

Virtual Meeting Options for AGO Chapter Leaders

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Zoom

Zoom Meeting

- Basic (Free; 40 min. time limit)
- Pro (\$14.99/mo. per host)
- Business (\$19.99/mo. per host)
- Enterprise (\$19.99/mo. per host)

[Plans](#)

[Tutorials](#)

Zoom Webinar

\$40/mo. per host for 100 attendees (Plans range from 100 to 10,000 or more attendees) – Q & A, Polling, Livestreaming, multiple panelists, etc.

Best for presentation type virtual events with limited audience interaction.

[Comparison of Zoom Meeting and Zoom Webinar](#)

Low-cost Zoom purchase from Tech Soup

[Release Notes](#) providing details about recent security upgrades to Zoom

GoToMeeting

No free plan, but two affordable levels; more business-oriented than Zoom

WebEx

Cisco WebEx is another major vendor in the videoconferencing software business, with **four levels of pricing**: free, personal, plus (for mid-size teams up to 100 participants), and business (for large teams up to 200 participants). The most complex of choices to use, it has many functionalities most other systems don't include, and has lately begun to mimic the user interface experience of newer competitors like Zoom and GoToMeeting.

Google Chat – [See also this special page for nonprofits: [Coronavirus Resources](#)]

Google tools are best when used with G Suite. G Suite Basic is available for free to AGO Chapters who sign up for [Google for Nonprofits](#). The process takes some time and involves several steps: 1) Registration through TechSoup to demonstrate nonprofit status, 2) Applying to Google for Nonprofits with a token provided by TechSoup, and 3) Registering the chapter's web domain according to the Google G Suite requirements (this may mean transferring domain registration to Google). Sign up for the 14-day trial and then follow the steps [here](#) to [activate G Suite for Nonprofits](#)

[Google Hangouts](#) – Free, informal group video chat service. Anyone can use, but starting June 2020, the host must have a Google/Gmail account. Limit: 10 people for both Gmail accounts and G Suite Basic

[Google Hangouts Chat](#) – Google's paid team chat service; must have a G Suite account; useful for larger groups that need team channels (similar to Slack).

[Google Hangouts Meet](#) Google's paid videoconferencing software, supporting more participants than Hangouts (100 for G Suite Basic)

Group FaceTime – Limit 32 participants, person starting the FaceTime call must have iPhone with iOS 12.1 or higher. Not the best medium for formal business meetings, but very user-friendly and convenient for informal conversations and social meetings, provided everyone you want to invite has a smartphone to use.