

Online Community Platforms for Associations

Community Name	Website	Core Features*	Unique Features	Why use?	Pricing Level
Breezio	https://www.breezio.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content focused • Collaborative authoring tools • Roles and permissions for volunteer leaders • Live presence to know if others are there and message them • Truly embedded content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content focus, especially for scientific societies, and collections feature • Volunteer roles • Integrations abound 	\$\$
BuddyBoss	https://www.buddyboss.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WordPress based • Easy integration with other WordPress plug-ins and apps for jobs, gamification, learning • Managed version of BuddyPress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate with WordPress website • Price 	\$\$-\$
BuddyPress	https://buddypress.org/		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original software under BuddyBoss • Open-source software • Requires developer support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate with WordPress • Free software • Use your own resources to host and maintain 	\$
Bulletin Apps	https://www.getbulletinapp.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile first, app-based • Push notifications • Acts as a communications hub • Links to org's social medial accounts • Easy drag and drop editing of news feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pull in content from remote links • Good news feed and hub • Central location of social communications 	\$\$-\$
Circle	https://circle.so/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative based • VIP Membership available • Brand creation • Masterclasses • Monetize your community • Flexible Subscriptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community available to the public, not just members 	\$

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Discourse	https://www.discourse.org/	Most	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free, open-source platform • Very much bulletin board in format • Need to arrange (and pay for) hosting, and possibly design services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Easy interface 	\$
DocMatter	https://www.docmatter.com/	Most	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized platform • Focuses on physicians • Offers dedicated content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relieves some of the lift of community management 	\$\$\$
Flarum	https://flarum.org/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free, open source • Bulletin board format • Multiple languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Mobile first • Control over development 	\$
Forj	https://www.forj.ai/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central feed • Presence indicator and immediate chatting with those who are online • Personalization based on topics and behavior to serve up content • Video with transcript which can be used for searching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Smart' content, with ease of searching through transcription and tagging • AI driving personalization 	\$\$-\$\$\$
GrowthZone GZ Community	https://www.growthzone.com/gz-community	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live video incorporated • Monetization through ads • Can see who is following a discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included with GrowthZone AMS 	\$\$

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Higher Logic	https://www.higherlogic.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly personalized feed page • Full Content Management System (CMS) with tagging of content • Built in AI assistant and extensive AI roadmap • Directory with mapping • Activity recognition with badges and ribbons, overview of contributions • Has user group (HUG) • Smart campaigns and other marketing automation • Many additional modules e.g. mentor match, volunteering, 365 mobile app, connected with learning, submission tools, job board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive features • Known solution • Full suite of engagement tools e.g. Thrive Learn • Well integrated with other association technologies • Higher Logic Core to connect multiple systems with data 	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hivebrite	https://hivebrite.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalable to large enterprises • Rich data • Visual locator, with strong filtering by member attributes • Messaging • Mentoring with AI matchmaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise level system for complex organizations (or those with many chapters) • Flexible setup 	\$\$\$
MemberLounge	https://memberlounge.app/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does membership management or can use your own AMS • Marketing automation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightweight AMS possibilities 	\$-\$\$
Milieu	https://www.diamax.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directories • Buyers Guide • Knowledgebase • Robust search 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complex directories of resources or expertise • Finding the right person, company, or expertise 	\$\$ - \$\$\$
PeerBoard	https://peerboard.com/	Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with WordPress, Shopify, and Thinkific plugins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort based learning 	\$
RallyBoard	https://www.rallyboard.com/	Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching members into structured cohorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer learning platform 	

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Sengii	https://sengii.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document collaboration & versions • Marketing automation • Instant Messaging • Video Calls • Password-less Login 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully featured • Ongoing dev on new features • Committee support • Pricing 	\$-\$\$
Tradewing	https://www.tradewing.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong event and tradeshow platform included, for virtual and in-person events • Intuto LMS natively integrated • Email tracking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing development • Event management • Pricing 	\$\$
WorkOutLoud	https://www.workoutloud.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys • Email Marketing • Nominations / Voting • Presence indicator and immediate chatting with those who are online • Advertising build in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really active sub-groups with quite complex events 	\$\$
Zenvoy	https://www.zenvoy.com/	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can operate outside of the community platform • Matches members and introduces them to each other • Uses AI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused introductions • Extend use of AI 	\$\$\$

*Core features vary slightly from platform to platform but are expected to include:

- Groups or communities
- Discussion forums
- Email notification
- Searchable member directory
- Upload of documents or resources
- Upvotes or likes
- Event management
- Announcements

- Connected to the AMS

Pricing icons are based on what associations **typically** pay. Your pricing may be higher or lower.

\$ Less than \$10K per year
\$\$ Less than \$25K per year
\$\$\$ More than \$25K per year

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