

All Star I 2019 Registrar's Report, Ali Walton

As of the March 10, 2019 registration deadline, the All Star I conference received 354 registrations (compared to 331 in 2018) and registrations continued after that date, necessitating a waitlist as is typical for our conference:

Total Registrations: 385 (compared to 361 in 2018) This number is higher than ever before in our conference history.

305 conferees at 3 or more consecutive nights. This included two conference observers.

29 COGS (Conference Overnight Guests) of less than 3 consecutive nights

Total full and partial week conferees: 334 (compared to 320 in 2018)

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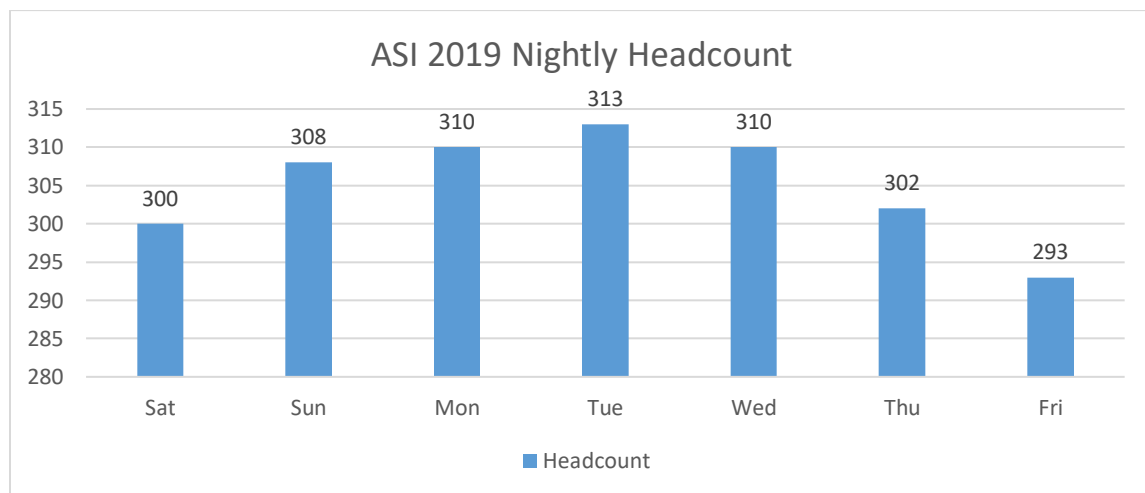
6 doctors/family members (2 housed in conferee space, 4 in First Aid Station)

2 Volunteers and 6 VIPS housed in conferee space for partial week

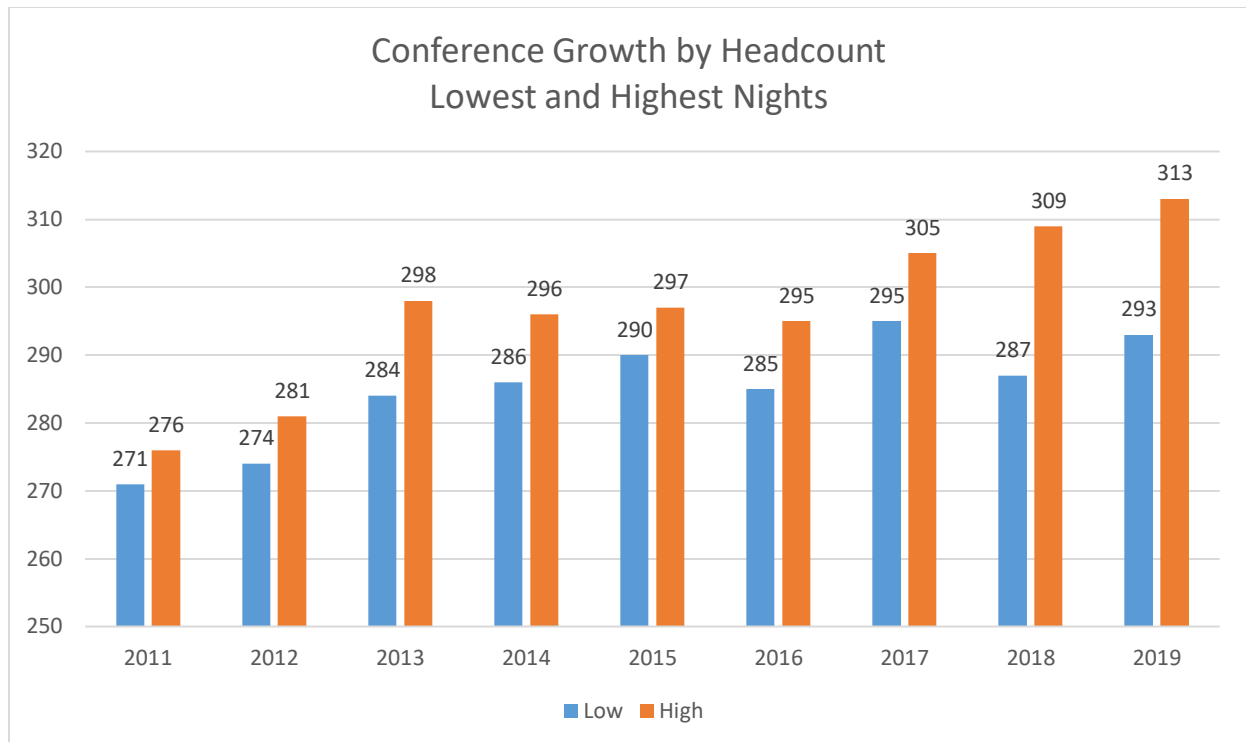
2 Island Staff children who were housed with the conference and participated fully in conference activities

In the end, there were 36 cancellations (many of which were young adults who were offered Pel positions) and 9 people remained on the waitlist (all of whom applied after March 10).

We had very large nightly headcount going into the conference. We did experience many changes on-island. Ultimately, most of our nightly counts were slightly lower in actuality than what was expected on day 1 of the conference due to these unexpected changes, especially on Friday night when a handful of people left early. After updating the data given available information about comings and goings, our nightly headcount in 2019 was as follows:



Note: This nightly headcount DOES NOT include doctors and their families, two island staff children participating in our conference, volunteers, or VIPS. It DOES include full week conferees and overnight guests.



The highest nightly headcount in 2019 was 313 on Tuesday night. We also had two nights at 310 (Monday and Wednesday). All three of these headcounts were higher than any nights in our conference history. The issue of how many is too many conferees has been raised. In the past, the island has told us to accept as many as we can house, however, Joe Watts expressed some concern this year regarding those highest mid-week numbers. Joe does not want to make the decision for our conference regarding our upper limit, but said that the mid-week numbers this year were not ideal. In my observation, ASI conferees and the island staff generally seem comfortable with nightly numbers up to 305. There are mixed feelings about numbers beyond that.

One additional note: In the past, the island would tell Pels that no Pel Guests were allowed during our conference. Their policy on this has changed. There were a handful of Pel Guests this year who were young adults typically associated with our conference. These guests are housed in Pel quarters but sometimes participate in conference activities and eat in the dining room with the conference. Therefore, the number of Pel Guests (which is unknown to us) may impact numbers at conference activities.

All Star I 2019 Demographics

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All Star I 2019, Age Distribution

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
17 and under	92	34%	93	32%	83	27%	92	29%	89	29%	94	30%	80	25%	88	26%
18 to 39	17	6%	31	11%	47	15%	35	11%	49	16%	44	14%	48	15%	46	14%
40 to 59	102	38%	115	40%	118	38%	106	34%	107	34%	104	33%	106	33%	105	31%
60+	61	22%	51	18%	50	16%	67	21%	66	21%	72	23%	86	27%	88	26%
unknown					9	3%	13	4%			4	1%			7	2%
Total	272		290		307		313		311		318		320		334	

In 2019, conferee ages ranged from 3 months to 90 years with an average age of 42. Consistent with past years, the conference had 88 children 17 and under (not including two doctor's kiddos and two island staff children who participated in the children's program). There was a large group of 18-39 year olds (46 of them), which is important when considering future conference continuity. We remained consistent with numbers in the category of 40-59, which is our largest age group, percentage-wise. In the past couple years, we have experienced an increase in numbers of conferees in the 60+ age group. This is important because there are a finite number of motel units and first floor cottage rooms. We were very pleased that the island added four new first floor rooms in Cottage D this year, however, disappointed that they scrapped plans to add a handicapped accessible shower to the first floor bathroom serving those rooms in Cottage D.

This year, our conference included 31 people who were new to All Star I, including 27 people who were completely new to the Island.

Registrar's Review

The year went smoothly from the Registrar's perspective. Challenges included the sheer number of people and the work that accompanies that volume. There were people who were disappointed that they were waitlisted. We were able to divert some of these folks to the new Star Union conference and eventually admit many who were originally waitlisted. Successes included successfully juggling more people than ever before in our history and ultimately admitting all applicants who registered on time and did not cancel.

Item for consideration: One tricky issue is last minute overnight guest requests. There are a fair number of steps involved in approving a guest (determining appropriate housing, updating the registration and billing systems, securing boat times and adding to the boat lists, notifying the dining room of additional mouths to feed and chamber for room make-over, and updating our conference data tracking). This can be onerous without sufficient notice. Of course there are benefits to allowing as many overnight guests as possible, even at the last minute, but it does cause a strain for the Chairs, Housing Coordinator, Conference Registrar, and Island Registrar. While the conference leadership may decide that the benefits of flexibility with accepting overnight guests outweigh these challenges, one potential solution is to cut off overnight guest requests two weeks prior to the conference start date (the same date for cancellation from the conference with no obligation to pay room and board).

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