



2021 Non-binding Poll of NEBC Membership: Name Change

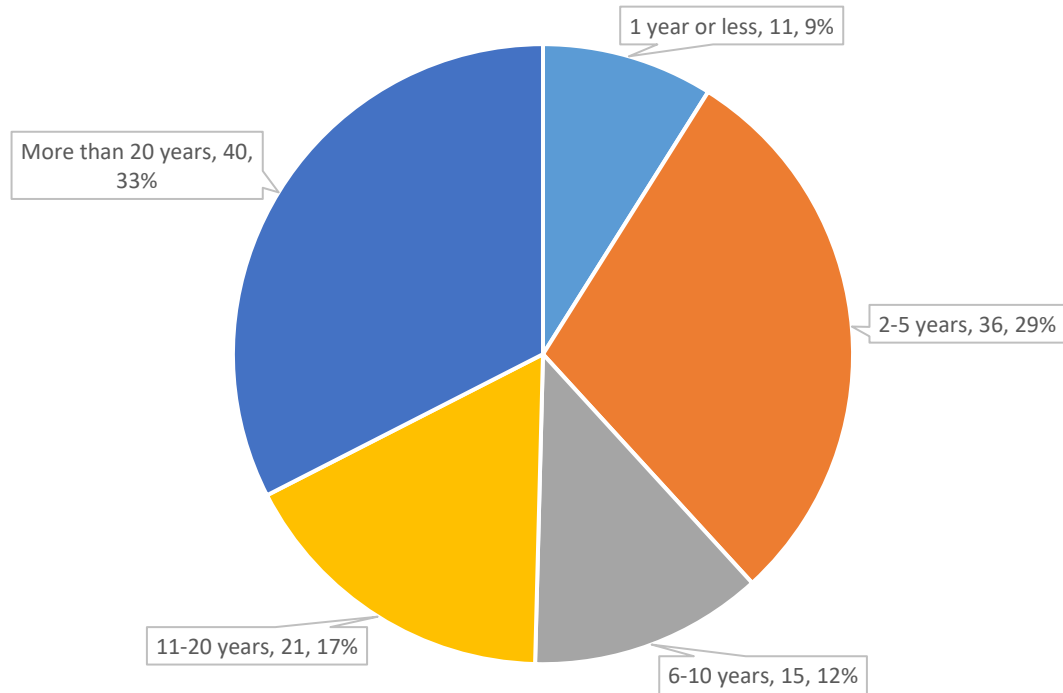


- In February 2021, the NEBC Council proposed that membership consider the possibility of a name change for our organization from the *New England Botanical Club* to the *New England Botanical Society*.
- As part of this process, a non-binding online poll was sent to all members asking about their opinion on the name and collecting some background information on their connections to NEBC and the botanical field.
- This online poll was open to member responses from 8:00 PM EST, Saturday, Feb. 13th through 8:00 PM EST on Thursday, Feb. 25th, 2021.
- A summary of the poll results (this document) was shared with members attending a Special Meeting of NEBC on 27 February 2021, when members formally discussed and voted on the name change proposal.

Results of Nonbinding Online Poll of Membership: Who participated?

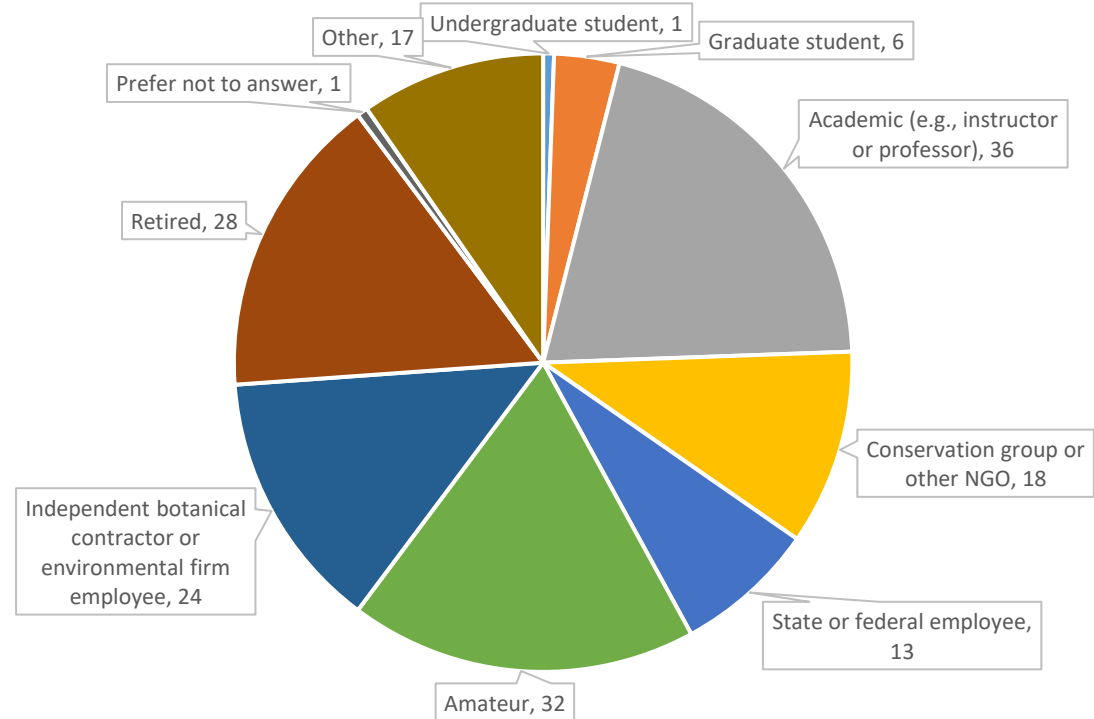
- Almost half of NEBC memberships voted in the online poll: **123 votes** from 250 current memberships (= 49.2%).
- Respondents varied in their length of membership and connections to botany:

Length of Membership in NEBC



NEBC poll responses on members' "connections to botany"

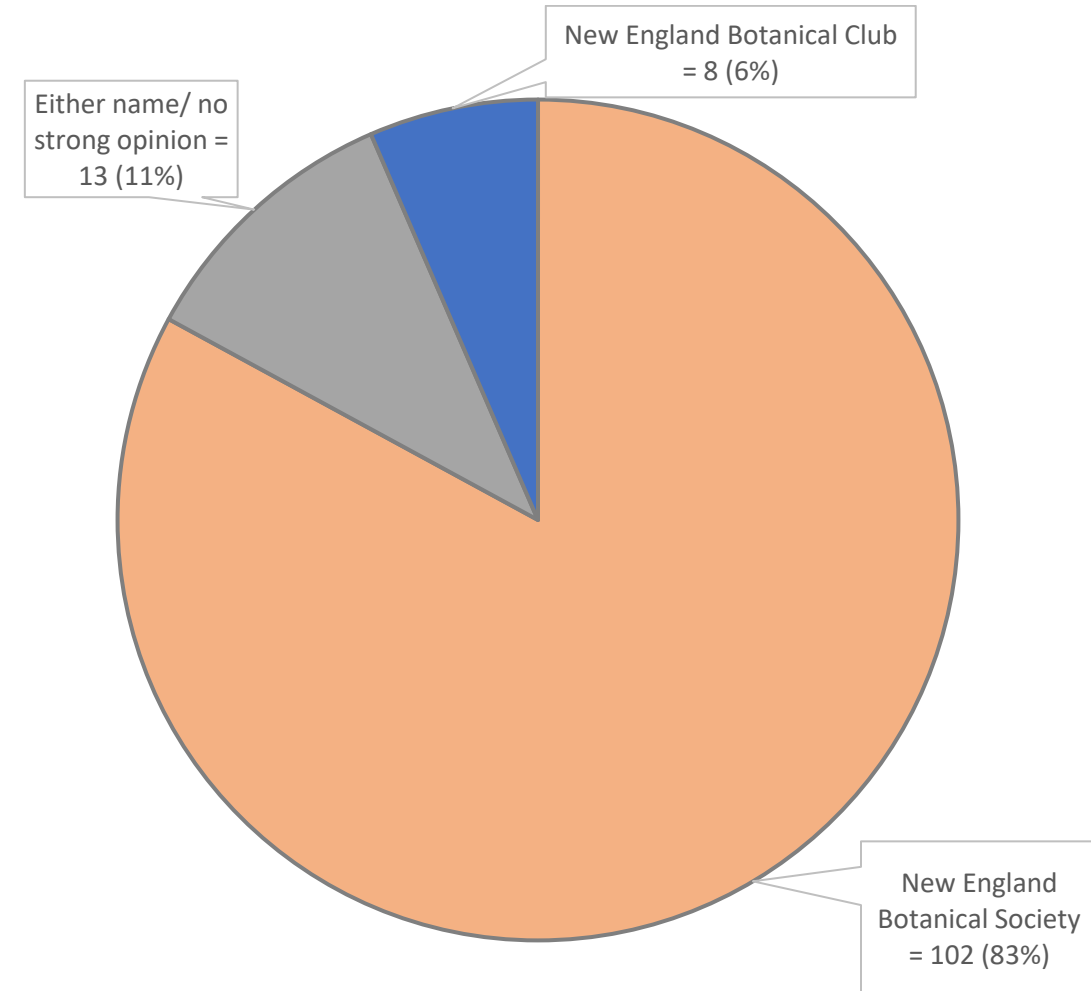
Multiple responses were recorded for 31% of respondents



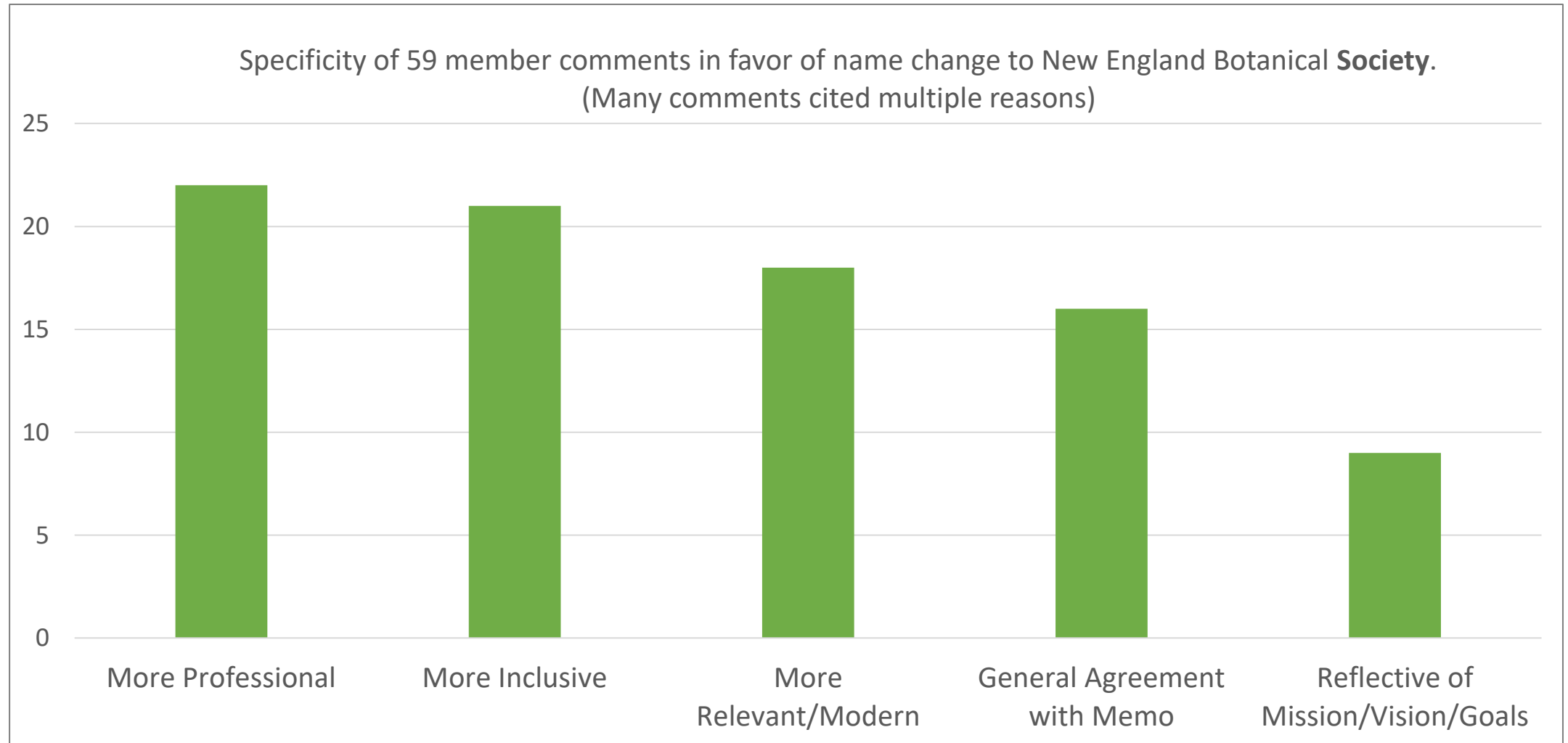
Results of Non-binding Online Poll of Membership: Name Options for our Organization

Of the 123 responses:

- There were 102 (83%) in favor of adopting the name *New England Botanical Society*.
- There were 13 (11%) for "either name/no strong opinion."
- There were 8 (6%) for keeping the name *New England Botanical Club*.



Nature and frequency of comments in favor of “Society”



Nature and frequency of comments in favor of keeping "Club" or neutral on the issue

