



THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY
OF WASHINGTON DC

MAKING A NATIONAL NETWORK WORK: FROM A MEMBER SOCIETY'S VIEWPOINT

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JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON DC (JASW):

Is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, nonpartisan educational and cultural organization for individuals and corporations with an interest in Japan and US-Japan relations. The Society promotes greater understanding and networking between Americans and Japanese through its many cultural, public affairs, and educational programs.



National Japan Bowl



Sakura Matsuri



Japan-in-a-Suitcase



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ROLE OF JASW IN DC

1. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS
2. A RESOURCE FOR LEARNING ABOUT JAPAN & JAPANESE LANGUAGE
3. A RESOURCE FOR JAPANESE TO LEARN ABOUT WASHINGTON DC AND AMERICA
4. BRINGING THE AMERICAN & JAPANESE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



Beer Garden Party



Otsukimi



Izakaya Pub Quiz



Ohanashi-kai



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JASW & JETAA COMMUNITY

1. VOLUNTEERING
 - A. Sakura Matsuri, Otsukimi, Annual Dinner
 - B. Educational Outreach Programs
2. JOB SEARCH
 - A. Resume Circulation
 - B. Networking Opportunities
3. CONTINUING EDUCATION
 - A. Language & Culture Classes
 - B. JET Pre-Departure Classes
4. SHARING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT JAPAN
 - A. Advisory Board
 - B. Sharing Common Interest with JASW members



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WHY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETIES (NAJAS) WAS CREATED IN THE LATE 1970S

The mission of the National Association of Japan-America Societies is to strengthen cooperation and understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States by **providing programs**, services, and information and **facilitating cooperation among its member societies** throughout North America.



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3. An organization that will organize national and regional meetings for the Societies



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What Societies Expect From NAJAS?

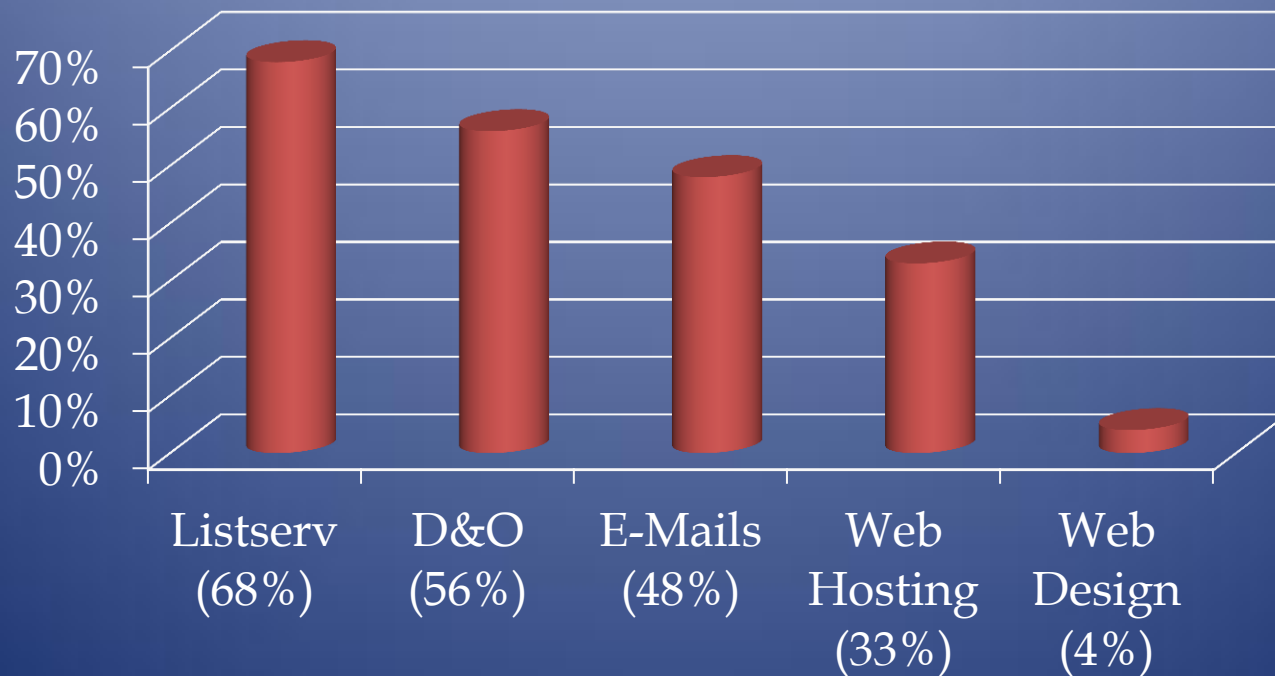
1. Listserv between Societies' staff
2. Directors & Officers (D&O) Insurance
3. Finding potential speakers
4. Facilitating of getting ideas on programs & gather the information about programs from other Societies and sharing it
5. Information on *Best Practices* for programs
6. Information on governance
7. E-mail hosting
8. Website hosting
9. Moral & Psychological Support
10. Information about fundraising & finding grants



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What NAJAS Services Do You Use?

NAJAS Services

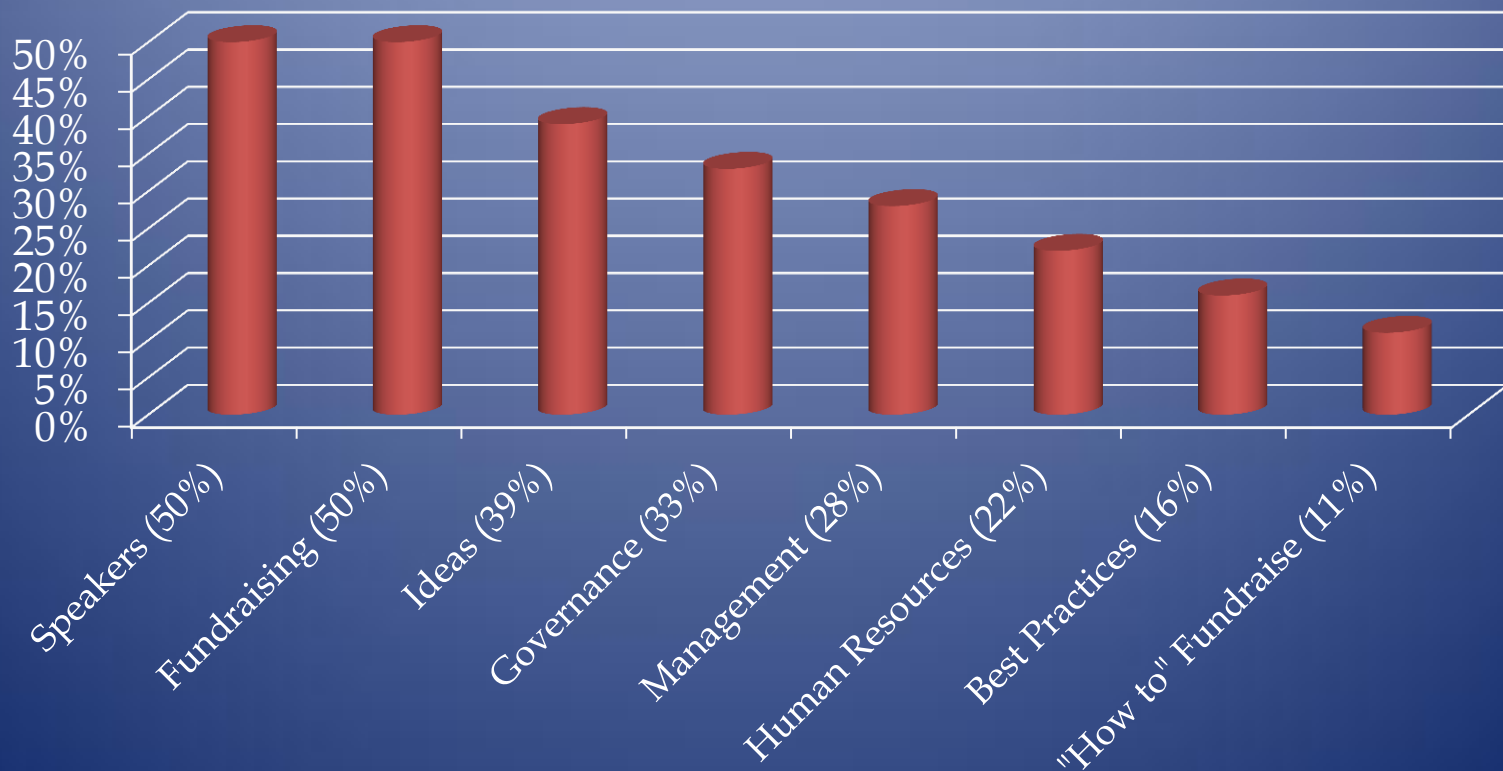




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Have You Asked For Assistance From NAJAS For The Following?

Assistance from NAJAS





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THINGS JETAA NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE CREATING A CENTRAL OR UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION

1. What is the problem?
2. Is the mission of each chapter the same?
 - A. All the JASs have basically the same mission
3. What does each chapter want from a Central or Umbrella Organization?
 - A. Is it the same?
 - B. Will it be beneficial to most of the chapters?
4. Where will the funds come from to run the central organization?
5. Now there is e-mail and video conferencing. Is a central organization needed?