

Zoom accounts

The Piedmont Intergroup pays for 2 zoom accounts so that we can have two zoom meetings going on at the same time. These zoom accounts can be also used by individual meetings.

When the intergroup met in person we paid rent to the facility and one of our zoom accounts is similar to the rent we would pay. (159.32 a year or 13.32 per month)

If you don't use the piedmont intergroup for zoom and there is an open time slot your group can use the shared account.

Pros for a group

- Less Cost

- Less admin work for a group member

Cons for a group

Each zoom Id has its own default meeting settings. If a group uses the Piedmont Intergroup Zoom Account, the group will get the default settings of the Piedmont Intergroup.

The meeting will get a different ID and passcode. Zoom will assign the meeting ID and you can specify a passcode.

In order for multiple humans to host the meeting, Our user accounts have a host key. When the "host" for the meeting joins, the person must enter the host key. There is one host key for all the meetings of one zoom account. This system has worked well for the meetings that use the piedmont intergroup zoom account today. We protect the key and only share it with people that will only share it with OA members that are going to be hosts at our OA meetings.

When a zoom account has multiple meetings, it is possible for a meeting to have not ended correctly. This means the next meeting that someone starts will get an error message. "Host has another meeting started." This can be resolved by calling me (or whoever is managing zoom for the intergroup) and I can determine the meeting that didn't close properly and fixing it. Anyone with the host key can do this by backtracking and a person that has logged on to the Piedmont Intergroup Zoom account is considered the host of any meeting "owned by the Piedmont Intergroup.

This seldom happens anymore because people have been training to end the meeting for all. It is a possibility.

It is up to each virtual group to decide what is best for them., whether to use zoom or another service, whether to contribute money to an individual who pays for a zoom account, or use the group funds to pay for a zoom account. Since the Piedmont Intergroup pays for 2 zoom accounts that can support meetings 24 hours a day – but only 1 meeting can be running during a time slot, the Intergroup can support two meetings at the same time.