**How can I meet APMP GMC members in my area?**

Consider hosting a local meetup! Contact our [Local Engagement Chair](mailto:scole@gmcapmp.org) to learn how we can help you plan a great event and get reimbursed for costs you may incur.

**What is involved in hosting a meetup?**

Hosting a meetup can be as simple as inviting a group of members for a social gathering at a local restaurant or bar. Other options include group outings, educational events, or discussions around an industry topic. You can also work with companies in your area to sponsor or co-host an event at their offices.

**How do I navigate hosting a meetup in the current environment?**

The Chapter recommends all in-person meetups follow current local and [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html). When the Local Engagement Chair sends your meetup invitation to your state’s mailing list, we will note in the email that the meetup will follow these guidelines. We also continue to support virtual meetups.

**Are there enough members in my area to host a meetup?**

Contact our [Local Engagement Chair](mailto:scole@gmcapmp.org) to find out. We will pull a targeted member list and let you know how many members are located in your market. There is no minimum number of attendees required to host a meetup. Members have had local gatherings of anywhere between three and 20+ attendees.

**Can I invite non-members to an APMP GMC meetup?**

Absolutely! In fact, we encourage members to bring guests who are interested in learning about APMP and the many benefits of joining our organization.

**Will APMP GMC help me organize the event?**

Yes, we are here to help. Our [Local Engagement Chair](mailto:scole@gmcapmp.org) is available to answer any questions you may have and distribute your invite to members in your area. APMP GMC will also promote your event via social media, email blasts, newsletters and on our website. Please consult our **APMP GMC** **Meetup Checklists** on this page for more details.

**How much lead time does APMP GMC require to help me plan a meetup?**

A good rule of thumb is to contact us at least two months prior to your planned event. To allow enough time for promotion by APMP GMC, the invite design needs to be finalized four to six weeks before your meetup.

**I am not a graphic designer. Can APMP GMC help me design the invite?**

Yes, we provide easy-to-use PowerPoint templates for your invite design. Please contact our [Local Engagement Chair](mailto:scole@gmcapmp.org) to request these templates.

**Who covers the cost of meetups?**

AMPM GMC will reimburse entertainment costs of up to $20 per attendee, excluding alcoholic beverages. We also welcome sponsorship of meetups by corporate members or other businesses in your area.

**Does APMP GMC have a budget for speakers?**

Yes, the Chapter can compensate guest speakers by providing a $50 gift card.

**What themes or discussion topics are appropriate for meetups?**

Group discussions at meetups often revolve around proposal best practices and practical solutions to shared challenges. Topics can include tips and tricks around remote collaboration, technology tools, content management, educational resources and more. Feel free to connect with the [Local Engagement Chair](mailto:scole@gmcapmp.org) for additional suggestions.