

### #PMJA2023: Collaborate & Connect

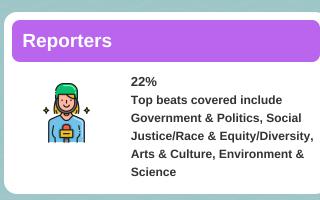
### **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Attendees provided details through their registration profiles, session surveys and the conference evaluation. Here is some of what we learned.

### Who attended #PMJA2023?



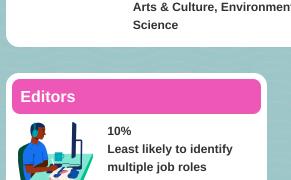








68 riverboat 46 TPR tour 69 dine-around Our members like to do things!

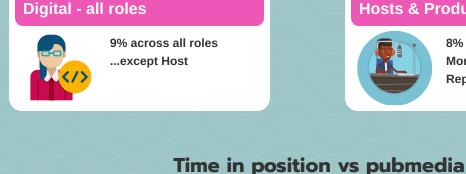


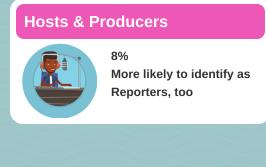




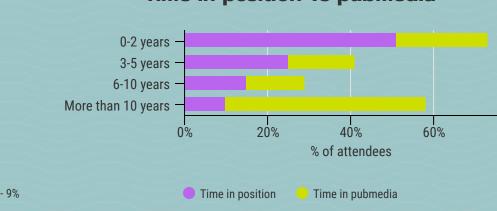
80%







## Millennials - 41% Gen X - 34% Boomers - 9% **General Sessions & Breakouts**



# **Collaboration Quick Talks**

Gen Z - 16%



### many different leaders" • "Loved the quick format and questions"

**Future** 

Rating: 3.9

Ratina: 4.7

• "Made me think about ways collaboration could strengthen news ecosystems in our state." • "I found the session a bit dry overall. The session went on too

• "It was cool to hear the experiences and takeaways from so

long for me."

editors to actually use our stuff"

just platitudes with no fresh plans."

Re-Imagining the Network: Roadmap for a Collaboration-based

• "I would love to learn more about how to get the regional

• "We've heard a variation of this presentation many times. It was



# PMJA Editor Corps - A Case Study in Collaboration

• "Look forward to finding ways to use the service"

conversation."

Rating: 3.2

• "Could have been shorter but still useful"

**Public Media Journalism and the Future** Rating: 4.5

problems they mentioned even after I asked."

• "It gave me a lot to think about and is an important

Well attended & meh

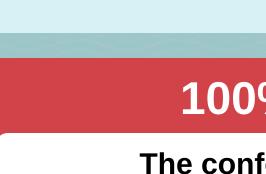
**How to Train Your Team** 

"Seemed very narrowly focused for the largest of the large stations. Was

• "Interesting but it gave me no concrete steps for addressing







**Side Gigs & Networking** 

Intentional Engagement With Your Audiences

"It was the best, because they gave

specific examples of action items

that I could take back to my station.

Our community engagement efforts

will improve as a result of my

attendance at this session."

hoping for more relevant tools to use for one-on-one training, rather than things like how to coordinate

meetings with large groups of

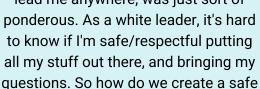
people."

100% of attendees agree! The conference was worth my time to attend

"The conversation in this session didn't lead me anywhere; was just sort of ponderous. As a white leader, it's hard

Surprising sentiments

**Real Talk with White** Leaders



session where people can ask about the stuff they're struggling with, without being judged as clueless or behind the times?"

The topics were timely and relevant I found information that was applicable to my job I gathered information I can use in my daily work life

### 80% 99% 100% Met at least one person they Will attend Side Gigs Networking & Roundtables again...AMAs were a hit! would contact in the future. for the win!



conferences in hot

places in June!

Way too frigging

No more

hot.

Create space to continue conversations after sessions

**Location Venue & Logistics** 

Provide more intentional opportunities to share and discuss audio

welcome from the PMJA and San Antonio teams -

> loved how it felt we were IN San Antonio.

There was a real sense of place that I haven't experienced at other conferences.



Love it at stations - at least ones with such

> great facilities. Really beautifully organized.

liked meeting in an alternate location instead of a hotel

I felt such a joyful

loved all the art, food and

time on the river.

I really liked that the conference was at TPR. But think being a walk from the hotel, made timing things

challenging.

## Size and roles matter

**But let's not forget...** 

88%

Right-sizing the schedule

Our ultimate goal is to help our attendees learn new things, build relationships and recharge.

Attendees continue to express a desire to have content geared toward their specific needs. Think about how to encourage more presenters from small and medium stations.

• Consider role-based tracks or at least labeling content during planning to identify gaps.

Add more downtime to the schedule - longer breaks and free time.

• Consider how to schedule sessions that provide the right amount of time for the topic. Be Goldilocks.

Finding the perfect balance of session length, networking time and downtime is like discovering the holy grail.

- Embrace the love
- Attendees leave with **joy**!
- Find what worked and keep it going. Conference ratings were unanimously positive. We met our #1 goal:
  - "Board members were really friendly and engaging and understood the most pressing issues in our industry and provided us support through this conference. Thank you for your hard, considerate work!

- "It's the best conference I've ever been to. I learned a ton, made dozens of meaningful connections and new friends, and really felt welcomed into the world of public media. Thank you!"
  - "The conference planners did an AWESOME job." "This was my first conference, and it made me want to support PMJA in any way I can going forward."