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Vanguard E-News Bulletin

CDS 2010-2011 Election

CDS members were emailed directions to vote in the 2010-2011 election. If you did not receive your username and password, please contact Tionna Van Gundy at Tionna@AssnOffices.com for more information.

Conference

The registration early bird deadline is FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010. If you haven't registered to attend the conference yet, visit the CDS website at www.comm-dev.org and click under the conference tab for details.

Video

Planning to attend the CDS/IACD International Conference in New Orleans July 25-28, 2010? If you have a video camera, or plan to bring a camera, take pictures of the sessions you attend and leave your photos at the conference

Dear Mallory,

CDS: Improving the Practice of the Community; Building Prosperous Sustainable Communities

Within CDS we have over 3000 years of experience working in communities. CDS was formed to find ways to help us do our work better and to learn from one another, but most importantly to build the field of community development. One of the tools CDS developed to help share resources and learning opportunities was CD Practice. We have an energetic group of volunteers who are giving CD Practice a new look. We are asking you to share some of your 3000 years of experience with your colleagues and others who come to our website. If you have a tool or practice that others can use, take some time and write it up. We would love to know about it! Here are the questions that can guide you in developing your CD Practice submission:

1. Why was the issue a concern and what triggered a search for a solution? Who was involved in formulating a solution? What was the solution?
2. What was done? Describe the program, practice, action, or tool and how it meets CDS Principles of Good Practice.
3. What products were generated (outputs) and what are the outcomes as best can be seen now?
4. What major obstacles were overcome and how? Could they have been avoided?
5. How would the author recommend changing the process or practice if it were tried again? What would these changes improve the outcomes or impacts?
6. Conclusions and applications elsewhere. Provide references to other work such as best practices on the topic.

The best CD Practices are short and sweet. People in the field want things that are easy to use.

registration desk to be on display.

 Send to a Colleague

Follow Us:



Once you send in a submission, the papers will be blind reviewed by a panel of CDS practitioners. The aim will be to have the CD Practice issue in print within six weeks of submission, so there will be a fast turn around. We want to produce a minimum of 8 to 10 publications per year. Successful submissions will be posted on the website where anyone can access it. We will literally be sharing our wisdom with the world. If you don't have time to write up a CD Practice manuscript, we will welcome your help as a reviewer. Let us know how you can help us with our mission to share our learning with the world.

-[Mary Emery](#), CDS President

CD Practice

CD Practice is looking for promising practices in community and economic development.....

What is CD Practice?

CD Practice is a web-based publication of the Community Development Society. It presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community development practitioners. The goal is to help transfer practices and tools with a history of success to new areas to new environments and build a collegiality among CDS practitioners who are working on similar issues. So this is your chance. If you have a success story to tell about a project or program or lessons learned from a previous undertaking, this is a forum for you.

The articles are designed to be brief (2400 to 3600 words) and focus on what was done, how it worked, how it followed the "Principles of Good Practice," and what was the end result.

For more information, including a complete description of guidelines, visit the CD Practice page on the CDS website:

http://www.comm-dev.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=81

Michael Dougherty, Editor, CD Practice

CDS Spotlights Members

As part of the CDS membership campaign, the Membership and Marketing Committee has initiated its Member Spotlight on the CDS website. Located under JOIN, this page puts the spotlight on CDS members, and their interests and areas of expertise in the community development profession.

Each month the CDS will spotlight new members, gathering the information from the [membership survey located here](#). If you have not already completed this survey, please do so, and maybe you will be the next member in the spotlight!

[Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight](#)

CDS Vanguard

Preparing for the CDS/IACD Conference Using a "Team Approach"

Conferences are costly in terms of time and money so it is really important that we gain the most from the opportunities provided. Speakers relevant to issues that we can use are only part of the equation. Equally, or even more important, is how we prepare for a conference to take advantage of opportunities to form networks among our peers-networks that can pay large dividends in the future. After all, effective community development depends on networks because it is difficult to bring about change as one person.

The CDS/IACD conference in July has approximately 150 presentations on a wide range of issues so there will be great opportunities to bring ideas back to our communities-ideas that we can implement in our daily activities. We will attend the sessions most relevant to our work. That is the easy part.

But what about establishing networks? How can we best prepare? Several efforts have worked for me in the past. First, review the program agenda now and find the topics most relevant to your work. Then contact the speaker(s) and indicate the types of things you are doing and the information you could use regarding their topic. Next, talk the opportunities up with your peers and see if others could attend as a "team" to learn strategies that could help your community or region. If they can't attend, what information can you bring back to move local projects along? Finally, talk about getting together during the conference to discuss relevant issue(s) and set an agenda.

Networks are critical in doing our work effectively. The internet has greatly expanded our opportunities to form and use these networks. So, make the best of the CDS/IACD conference in New Orleans to participate in both domestic and international networks that can help do your job more effectively. Contact speakers in advance, talk with your peers, and bring a team to the conference.

Let's network in New Orleans.....

Norman Walzer
Chair, Program Planning Committee

CDS Silent Auction



Help Build a Healthy Future for CDS!

Donate to the Silent Auction to Build the CDS Endowment

Community development professionals know far better than most people how much cooperation and collaboration it takes to build the assets of a community. Many hands are needed to cultivate positive change. So too, many hands are needed to help build a healthy future for the CDS, your professional organization.

One instrument for strengthening our organization is the CDS Endowment - a long-term fund established to support our members through scholarships, conference speakers, educational materials, and other programs. The most significant way to build the Endowment is through your support.

This year's annual conference will again feature a Silent Auction to raise funds for the CDS Endowment. If you are planning to be at the conference, please support the Endowment by bringing an item to donate to the Silent Auction! We welcome items made locally that promote your community, such as handmade crafts, art works, clothing, music, and products unique to your area.

Please say YES and pack a small item for the auction! Donated items may be brought to the conference registration table. For more information, contact Alan Kirk (alankirk@comcast.net) or Linda Sunde (LSunde@cns.gov). U.S. citizens may receive a tax deduction for the value of their donations.

Thanks for all you do to support YOUR professional organization!

CDS/IACD International Conference

Social Networking Session planned for CDS 2010 Conference

A social networking session is planned at the CDS Conference on

Sunday, July 25, 2010 from 3:30-5:00 pm at the InterContinental Hotel, downtown New Orleans. Taught by CDS Members Paul Lachapelle, Assistant Professor at Montana State University, and John McNutt, Professor at the University of Delaware, this session will introduce participants to the fundamentals of using and applying various social networking technologies.

The focus of the session will be on the applied use of various devices and networking methods including Twitter, Facebook, blogging, web conferencing, and related information technologies as it applied to community development. The session is meant to be participatory and deliberative with opportunities for hands-on use of the different sites and technologies.

We are encouraging individuals to engage in pre-conference conversations about conference sessions or any community development topic; Our preferred method of communication is our Ning site at:

<http://communitydevelopmentsociety.ning.com/>

We also have a Facebook presence at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=6002603385>

We also have a Twitter presence:

<https://twitter.com/CommDevSoc>

Last, members can always communicate via our CDS List Serve at: CDS-L@listserv.unl.edu

We will have limited computers available for use by participants but there will be wireless opportunities, so please bring your own laptop to the session. We look forward to seeing you at the Session!

CDS UpFront

**Compiled by Timothy Collins
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- June 2010**

Will Social Media Revolutionize the Planning System?

Joe Peach understands "that online technologies and the city are becoming increasingly integrated," and argues that social media should have a democratizing effect on the planning process.

[Read the article](#)

An Evolving Relationship: Executive Branch Approaches to Civic Engagement

A paper, prepared by Brad Rourke, reviews two decades of Executive Branch approaches to civic engagement, participation and service, and looks at how philanthropy has worked with government on these issues.

[Read the Paper](#)

Civic Studies, Civic Practices Conference

The "Civic Studies, Civic Practices Conference" is scheduled for July 23-24, 2010. The conference is the concluding event of the second annual Summer Institute of Civic Studies at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship & Public Service Tufts University.

[More information](#)

Minnesota GreenStep Cities

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is an action-oriented voluntary program offering a cost-effective, simple pathway to sustainability by implementing proven best practices. Technical assistance is available from state agencies, utilities, nonprofit organizations, and others.

[More information](#)

Neighborhood Forms Solar Energy Cooperative

The Mount Pleasant Solar Co-op in Washington, DC, is one of a growing number of solar community projects forming nationwide.

[CNBC](#)

State of Metropolitan America

The Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program has taken a look at the demographic transformation affecting cities across the country.

[Read the report](#)

Whither the Metropolis?

Architect Leon Krier says that "metropolitan development is a mistake and is unsustainable," calling for a more polycentric approach.

[Read the interview](#)

HUD chief says place matters

At the recent 18th Congress for New Urbanism, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan made a tremendous declaration: "For the first time in the history of federal grant competitions, I want to announce today that HUD will be using location efficiency to score our grant applications."

[Read more](#)

Midwest Rural Assembly

The 2010 Midwest Rural Assembly will be held at the Marina Inn Conference Center, in South Sioux City, Nebraska on August 16-17, 2010, to focus on rural community prosperity in the region.

[For more information contact](#)

From the "Main Street Economist"

Fiscal challenges at state and local governments are a potential threat to the economic recovery in rural America. While many solutions to fiscal challenges can be painful, economist Alison Felix and Omaha Branch Executive Jason Henderson explain that rural America has the opportunity to foster a new round of innovation in service delivery through consolidation, cooperation and privatization of services.

[Read the article](#)

"Community Connections" from the Kansas City Fed
Community Connections is an online Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City publication that provides timely information on community and economic development trends across the Tenth District. Published quarterly, it reports on research, programs and emerging issues affecting low- and moderate-income and small business communities.

[Go to the Latest Issue](#)

Philanthropy Expert To Share Insights

Rick Cohen, national correspondent for Nonprofit Quarterly and a leading expert on nonprofit and philanthropic issues, will share his insights on the current state of the nonprofit sector, philanthropy and nonprofit policy on Tuesday, July 20, as part of the Bank's Community Development Speaker Series.

[Learn more](#)

Vilsack, Chu see future for rural-driven energy

On June 1, Secretary Vilsack, with Energy Secretary Steven Chu, outlined why they believe President Obama's energy independence plan benefits rural Americans.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Will USDA's Rural Summit Be End or Beginning?

The Rural Summit, held recently in Hillsboro, Missouri, was the end of the Obama Administration's Rural Tour. The question now is whether what was learned over the last year or so will translate into federal legislation.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Arkansas Community Revitalization Efforts Share Great Approaches

For more than a year, the Rural Community Alliance has been partnering with small communities in Arkansas on community-based revitalization efforts.

[Learn about the effort](#)

The Roots of Compassion

To be compassionate toward others, we first have to learn to be merciful with ourselves.

[Yes Magazine](#)

News from Tamarack

2010 Communities Collaborating Institute, Leading Together in Chaotic Times, will be held at the Delta Kitchener from September 27 to October 1, 2010.

[More information](#)

Midwest CDI: August 9-12 in Moline, IL

The Midwest CDI is a great training opportunity for you to improve your skills in community and economic development. Early bird registration deadline is June 30.

[More information](#)

Grants

[Department of Health and Human Services: Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program](#)

Application deadline: July 12, 2010

[Department of Agriculture: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program](#)

Application deadline: July 16, 2010

[National Endowment for the Humanities: Grants to America's Historical and Cultural](#)

[Organizations](#)

Application deadline: August 18, 2010

Do you have something to share?

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to CDSD@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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