

Transforming Arts Organizations Worldwide

ABA Executive Benchmarking

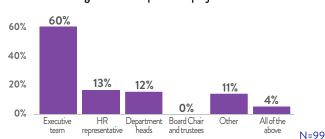
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OWNERSHIP OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

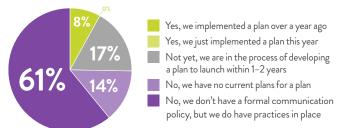
Executive Teams Communicate Organizational Updates

Who communicates with staff around organizational updates & projects?



Most Do Not Have a Formal Policy Around Communication

Does your org have a formal internal communications plan outlining how info will be shared?

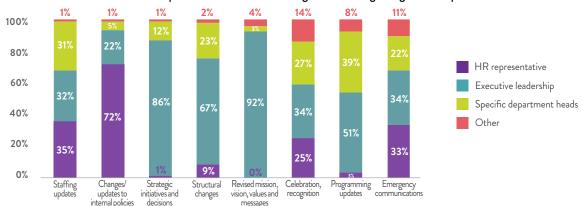


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Executive Leadership Communicates Widely

Who is responsible for communicating the following categories of updates?



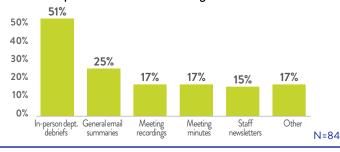
MEETINGS, TASK FORCE GROUPS, & COMITTEES

Most Have Monthly or Quarterly All-Staff Meetings

How often does your org convene for all-staff meetings? 30% 25% 18% 20% 15% 11% 10% 8% 5% 0% Monthly Quarterly Semi-Once a Ad-hoc Monthly weekly Annually

Orgs Share Updates in Department Debriefs

How are updates from all-staff meetings recorded and shared?





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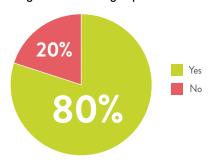
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Orgs Have Task Force Groups/Staff Committees

Does your org have task force groups or staff committees?



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Many Share Updates Directly with Staff

How do your task force groups/committees share updates with all staff?

They are reported to Leadership and then relayed to the staff as a whole at monthly all-staff meetings

Subcommittees/ERGs/etc share with department head or designated chair first

Communicate directly with staff

Typically via the all-staff newsletters

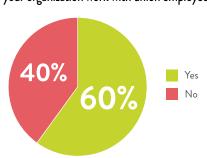
At the All-Staff meeting or via All-Staff Slack channel

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COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF UNION GROUPS

A Majority Work with Union Employees

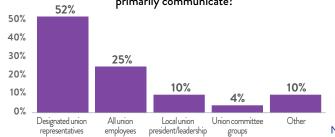
Does your organization work with union employees?



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Orgs Communicate with Designated Union Representatives

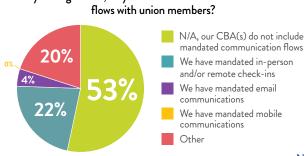
Among union groups, with whom does your org/leadership primarily communicate?



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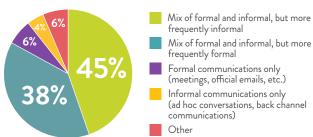
Most CBA's Do Not Include Mandated Communication

In your org's CBA, do you have mandated communication flows with union members?



Orgs Communicate with Union Members Formally & Informally

How would you describe your communications model with union members?



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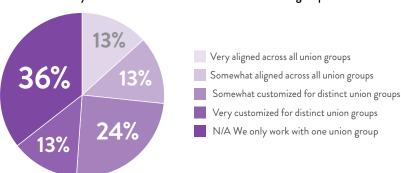
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Content & Cadence of Communication with Union Groups Varies

Describe your communications across distinct union groups.



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ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Operating Budget



N=84

N=87

