

Guidelines for Prerecorded Poster Sessions at NACSW's Convention

NACSW is grateful for the contribution your pre-recorded poster session will make to our Convention 2021 this year!

For purposes of clarification, by a “prerecorded poster session,” we mean a virtual poster presentation that includes the following components:

- a. A video file of, or a link to, a video recording you will make of yourself describing your poster session materials and content.
- b. A copy of any other resource materials (usually photos or resource documents in pdf version) that you would like us to make available to individuals who watch your video presentation

So that we have adequate time to post your prerecorded poster session to the virtual conference dashboard we will be setting up for all convention presenters and attendees in time for the convention, we will need to receive your prerecorded poster session materials at convention@nacsw.org by **October 22nd**.

To help you prepare for your prerecorded poster session, we have organized the following instructions and tips for your use:

1. In most cases, we anticipate that poster sessions will be recorded on Platforms like Zoom or Loom or WebEx or your platform of choice. Whichever platform you use to record your session is entirely up to you, although we do request that any video files you send to us are mp4 files. Alternatively, links (URLs) to your recording will also work well.
2. If you do not have easy access to a video recording platform, we would encourage you to consider using Loom (<https://www.loom.com/>), which offers user-friendly video recording software at no cost. For simple instructions on making a video recording using Loom, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kezPDX07Y1I>
3. In our experience, we have found that prerecorded poster sessions are most effective when participants are able to see BOTH the presenter and the presentation materials (like a PowerPoint). Sessions which only provide a video of PowerPoint slides are much less engaging for participants, so we ask that your recordings including both the presenter and the presentation materials.

4. If you plan to send in a video file (and not just a link to a video file), please contact convention@nacs.org when you are ready to send the file so that we can create/share a folder with you that can accept large video files.

Tips for Your Recording Your Presentation

- Make sure you are in a well-lit area. Position yourself so that most of the light is coming from in front of you (behind your monitor), instead of behind you. If you have a window behind you, shut the blinds. Otherwise, your face may be “washed out.”
- Put your webcam/camera at face level relatively close to you. Adjust your webcam/camera (or your seating) if necessary.
- If you are going to be using a phone or tablet to record your session, please record in landscape (horizontal)
- Remove any distractions in your background (clutter, clothes, bedding, etc.). Clean up your room and have a simple background (a plain wall, a potted plant, or a bookshelf works perfectly).
- Make sure you are in a quiet area with a minimal possibility of background noise or distractions. Barking dogs, slamming doors, other people, and even some types of clothing or jewelry could be picked up by session participants and can be distracting.

Don't hesitate to contact us at convention@nacs.org with any questions you might have. Most of all, we greatly appreciate the important contribution your prerecorded will add to NACSW's virtual program!