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Chair's Update by Ron Hustedde

As your CDS chair, I welcome this revitalization of Vanguard. There have been technical glitches and other problems that have prevented us from reaching out to our members and partners. But that has changed. We have a creative and energetic board and officers that are poised to bring the Society to new levels.



We're seeking greater transparency for membership involvement. Our CDS board meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month from 10 am to noon EST. You are welcome to join us and to have input about our agenda and to be involved in committee work.

Our field is thriving. Community development degree and certificate programs are growing exponentially. In addition, our journal, Community Development, is published 5 times annually and our new journal, Local Development & Society, is published twice annually. I'm always eager to read them as they guide my community development practice, writing and imagination.

Our new board is exploring opportunities to involve you in more potent ways with the Community Development Society. As a long time member of the Society since my student days, I'm eager for more member and partner engagement with our conferences, webinars, publications and other outlets. I am thankful for you as part of our beloved community of community developers.

In solidarity,
Ron

Conference and Webinar Updates from the VC of Programs



Conferences have always been a very important member benefit; however, COVID-19 has interrupted this tradition. Last year we addressed this challenge with an excellent virtual event, thanks to Gary Goreham and his committee, all of whom worked really hard to bring us a high-quality event. This week, CNN began reporting

that a new variant is emerging in the US. We want to continue the best traditions of CDS and at the same time keep everyone safe. Thus, we are planning to hold a virtual conference again this summer with a very special focus: Community Development: Past, Present and Future.

If you would like to support planning for this and/or future conferences please contact Mary Emery, VC Programs at programs@comm-dev.org

Website Updates from the VC of Operations

There have been issues with the website which are being resolved by our VC of Operations and our webmaster. Our website has become cumbersome and costly in an organization that relies on volunteers to serve. We hope to create a website that is user friendly for administrators as well as members and prospective members. Please be patient.



2022 Election Updates from the Secretary

During the 2022 CDS election, members will be filling 5 board seats: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chair of Operations, and two director seats. We have an expedited timeline that leaves room for 1 full month for nominations and 1 full month for members to cast their votes. We should be on track to report election results by the middle of June.

More information about each board seat and a form to fill out (self) nominations will go out as a special communication to membership at the beginning of March. We look forward to your engagement.

Successful Disaster Recovery Lessons in Re-Inventing a Small Town after a Tornado

Friday, February 25, 2022
12:00 – 1:30 PM Central Time

This Webinar will explore community development responses to a devastating tornado in Pilger, Nebraska. Insights from this seminar are intended to help community leaders and Extension educators as they work in communities responding to devastating natural disasters.

Guest panelists: Angela Denton, Community Leader, Pilger, NE
Milan Wall, Director, Heartland Center
Kurt Mantonya, Nebraska Public Policy Center

To register – go to <https://bit.ly/33DzgAg>

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Meetings Schedule

All CDS Board meetings from now until the Annual Conference are being held on the second Tuesday of every month from 10:00am - 12:00pm Eastern Time. This includes the following dates:

February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12

Directors Meetings

As promised, we now have a standing link to join the CDS Board meetings! Copy and paste this link into your calendar hold, or simply click the button below at the time of the meeting to join us. We look forward to seeing you!

meet.google.com/mwo-vbyx-qsg

Click to Join Meeting

Ready to Volunteer?

Committees and working groups are looking for membership support! We are excited to get to work with you on anything from recruitment and retention to conference programming to financial management.

We are looking for volunteers to work on engagement strategies to support CDS members in doing the work that is so important to the future of our world.

CDS needs you; committee chairs need your help, so please let us know how you would like to help.

A sign-up form for volunteers will be going out in the next few days. Look for it in your email.



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