

ISGC Annual
Meeting Q&A
responses

ONLINE AND IN PERSON
HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID:

What should ISGC be for our Affiliates and Partners?

1.Connector/Network Facilitator:

1. Acts as a liaison and central point of contact.
2. Provides platforms for networking and collaboration.
3. Connects to larger NASA events and state initiatives.

2.Funder/Resource Provider:

1. Supplies funding and resources.
2. Facilitates access to financial and logistical support for projects.

3.Leader/Think Tank:

1. Functions as a leader and advisor for science and engineering initiatives.
2. Think tank for integrating larger initiatives into Idaho.

4.Collaborator and One-Stop Hub:

1. A collaborative partner for science and engineering.
2. Centralizes opportunities and events for affiliates.

Why are you an Affiliate or Partner?

1.Access to Funding and Resources:

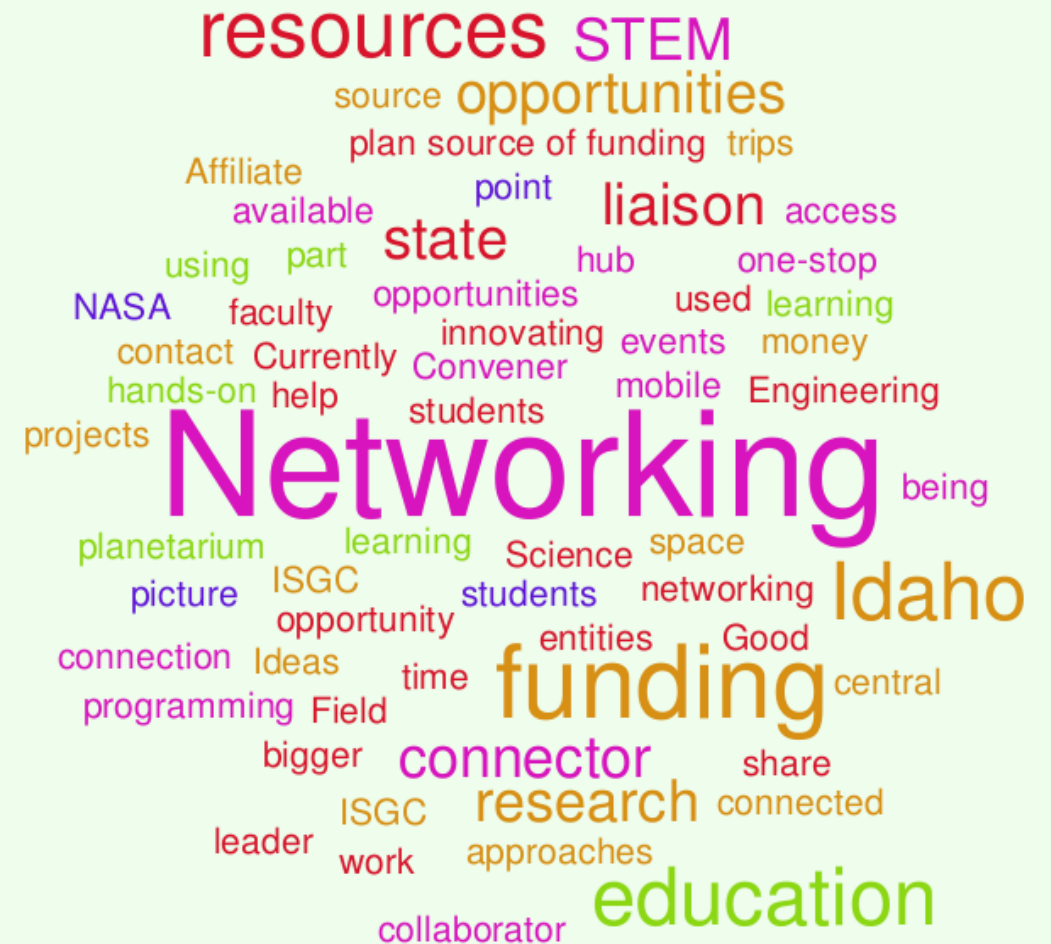
1. Gaining representation for projects, grants, and internships.
2. Finding resources to share within their networks.

2.Support for Education and Research:

1. Facilitating connections for students and faculty across the network
2. Support for higher education students to engage in the community, pursue internships and undergraduate research opportunities.

"We are part of ISGC for..."

1. **Ideas, Networking, and Innovating Approaches:** Leveraging ISGC for creative collaborations and professional connections.
2. **Networking and Student Opportunities:** Using ISGC to learn about opportunities and support for students.
3. **Funding Plans:** Acknowledging ISGC as a potential source of funding in the future.
4. **Staying Informed:** Keeping up to date with research developments in Idaho.
5. **Educational Activities:** Utilizing ISGC for field trips, mobile planetarium sessions, and hands-on STEM learning activities.
6. **Fulfilling Institutional Service Requirements:** Incorporating ISGC into professional service obligations at an institution.



Feedback on Annual Meeting Structure

Organization and Timing: Meetings were well-organized, stayed on time, and Zoom participation was smooth.

Improvement Over Previous Years: Current structure is clearer, with better-defined expectations and responsibilities.

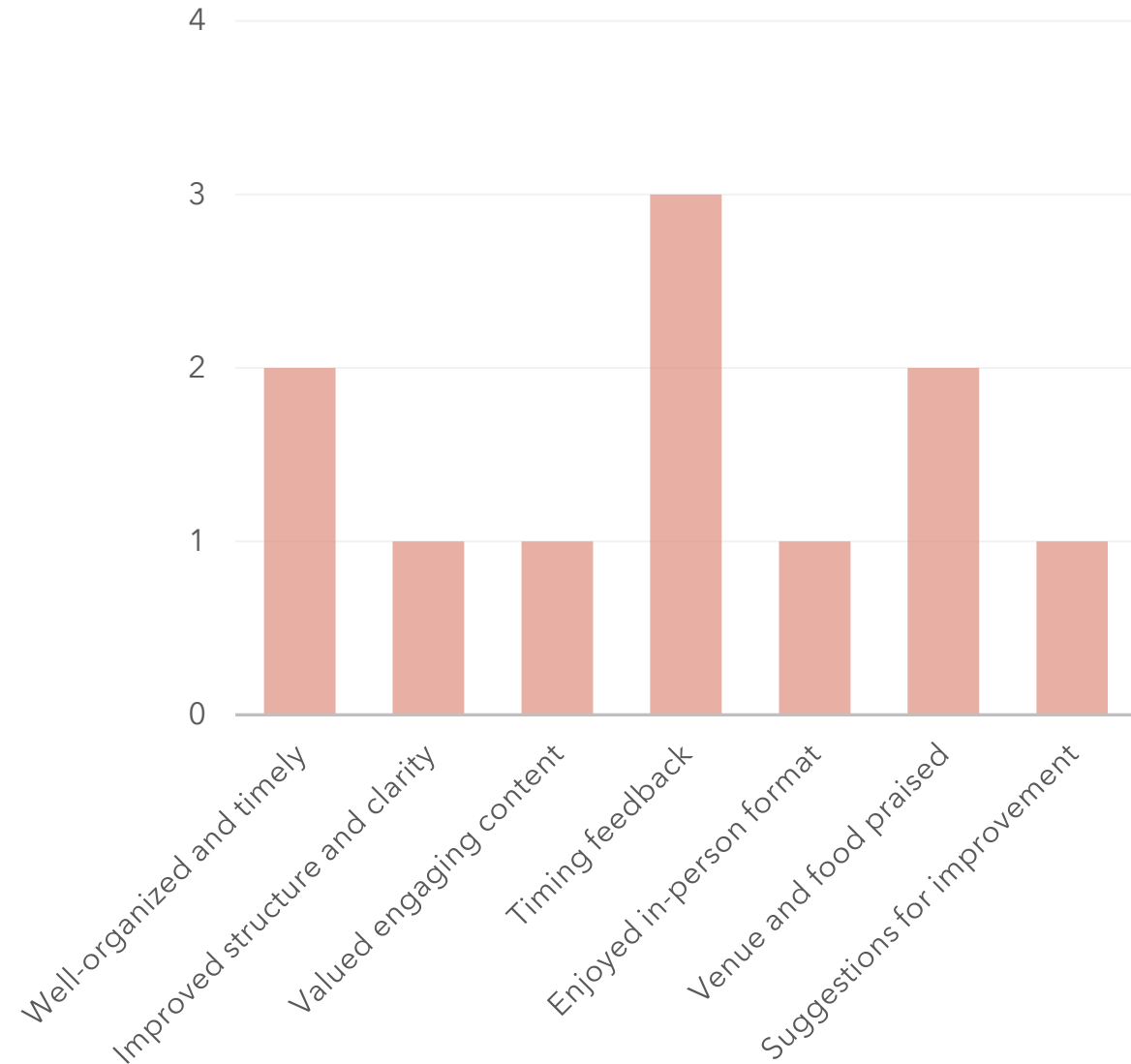
Enjoyment and Impact: Participants appreciated seeing the results of funded projects and felt the work was valuable.

Timing Preferences: Mixed opinions on timing—some preferred summer, while others found January workable for their schedules.

Suggestions for Inclusivity: A suggestion to allow a "plus one" structure to involve more participants.

In-Person Benefits: In-person meetings were engaging and flexible, enhancing participation.

Amenities and Food: High praise for the venue, food, and overall experience.



What should ISGC focus on?

Are there groups we should connect with or a niche we could fill?

1. Expand Awareness:

1. Focus on increasing ISGC visibility to attract active members.
2. Suggestions for promoting ISGC and NASA-related programming.

2. Leverage Existing Programs:

1. Current initiatives in fellowships, internships, and K-12 programming are robust.
2. Limited bandwidth and resources might make further expansion challenging.

3. Industry Collaboration:

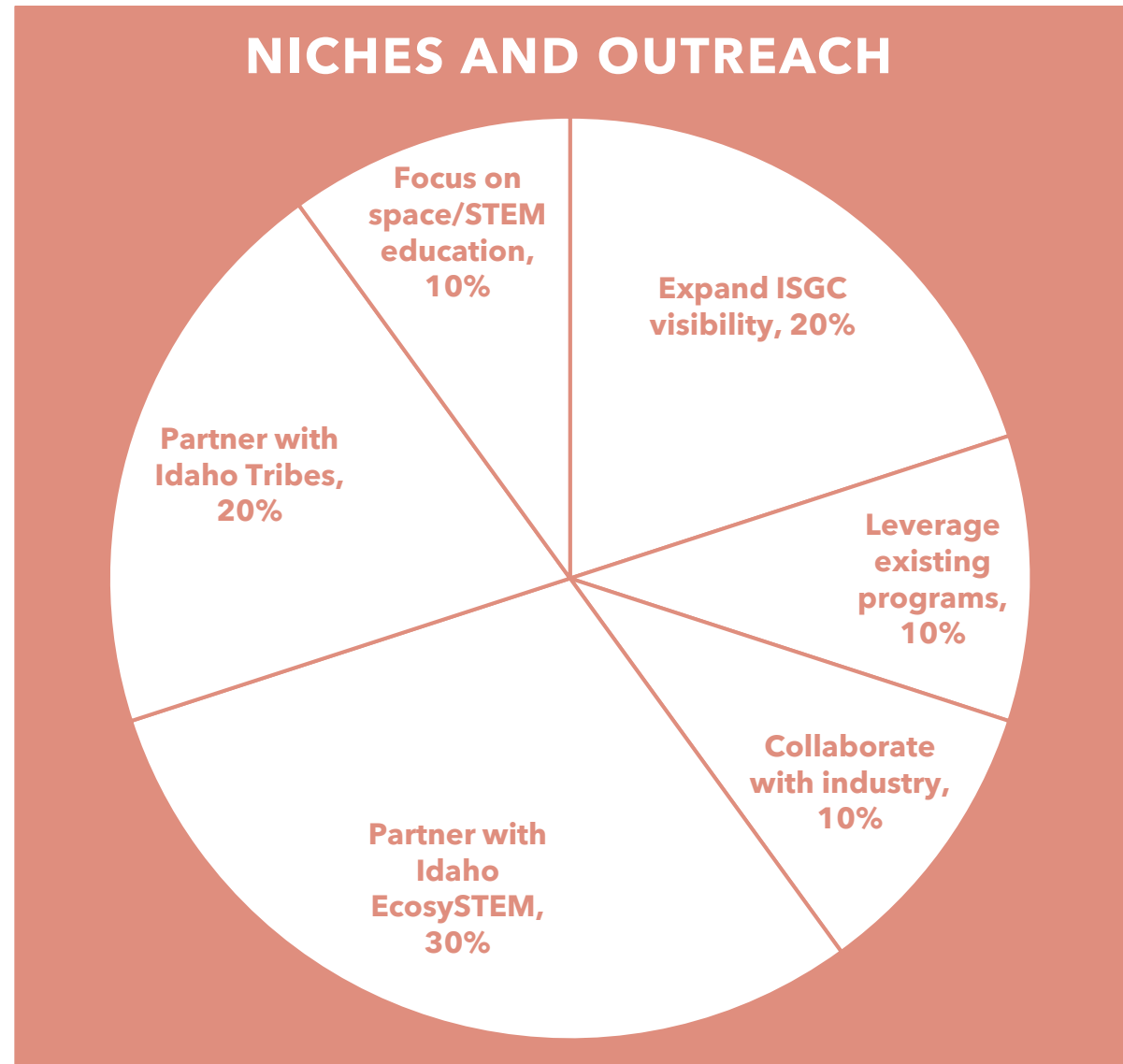
1. Explore partnerships with corporate entities sharing a STEM mission.
2. Consider strategic, intentional interactions with industry where it makes sense.

4. Community and Regional Partnerships:

1. Suggestions to engage with *Idaho EcosySTEM* and their regional groups.
2. Highlighted the importance of working with *Idaho Tribes*.

5. Space and STEM Education:

1. Maintain a focus on space education, resources, and connections.



Multi-Year Award thoughts...

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Many projects aren't easy to "complete" in one year.○ Fewer review processes○ More time to provide data and evidence of impact○ Larger Impact○ 3-year process makes it easier for admin, streamline, less effort/(wo)manpower.○ Continuity is huge.○ "Wish they could all be multi-year."○ "I like multi-year awards but be careful to leave money free for new ones. "	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fewer opportunities to apply for and receive funding○ More narrow reach with the funding

Review Committee feedback:

1. Positive Feedback:

- Electronic process is effective, with successful Zoom discussions after individual reviews.
- Appreciation for serving on only one committee, reducing workload.
- Praise for the central office's organization and effort to minimize reviewer work.

2. Suggestions for Improvement:

- Time Commitment: Concerns about the substantial time commitment and the challenge of maintaining consistency when fatigued.
- Rubric Clarity: A request for a clear rubric to streamline and standardize evaluations.

3. Challenges:

- Match for Funds: Noted difficulties with matching funds for grants.

