POLICY regarding commentators unable to be present at the 79th Annual Meeting
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For commentators unable to be present in Montreal to present their comments:

(1) Prepared comments should be read by the session chair or by a person present at the meeting designated by the commentator. Commentators are responsible for notifying the paper presenter and chair and sending the comments before the meeting.

(2) When comments are read at the session, the name of the commentator will remain on the program and the person is welcome to include on their personal CV.

(3) If prepared comments are not available, then the comment section of the session will be omitted, with extended time for discussion. The program committee will not be expected to recruit a substitute commentator.

(4) Commentators must be members of ASA, whether they present in person or by having comments read. Those not present at the meeting are not expected to pay meeting registration.

(5) If a paper presenter is unable to attend the Montreal meeting, papers will not be read, especially as genuine discussion would not be possible. They are encouraged to consider presentation of their paper at the 2022 Summer Virtual Aesthetics Festival now being developed or another venue.