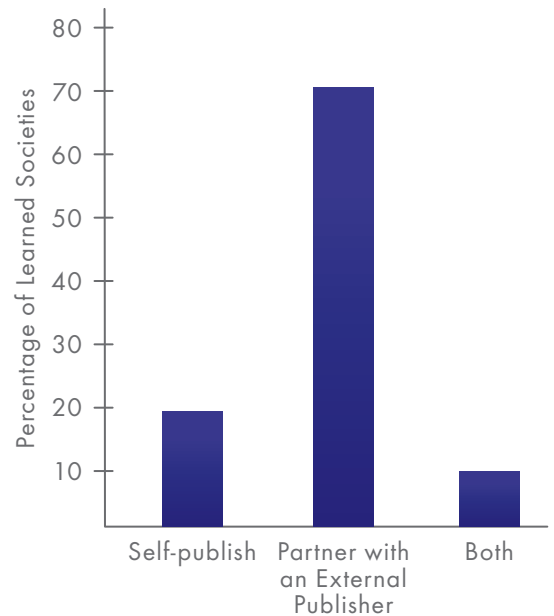
## NUMBER OF SCHOLARLY JOURNALS



## PREVIOUS FY PUBLICATIONS NET REVENUE

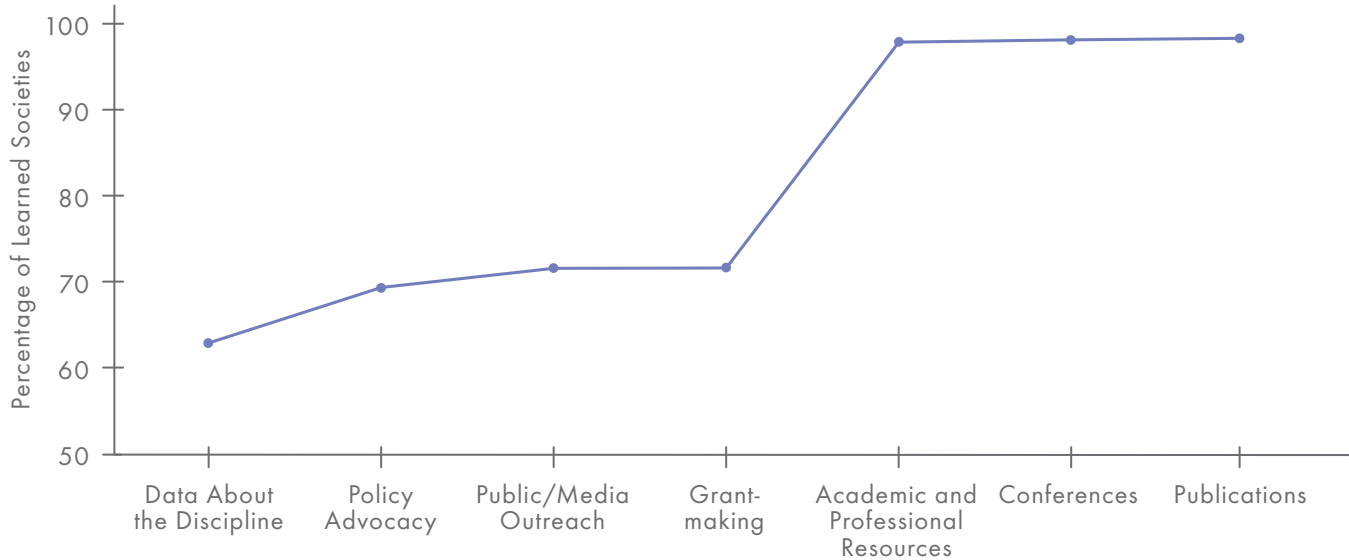


## PUBLISHER



80% OF LEARNED SOCIETIES PUBLISH all or some of their journals in partnership with an external publisher.

## WHAT DO LEARNED SOCIETIES DO?



### WHO WORKS IN LEARNED SOCIETIES?

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Full-time paid	65%
Part-time paid	20%
Part-time unpaid	15%

#### FOR THOSE SOCIETIES WITH

##### A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE

**DIRECTOR**, median full-time

staff is 10 (range 0-102)

and median part-time staff is

2 (range 0-26). Societies with

part-time Executive Directors

have median 0 full-time staff

(range 0-1) and median 1

part-time staff (range 0-5).

### PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion  
 American Anthropological Association  
 American Comparative Literature Association  
 American Economic Association  
 American Folklore Society  
 American Historical Association  
 American Musicological Society  
 American Numismatic Society  
 American Oriental Society  
 American Philosophical Association  
 American Political Science Association  
 American Schools of Oriental Research  
 American Society for Aesthetics  
 American Society for Environmental History  
 American Society for Legal History  
 American Society of Church History  
 American Society of Comparative Law  
 American Sociological Association  
 American Studies Association  
 Archaeological Institute of America  
 Association for Jewish Studies  
 Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
 Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies  
 Association of American Law Schools  
 Dictionary Society of North America  
 Economic History Association  
 German Studies Association  
 History of Science Society  
 International Center of Medieval Art  
 Law and Society Association  
 Linguistic Society of America  
 Medieval Academy of America  
 Modern Language Association of America  
 National Communication Association  
 National Council of Teachers of English  
 National Council on Public History  
 North American Conference on British Studies  
 Oral History Association  
 Organization of American Historians  
 Rhetoric Society of America  
 Shakespeare Association of America  
 Sixteenth Century Society and Conference  
 Society for American Music  
 Society for Cinema and Media Studies  
 Society for Ethnomusicology  
 Society for Music Theory  
 Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing  
 Society of Architectural Historians  
 Society of Biblical Literature