

NACA recognizes that we are all pivoting in our efforts to advise student organizations, provide entertainment solutions, and in a time of social isolation a way to connect.

A few online platforms that can be utilized for organizational advising, communication, and engaging students:



Zoom

Zoom offers free versions, there is a time limit, but it can be accessed via phone or computer. To join a call, first dial the phone number included in the invitation. Once the voice call prompts you, type in the dial in ID#, usually followed by #. To join via computer, click the link included in the meeting invitation. The meeting window should automatically open (Please note that you may need to download "Zoom" onto your computer for this to open). Recommend attempting to join the meeting a few minutes before the meeting to confirm you have the latest version or conduct your initial download.

If there will be a screen share or video component of the meeting, it is recommended to join meetings via computer whenever possible. You can change your background to a virtual background to help create a fun/professional space. NACA uses zoom in a variety of ways and is here to help navigate best practices. The Zoom chat feature allows uploading of documents, pictures, and even noting when available/unavailable.



Google Hangouts

Google Hangouts provides both instant messenger and video chat functions for your student organization to have immediate access and contact with one another in a remote fashion. Group chat with up to 150 people or video chat with up to 10 friends. All you need is a google account to get started! Google Hangouts is a great free solution that is easy for phone, tablet and computer.



UberConference

Set up a free account on UberConference.com and you can set up a virtual conference room for your organization to meet. UberConference offers free web conferencing and online meetings in 45-minute meeting increments for up to 10 users. Using UberConference, you can share screens, video conference, and make voice calls. UberConference can be used to start immediate calls ("Start New Conference" feature) or for scheduled, future meetings ("Schedule for Later" feature).



Slack

Slack can be viewed as a "chat room" for your organization where you can instant message, share files, and fully collaborate. The free version of Slack includes up to 10,000 chat messages and 1:1 video calls.



Skype

Skype allows for both video chat and voice calls on a variety of devices (smartphones, computers, tablets, etc.). The Skype app must be downloaded on usable devices before any calls or meetings. Using group video chats, Skype can include up to 50 people.



FaceTime (iOS only)

FaceTime allows for individual and group video calls with up to 32 participants. In the event that Android users are a part of your student organization meeting, opt for a different meeting platform, such as those described above!