

Membership unanimously approves motion to redevelop ATS Commission Standards and Procedures

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At the June 2018 ATS Centennial Biennial Meeting in Denver, the membership voted unanimously to approve the following motion (first published [here](#) in March 2018):

“To authorize the ATS Board of Commissioners to undertake a comprehensive redevelopment of the *Standards of Accreditation* and the *Commission Policies and Procedures* expeditiously and with a substantial participation process.”

The ATS Board of Commissioners has been working on a plan for redevelopment for several years. The major components of that plan were published in the Biennial program and in the [April](#) and [May](#) issues of *Colloquy Online*. They include a rationale, workplan, timetable, and communication strategy for the redevelopment process. After the motion was approved, more than 200 Biennial Meeting participants met in a working forum to discuss a wide range of issues related to the redevelopment, including key questions and concerns published earlier in [Colloquy Online](#).

In addition, more than 140 participants completed a four-question survey about the process. Responses to the first question about their **biggest hopes** for the redevelopment included three key words: quality, simplicity, and



flexibility. Responses to the second question about their **biggest concerns** included a desire that the process not be short-changed, that the work not be underestimated, and that the differences among the membership not be overlooked. Responses to the question about the **feasibility of doing this in two years** included three key words: ambitious, reasonable, and hopeful. Less than 10 percent of the respondents thought that two years was too soon, while about the same percentage insisted that it not take longer than two years. The vast majority of the membership thought two years was doable. Survey respondents were also asked if they had **any words for the Redevelopment Task Force** (whose 19 members were listed in the [May 2018 issue](#) of *Colloquy Online*). Indicative of the many words of counsel for the task force were these three comments: "Pray! Listen!" "You have a great team; I have faith in them." "Thank you and bless you."

The Redevelopment Task Force, chaired by Sarah Drummond and vice-chaired by Oliver McMahan, met all

day on June 22 to discuss next steps in this process. A webpage dedicated to keeping the membership informed of the Task Force's progress and inviting membership input will be developed later this summer (see also the [accompanying article](#) on reflections on redevelopment about the importance of broad participation by the membership in this process).



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