

What is Hopin?

Hopin is a virtual venue with multiple interactive areas that are optimized for connecting and engaging. Attendees can move in and out of rooms just like an in-person event. Rooms are listed on the left sidebar of your screen when you enter the event. You can find description of each room below:

Reception Area

When you enter Annual Convention, you'll be placed in the reception area. This area hosts the event schedule, sponsor list, speaker list and welcome messages.

Main Stage

The Main Stage is where we'll host the keynote events such as the Opening General Session and General Session II. Attendees will be able to watch and listen and chat in the stage chat to the right. Attendees will not be on camera during these events.

Sessions

The Sessions tab is where we'll host our Committee Meetings and Second and Third Readings. Sessions allow attendees to interact with the speakers so we can develop and vote on policy in real time.

Attendees will have two modes: watching and participating. Watching is simple, just join any Session and watch the Speakers talk or engage in a dedicated Session chat on the right side-panel. If you would like to submit policy, click "Ask to Share Audio and Video" and a moderator will grant access — people will be able to see and hear you in the session. *Please only share your screen if you are posing a question or bringing policy that cannot fit in the chat.* Voting will also be done in the chat and polling features.

Expo

The Expo tab is where you'll find all of our Trade Show vendors. Just like any other year, you'll be able to explore the trade show floor check out each booth. Some vendors will have pre-recorded videos for you to watch and others will be there able to take your questions and demo products in real-time through video chat! Be sure to stop in a say hi!

Chat

The Chat feature to the right of the screen is a great way to keep informed during the event and where we'll let MSGA members submit policy and vote during our Committee Meetings. There are multiple chat channels in online event on Hopin platform. Each one serves a different purpose.

- **Event chat** — global event chat where all participants can post messages.
- **Stage chat** — chat with a Stage-related discussion all attendees have access to.
- **Session chat** — chat with MSGA staff for technical support.
- **Booth chat** — like Sessions, each booth has its own chat for group discussions and interaction.
- **Direct messages** — anyone can send messages to an individual at an event on Hopin via DMs in the People tab. To send a DM, find the person you wish to chat with in the People tab, click their profile photo, and send a direct message to them.

If you need assistance with the Hopin platform, we have multiple ways to assist.

- Watch our Hopin attendee tutorial

- Call the MSGA office at 406-442-3420
- Visit Hopin's support page: <https://support.hopin.to/en/>