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Chair's Update by Ron Hustedde

Our field of community development continues to expand. We've seen the emergence of over a hundred U.S. and Canadian university degree programs with community development majors, minors, or certificates. There have been similar degree programs launched across the globe along with new community development thrusts in government, nonprofits, and socially conscious enterprises.



I'm delighted that CDS is poising itself for greater impact. In addition to the many updates from our Vice Chair of Programs **Mary Emery** and Vice Chair of Operations, **Margaret Stout**, our treasurer, **Bo Beaulieu**, and other CDS members are addressing the Society's difficult financial issues. **Anthony Cook**, our secretary, and **Celina Tchida**, **Mark Brennan**, **Paul Lachapelle** and **Jane Leonard** are seeking nominations for 5 CDS board vacancies this month. I hope you will consider nominating yourself or others. Our research publications are guided by practical and visionary editors, **Craig Talmage**, **Rhonda Phillips**, and **Norm Walzer**. I'm also delighted that our board members and other members are actively involved in committees and raise tough questions that we need to explore. There is a sense of caring and love for our field and the Society. I've only touched on some of the highlights. I wish I had more space to add the names of other actively involved people and bold actions that are laying the groundwork for CDS growth. Please contact me or others as we seek new ways for you to become more involved.

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CDS Webinar

**Empathy, Community, and Youth:
A Critical Intersection for Research and Practice**

March 21, 11am - 12:30pm Central Time

In this webinar, Mark Brennan (Penn State) and Pat Dolan (National University of Ireland, Galway) bring together diverse scholarly literature around empathy, civic engagement, community wellbeing, and the vital role of youth as community development players.



Add to Calendar

Use the buttons, or use this link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89839969034>

Join Meeting Now



Updates from the VC of Operations

We continue to make improvements to the website including issues encountered in the membership registration and renewal system -- thank you for bearing with us! Meanwhile, we have engaged a new web developer to build a new and improved website in the WordPress platform. Look for an announcement in a few months when it is ready to go live!

The Membership Committee's working groups are busy reviewing and updating relevant policies and operating procedures so that we will have a solid foundation for launching a membership drive and expanded communications and engagement efforts. New chapters that can provide more targeted networking and professional development opportunities are being established for Student Members and Members in both India and South Africa. If you are interested in these efforts, reach out to Margaret Stout at operations@CDSociety.org.

Updates from the VC of Programs

The many working groups are busy preparing for July 17-20, 2022 CDS virtual conference, and are always looking for more bright minds and helpful hands. One of these, the Awards working group, chaired by Huston Gibson, will be announcing nominations next month. Take a look at [the many awards opportunities](#), and start thinking about who you want to nominate!



Last month we launched a monthly CDS webinar series that began with a vibrant symposium on community engagement in disaster recovery. This month we learn from Drs. Brennan and Dolan about empathy, community, and youth. If you are interested or curious about any of these efforts, reach out to Mary Emery at programs@CDSociety.org.



2022 Election Updates from the Secretary

Nominations are now open for five seats on the CDS Board of Directors. The deadline for nominations is March 31 at 11:59PM Pacific Time. You may self-nominate or nominate a colleague through the link below. Have additional questions about a position before you self-nominate? Email secretary@CDSociety.org.

Nominations Form

[CDS Board of Directors](#)

[Link to Join CDS Board of](#)

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:

Tomorrow, March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12

Directors Meetings

Use the "add to calendar" button to save these meetings to your personal calendar or click the "join meeting now" button at the time of the meeting to join us. We look forward to seeing you!

Add to Calendar

Join Meeting Now

Ready to Volunteer?

Many thanks to all Members who have volunteered to join Committees and Working Groups! Our teams are moving CDS forward in a good way! If you haven't had the opportunity yet, sign up today through the button below.

Volunteer for CDS



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