

Viscomm 39  
2025

Town Hall Notes

- I. 2026 VISCOMM 40
  - a. Looks like we're going to the Adobe Inn and Resort in Yachats, Oregon (pronounced Ya-hots).
    - i. Cost will be \$300 for registration
    - ii. And hotel rooms between \$200 and \$250 (you might get a better deal if you reserve early on Hotels.com or the like)
- II. 2027 Viscomm 41
  - a. We may have two options
    - i. Alaska
    - ii. Montana
    - iii. We'll see what folks come up with
- III. Trigger warning reminder
  - a. We want to remind everyone if your presentation contains sensitive images or content, you should warn people what is to come.
    - i. Berkely was a model of how to warn people (he, of course, has been doing this a lot with the Pruitt Project).
- IV. Zoom Participation
  - a. This was the first non-Covid year that we really allowed Zoom participation.
    - i. Concern was expressed that participants (both those delivering via Zoom and those watching the Zoom at the conference) were not getting the full Viscomm experience.
      - 1. The non-panel discussions of presentations could not happen if participants were not there (e.g. at meals).
      - 2. The people who were in person did not get the benefit of comments on their own presentations from those who were not there.
      - 3. There was concern that this would become the default participation when it wasn't convenient to attend.
    - ii. While attendees were glad that we experimented a little with Zoom presentations this year, the vast majority decided this wasn't something we wanted to pursue in the future.
  - b. There was support for long time Viscommers who have emergencies (Julie had a baby last week) to present remotely.
    - i. But it was clear that the circumstances would have to be extraordinary for long time participants.
  - c. Allie suggested if there were funding issues that someone who lost funding or had other circumstances occur could present the paper the following year.
    - i. This was supported.