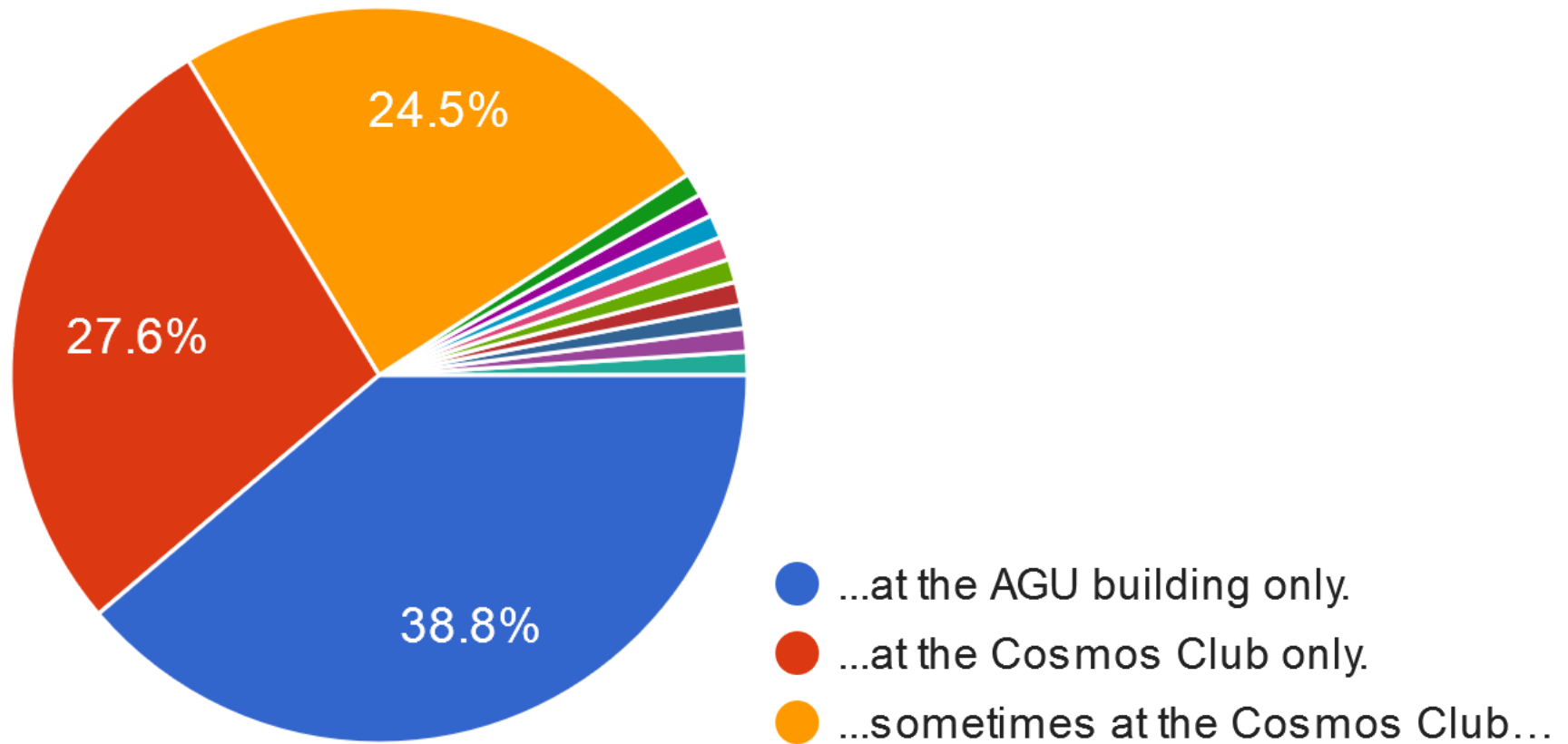


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...at the AGU building only.	The new AGU HQ is very nice and just as convenient for folks as the Cosmos club
...at the AGU building only.	AGU is a good site unless they keep bouncing GSW whenever they have a "more important" organization that wants to use the room
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes at AGU.	Consider a split between AGU bldg and Cosmos Club for the first year and then re-poll the membership once again to consider this question.
wait until we have a trial meeting at AGU, ensure that meeting is widely publicized to AGU members so that we understand the potential interest coming from being AGU-adjacent.	
Look for a more central meeting place for GSW members	Open up the meeting options to other locations in addition to AGU and Cosmos, they may be more convenient to the majority of members/attenders
...at the Cosmos Club only.	
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...at the Cosmos Club only.	From a 50+ year AGU lifetime member (who is considering resigning) and GSW member who treasures tradition. The public face of AGU has become an unbalanced one of the advocacy of AGW, even CAGW. To associate GSW with AGU will sully GSW's enduring reputation as a venue for presentation of independent earth science. GSW is financially healthy; saving \$200 per meeting is not worth the possible long-term damage to GSW's reputation. [1]
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...at the AGU building only.	I think the main reasons for not doing this years ago was availability of drinks, and where to dine with speakers. If these are both solved, leave the club. They have not been good to us.
...at the Cosmos Club only.	The AGU offer isn't much use if they ask us to move. Not being able to hold the first venue may be telling us everything we need to know about the treatment we would get.
...at the Cosmos Club only.	
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...at the AGU building only.	Cosmos Club was likely an ideal venue in the early days of GSW, but it is a business relationship and change is long overdue. The parameters of the AGU option described here and at the last GSW meeting are very appealing. The AGU connection, mainstream venue, and greatly improved parking availability would likely generate significant marketing and membership benefits for GSW along with cost savings. GSW is worthy of moving forward.
...at the AGU building only.	
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes at AGU.	I like the tradition of using the Cosmos club, but parking is always an issue (though I always walked there) and there were some odd rules for going there. The cost savings seems nominal but maybe in the long run not so. What is the plan for the pre-meeting dinners? Will they still be at the Cosmos Club or would that also be terminated? What is the likelihood of getting "bumped" in the future even with the three-year MOU in place?
...at the AGU building only.	I see the AGU offer as win/win, with both lower costs, unlimited drinks, and potential synergy w/ AGU staff and membership, as well as DC-wide publicity services provided by AGU.
...at the AGU building only.	It seems to worthwhile to use the less expensive venue. And the AGU building is impressive.
...at the Cosmos Club only.	Historical identity anchors GSW.

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At AGU but only if we could guarantee that we	I am all for holding the meeting somewhere less expensive. However, if they are already bumping GSW meetings for a 'higher priority' group it makes me hesitate to fully commit to using their facilities because of the possibility of getting bumped in the future.
...at the AGU building only.	Moving to the AGU building is a great idea.
...at the AGU building only.	I live in AZ, so I am largely indifferent to meeting venue. I do belong to both GSW and AGU. Being bumped from your initial trial meeting did not sound promising for AGU. No mention was made of food in the e-mail I received.
...at the Cosmos Club only.	
...at the Cosmos Club only.	This is a hard one. I am not against moving from the Cosmos Club but it has to be to an accessible and reliable venue. Sad to say, I would be wary of going all-in with AGU which would otherwise be a good venue. As shown by the way they have treated GSW already -- be warned or have a legally binding agreement that is tilted in our favour (even though lawyers cost money, be suitably cautious in this business deal). Alternating venues would confuse people unless, say, you only and always have the Bradley lecture (on the same month every year) and the AGM at AGU.
...at the AGU building only.	The Cosmos Club is an important part of the history of GSW. For me, it represents exclusion. We are not invited to be in most of the building. As a new person to GSW, it is difficult to find the place to enter for the meetings. I believe it would help growth of GSW to consider how the meeting location represents the organization and the possibility that it could be more open and inviting. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
...at the AGU building only.	Perhaps off topic, but I would unquestionably come to more meetings if they started/ended earlier.
...at the AGU building only.	Given that there are fewer and fewer members of the Cosmos Club able to host the speaker dinners and the rising cost of the Cosmos Club rental, it seems that now is the time to break from tradition and move on to the better accommodations at AGU. The AGU building is so close to the Cosmos Club that individuals that still want to park for free along consulate row will still be able to do so, and if the Cosmos Club wants us back we can negotiate for a better deal moving forward.
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...at the AGU building only.	
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes	Sad to give up the Cosmos after the long history. One option is to raise the GSW membership fee or change a flat drink rate per year for those that like beer.
...at the Cosmos Club only.	
more information needed	If we book again at the AGU and are cancelled, what happens if we can't book at the Cosmos Club? Are we at risk of not being able to have a meeting at all?
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes	The AGU revocation of the previously agreed upon lecture room for a GSW event is a troubling sign for being able to count on AGU going forward. The potential savings would be about \$2,000 per year on average, which is a consideration, but there is no guarantee of such a continuing price break after three years. The Cosmos Club may not always like our contract with them but because of the history they have come through often and we have choked down the costs.
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I have a COI and therefore will not be voting	The technological advantages at the AGU facility cannot be understated. Readability of slides is a major issue at the Cosmos club. The multiple LCD monitors and projector screens at AGU make it so any person in the audience can easily see and read presentation slides. There is also the capability to hook up to wifi and live stream presentations. And it has far superior networking space. And finally, it would be really nice to be welcomed at a facility for our GSW meetings, rather than being forced to enter through a side door away from the viewing of the Cosmos Club members.
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes	The rich geologic tradition of the Cosmos Club should be taken into consideration. Also, such a historic location encourages attendance at events
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...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes	It would be a shame to be out of the Cosmos Club completely - after all, it has been used since 1893!
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...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes	I like the idea of new venue and possibility of special meetings and anniversary celebrations at our dear Cosmos Club.
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...at the AGU building only.	Need guarantee that GSW would not be pushed out for a "higher" priority
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes	at AGU.
...at the AGU building only.	<p>I am opting for meetings at AGU HQs because I feel it would benefit GSW's image to emerge from underneath the umbrella of the Cosmos Club, which has a reputation of a very exclusive organization. One of the concerns raised to moving was that speakers would not benefit from the Cosmos dinners anymore. However, fancy dinners can still be had (and at a variety of locations), and will become more inclusive once restrictions on who can participate are no longer in place.</p> <p>Another issue at the Cosmos Club is the seating. The chairs in the meeting room are not designed with ergonomics in mind. As a person with lower back issues, I cannot sit on the chairs for more than an hour without putting my back at risk of injury. AGU has ergonomic chairs that I have used in the past for a full day with no trouble. I have spoken about this issue with several other people who have echoed my concerns about the seating.</p> <p>Please feel free to quote my remarks if needed.</p>
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...at the Cosmos Club only.	There are many reasons to stay at the Cosmos Club, but a major one was well expressed at the last GSW meeting: there is great value in the association with an organization devoted to broad apolitical intellectual and societal concerns rather than one focused on earth science alone. As was said then, we should avoid the implicit connotation of "just another geological meeting" under the AGU umbrella.
vary days, times and venues	Either is OK for me. I wish to attend mtgs. but I just cannot do Wed. evenings. Perhaps it might be possible to vary the days, times and venues.
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...at the Cosmos Club only.	<p>AGU will never be able to commit to making GSW a priority and therefore our meetings will always be at risk. Beware deals that seem too good to be true. Also, does GSW want to promote unlimited drinking? Can't we cap Cosmos Club costs by putting a drink limit in place? Parking is more challenging East of Connecticut as well and the walk to metro is longer, putting some members at greater risk late at night when the talks are over. Caution for this decision is warranted.</p>
...at the AGU building only.	<p>In favor the AGU venue only if they agree that reservations made by GSW are binding on them. Reserving their facility and then cancelling is a deal breaker.</p>
...at the Cosmos Club only.	<p>I am concerned that we will always be at risk of losing our timeslot with AGU to a paying customer, even at relatively short notice.</p>
...at the Cosmos Club only.	<p>The Bradley Lecture being bumped by AGU due to a "higher priority group" already does not bode well for this venue. Also, on balance, consistency in a venue location makes it easier for members to know where to go to meet, which reduces confusion and aids attendance. Lastly, the Cosmos Club was started by the same person who started GSW; there is a history there. To change venues, essentially due to drink prices, seems short sighted to me. Other ways to account for this could be considered. For example, as money cannot change hands at meetings, why not have us write down our names when we get a drink. When dues are due, the tally can also be given to a member: "By the way, you drank 25 drinks last year..." [2]</p>
...at the AGU building only.	<p>But only after we first have a meeting at AGU to see how it goes! Will AGU advertise meetings? I do think we desperately need a shot in the arm with regards declining attendance and membership. Would this work? What is cost of Cosmos Club dinner vs. Russia House (thinking of comparable elegance for speaker dinners)? Could a deal be worked out with the parking garage, since evening rate is now over \$20?</p>
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...at the AGU building only.	I appreciate the tradition of meeting at the Cosmos Club, but I feel that it would honor the GSW mission to keep the meetings accessible to members of all ages, abilities, and economic status by offering meetings in a location with options for mode of transportation and the possibility of lower member fees. Currently, I take the metro at night (getting home close to midnight), so the availability of close parking is a huge bonus.
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...at the AGU building only.	I wish there were another viable suggestion, but I don't see one.
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...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes at the AGU building only.	GSW should have priority on the scheduled meeting nights - AGU should not be able to cancel on short notice. And having the annual meeting be open to AGU members might be a problem in that the subsequent business meeting is not open to people who are not GSW members. AGU attendees would have to be told to leave before the business meeting could start, which might be awkward (although in the past nonmember spouses have attended, with strict instructions not to vote). I would suggest a 6 meeting trial run with AGU before committing to moving over entirely. The difference in cost is only \$200 per meeting, so cost should not be the only reason for moving. The convenience of being able to have speaker dinners before the meeting in the same building as the talks should not be overlooked (though I'm not sure how many Cosmos Club hosts GSW still has).
...at the Cosmos Club only.	As a remote member, I am not sure my vote should count, although I have given talks at the GSW during my stints at the USGS and NSF. The Cosmos Club history with GSW indicates it should stay there. The AGU's bumping the meeting is not a good sign. Maybe the decision should depend more on access and parking? Jack Sharp
...at the AGU building only.	This seems like a good venue with more modern infrastructure, equally convenient, and within a sustainable building. It's really not about the money, except that it will add up over the year.
i suggest a trial period of perhaps 6 meetings at the AGU building only.	i would have said just move to AGU except that they bounced us for the Nov. lecture...not a good sign.
...at the AGU building only.	The AGU building option sounds better both in price and amenities, but if they reschedule our meetings too frequently because of scheduling conflicts, we ought to stay at the Cosmos Club.
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...at the AGU building only.	parking at COSMOS horrible but "free" AGU parking cost? "modern" equipment also a plus at AGU
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...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes at AGU.	In recent years I have not been a regular attendee. In the years when I was attending regularly (and was an officer) driving into DC from NoVa was nontrivial. At that time I suggested that GSW try multiple venues to spread around the inconvenience and commuting pain a bit. I could not convince enough folks to try this. Fast forward to now and it appears we are going to try a new model, if there is enough support. I am a bit concerned about total dependence on AGU (as nice as our AGU friends are!). In addition to AGU as a venue, perhaps it would be worth exploring one or more venues in the suburbs. Thank you.

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I have not visited the AGU facility and feel I can not make a truly informed decision. However, I would lean towards moving the meetings to AGU.	
At AGU mostly; at Cosmos Club for special events, such as	
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...at the Cosmos Club only.	The marginal cost savings of moving to AGU seems short-sighted compared to continuing the shared history of association between GSW and the Cosmos Club. It is this sense of tradition that distinguishes our society from others.
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...at the AGU building only.	appreciate council's thinking out of box. savings at the margins are a good idea.
...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes at AGU.	It is unclear to me whether GSW will still preserve its unique identity after a move to AGU. AGU has a very fine building, which is a plus. But AGU's prioritization of another group when they had already confirmed us for the November GSW meeting is problematic.
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...sometimes at the Cosmos Club and sometimes at AGU.	This is essentially a longer term trial for AGU.

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