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On February 25, the NAAB directors approved a motion to vary from established procedures in order to test or implement several new processes designed to benefit both accredited and candidate programs and the process. Beginning with the 2018 visit cycle, these include the following:

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- Dates for visits scheduled for the period 2018-2021 will be set by the program and the office by May 15 in the year prior to the visit.
- Teams will be nominated to programs as a single roster with the chair identified by the NAAB; the program will have 10 days to challenge up to two members of the team on the basis of conflicts of interest as defined in Section 8 of the *Procedures for Accreditation, 2015 Edition*.
- Visiting Team Reports will be ready for review by the NAAB Directors not more than 30 days after a visit ends.
 - Visiting Team Reports must be completed and sent to the office by team chairs 10 days after a visit ends.
 - Programs will have 10 days from receipt of the draft VTR to submit both corrections of fact and an optional program response.
- The NAAB will suspend the requirement that all team members must participate in all aspects of a visit. All team members must participate in the review of the program; some will do so asynchronously through digital review of the APR and supplemental materials; others will do so through onsite evaluation of student work and participation in meetings, in addition to review of the APR and supplemental materials. All team members will contribute to the VTR. At a minimum, two team members, including an educator, will conduct the onsite review of the program. Programs must agree in advance to conduct the review in this manner.
- Directors may convene by conference call to make decisions on terms of accreditation for programs in April and May; letters transmitting the results of these decisions will be sent within 14 days of the decision, as long as the program has paid the invoice for the visit.
- The NAAB will suspend the requirement that applications for candidacy be filed after all institutional approvals have been received. Institutional approvals must be in place prior to the visit for initial candidacy.
- The NAAB will require that at least two members of an eligibility review panel conduct an eligibility visit.

Vision: The NAAB aspires to be the leader in establishing educational quality assurance standards to enhance the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the architectural profession.

Mission: The NAAB develops and maintains a system of accreditation in professional architecture education that is responsive to the needs of society and allows institutions with varying resources and circumstances to evolve according to their individual needs.