As part of this year’s ACVP’s Virtual Annual Meeting, we will be utilizing the Gather.Town platform for the Presidential Reception on Saturday, October 30 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. CDT.

**Getting Started**

Gather can be used on any computer (laptop or desktop), on any OS (Windows, Mac OS, Linux), using one of its supported web browsers (Google Chrome, Firefox, and Safari). We do not recommend using a mobile device, as it has extremely limited functionality. **Note:** Gather’s Safari experience is currently in Beta - we suggest using Google Chrome or Firefox.

When you enter the Gather space, you will be asked to select your input devices (microphone and camera) and allow Gather to access them. You’ll also need to enter your name and design your avatar. Once you have done that, select “Join the Gathering.”

Welcome to the reception! Once you’re in the map, you’re free to start exploring. Use your arrow keys or WASD keys to navigate the platform. You can use the “x” key to interact with certain objects, such as games, the photo booth, white board, and more.

**Video & Text Chatting**

Just like in real life, if you get close enough to someone (within 5 tile spaces), you will be able to see and talk to them. If you walk away, you will no longer see or hear that person or group. All videos will initially appear at the top of your screen. In an open area, you will be connected to everyone within 5 tiles unless you activate Quiet Mode. When you are in a Private Area, you will be connected to everyone who is also inside of the private area. Say hello - we hope you catch up with old friends and make some new ones, too!

Prefer to text chat? Select the chat bubble icon in the toolbar on the left of the screen. You can chat with everyone, just the people nearby, or a specific person in the map.

**Emotes**

Let everyone else know how you’re feeling using the Emotes button! Click the smiley face icon in the right of your panel and select the emoticon you’d like to use.

**Screen Sharing**

Want to share your screen with someone? To do so, click on the Screen Sharing icon in the center Control Bar at the bottom of your screen and select the window you’d like to share. (Please note that everyone in your proximity chat will be able to view what you are sharing.)

For additional FAQs and troubleshooting information straight from Gather.Town, please visit the following link: [https://support.gather.town/help/movement-and-basics](https://support.gather.town/help/movement-and-basics)