Introduction to Slack for the Virtual Chapter Model

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What is Slack?

- Very approachable and simple communications tool. Two modes of interaction – channels and direct messages.
- Like a web “forum”, but in real-time.
- Always on.
- Searchable.
- Powerful third-party integrations (https://slack.com/apps).
- Accessible anywhere.
- Comprehensive team administration (https://get.slack.help/hc/en-us/articles/201314026-Roles-and-permissions-in-Slack).

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Possible Benefits of Slack for the Virtual Chapter

- Live, real-time and combined interactivity with domain experts, industry professionals and emerging professionals.
- Low-cost, low-effort way to “onboard” new SME members.
- Single point of communication.
- Live feedback from community members.

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Current Slack Configuration for the Virtual Chapter

- Currently invite only, but open to all SME members and non-members.
- Using Slack “free tier” (https://slack.com/pricing).
- Public **general** channel for all virtual chapter participants.
- Private **virtualcommittee** channel for committee use only.
- Specific integrations to-be-determined (you get 10 integrations for free).

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Thank you

- Questions?

Other Resources
▪ KoolPlanner integration ▪ Asana integration ▪ Developer tools integrations ▪ Article – The 30 Best Slack Integrations To Help Manage Remote Workers ▪ Article – 17 Slack integrations to spice up your team communication ▪ Video – What is Slack?

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