Redevelopment Task Force coming this spring to a city near you

By Tom Tanner

The Redevelopment Task Force has planned a variety of ways for ATS members to provide input on the three drafts of the new Standards and Policies prior to the membership vote at the June 2020 ATS/COA Biennial Meeting in Vancouver.

The task force has been working since June 2018 on a <u>redeveloped</u> set of Standards and Policies, after the ATS Commission membership authorized that two-year project at the last ATS Biennial Meeting. As noted in earlier *Colloquy Online* <u>articles</u>, the task force spent the first year listening to member schools on



Regional Membership-Input Meetings:

- February 19 (Wed., 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., EST); St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, **Philadelphia**
- February 20 (Thurs., 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., EST); Knox College, **Toronto**
- February 25 (Tues., 10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., CST);
 Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
- February 26 (Wed., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., CST);
 Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas
- March 2 (Mon., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., PST); Gateway Seminary, Los Angeles
- March 3 (Tues., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., PST);
 Seattle Pacific Seminary, Seattle

Membership-Input Webinars:

- February 21 (Fri., 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., EST)
- March 4 (Wed., 3:00-4:30 p.m., EST)

what they wanted. During this second year, the task force is writing a new set of Standards and Policies, based on that membership input, along with input from the four-year ATS Educational Models and Practices project. The first draft will be made public in early December 2019, with a second public draft in mid-February 2020, and a third and final draft in early May 2020.

One way members can provide input is by attending one of six regional meetings this coming February and March. These six meetings are in cities that, collectively, are within 150 miles of nearly half of the ATS membership, with two in the East, two in the Midwest/South Central, and two on the West Coast (see accompanying list for times, dates, and locations).

In early December, ATS will be emailing every member school invitations with registration links to these regional meetings. The events are free, but registration is required so each host school can plan lunch accordingly. Enrollment at each regional meeting is limited, so please save the date now and register as soon as you can in early December.

For those who cannot attend a regional meeting, the task force has also scheduled two free webinars open to anyone (see accompanying list). Enrollment for the webinars is unlimited, but registration is still required.

A link to the registration form for all these events will also be provided in early December on the <u>redevelopment</u> webpage.

Additional ways members can offer feedback on the Standards and Policies will be through survey forms made available after the first draft in December and during Q & A sessions at most ATS leadership education events this year.

If you have any questions or comments, please email the task force at redevelopment@ats.edu.



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