Letter from President Norm Walzer

Keeping up the Momentum

The CDS/IACD conference generated much information and enthusiasm about projects underway around the world with considerable follow-up and contacts among participants. As we start a new year, there will be many opportunities to apply the information to local concerns.

The CDS and IACD will issue a joint newsletter talking about conference activities, pictures, and related issues. This will be a first and should provide members of both organizations better opportunities to know and understand what is happening.

Professional conferences help people find new approaches and learn from past experiences. CDS will continue discussions started during the conference through an active series of outreach efforts including Webinars and CD-Practices. I hope you will find the topics both exciting and useful.

The Webinars and CD-Practices represent excellent opportunities for us to highlight exciting activities and/or projects that you are doing. Other CDS members can learn about accomplishments and how you have been able to stimulate local economic and community development. This information exchange is one of the best benefits members can receive from belonging to CDS. Check the newly revised CDS Website, the Vanguard, and the CDS listserv to keep up with these activities.
the next member in the spotlight!

Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight

Send to a Colleague

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A Call for Papers on topics related to the conference theme: Role of Community in Economic and Natural Disaster Recovery is now available. Brent Hales, James Calvin, and I will edit the special issue of Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society. This issue will be broader than papers presented during the July Conference so we encourage abstracts dealing with the theme.

Another Call for Papers to be published in a special issue of the Journal also has been released: Innovative and Creative Strategies for Community Change, with guest editors Sam Cordes of Purdue University and Norman Walzer of Northern Illinois University.

Check the CDS Website for a full description of both calls.

Thanks for participating in CDS activities and we look forward to working with you this year. Please let us know ways in which the organization can help you do your job better.

Wanted: Leaders for CDS
The Community Development Society International invites members to consider running for a three-year term on the Board of Directors as well as VP of Operations. The Board's main functions are to manage the professional activities and organizational issues of CDS, with special attention to creating and delivering high quality programming to members. The Board meets 3 times per year (including immediately before and after the annual conference) in addition to bi-monthly conference calls.

Serving on the Board offers two special professional opportunities. First, you can help determine and/or deliver educational programming of significant value to professional colleagues and peers. CDS regularly offers webinars, CD-Practices, the journal, and other activities. Second, you will have an opportunity to interact with professional colleagues not only in the U.S. but also around the world. These opportunities can help you learn new ideas and grow professionally.

Serving on the Board does not involve an extensive commitment of time, but you should be willing to help organize projects and activities when needed and provide leadership for these efforts. Having served on a committee, attended conferences, or participation in other CDS activities helps in understanding the
potential for CDS and will make you a more productive Board member. The Board positions rotate on a 3-year basis.

In addition, we are still inviting members to participate on CDS committees. If you do not serve on a committee, there are opportunities available and I encourage you to contact a committee chair. The amount of work is usually not large but participation provides an opportunity to meet colleagues, make professional contacts, and grow professionally. A list of committee chairs is on the CDS web site.

Please contact Lori Landry at lori@assnoffices.com for more information and to express your interest in running for a Board or committee position. Making contact prior to September 30th will be best.

**Norman Walzer**
President

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**News from CDS**

**Fall Webinar Series and Certificate**
Six sessions on Thursdays starting September 23 at 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT: Appreciative Inquiry, Study Circles, Coaching for Community Change, Skills to Facilitate Engagement, Innovative Collaboration with Elected Officials, and Strategic Visioning and Action Alignment.

[More Information](#)

**Online Access to the Journal**
As a member of the CDS, you can access the members only section of the CDS website by using your personalized username and password. The newest benefit? Online access to our journal! To get your password, contact Lori Landry, lori@assnoffices.com.

**From the Finance Committee: CDS Endowment Fund**
In 2011, the CDS Endowment fund will distribute $4,000 as follows:
Ø $1,500 to award three $500 scholarships from the Scholarship Fund to support students of good academic standing and CDS Members in good standing to attend the Annual International Conference;
Ø $1,000 to award on scholarship from the Nette
Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund to help defray the expenses of a CDS member who wishes to participate in a community development conference outside of his or her home continent by presenting a paper or workshop or giving a major address;
Ø $1,500 to the CDS Annual International Conference in Boise, Idaho in 2011 to support the honorarium, travel expenses, lodging expenses, and related reasonable support for plenary presenters whose presence will further the theme and stated goals of the Conference.

Full scholarship criteria, application process, and timeline will be announced to the full CDS membership later this year.

**CDS Social Networking Committee Being Formed**
Interested in Social Networking? Because of interest at the recent Social Networking Session at the CDS 2010 Conference, a new Social Networking Committee is being formed by Paul Lachapelle, CDS Board Member, to investigate current social media technologies and determine how the CDS can use existing information technology (IT) to further the goals and principles of CDS. Contact Paul at commdev@montana.edu for more information.

**CDS "Think Tank" Underway**
Over the past several months, CDS has moved in a new direction with the creation of a "Think Tank" to provide our members, as well as the society, with sources of the latest news and trends in community development and related fields. Interested in participating on the committee? Please contact Collins at t-collins@wiu.edu, Gasteyer at gasteyer@msu.edu, or Lori Landry, lori@assnoffices.com

**Conferences and Meetings**

Youth Webinar on Farm Bill
The National Rural Youth Assembly will host a webinar exclusively for youth on September 21, 2010 @ 1:00pm-2:00pm Central Time to discuss the 2012 Farm Bill legislation. [To Register]

HomeTown Competitiveness Workshop Is Part of CFED Conference
A pre-conference workshop on the Heartland Center for Leadership Development's HomeTown Competitiveness program, winner of the Innovative Program of the Year Award from the Community Development Society, has been scheduled on September 22 before CFED's 2010 Assets...
Learning Conference.
September 22-24, Washington, DC.
Heartland Center

CFED Conference Information

International Economic Development Council: Practicing Economic Development in a Changed Landscape
Columbus Ohio, September 26-29
More Information

Performing the World 2010: Can Performance Change the World?
Performing artists, community organizers, theatre workers, educators, scholars, youth workers, students, social workers, psychotherapists, psychologists, medical doctors, health workers, and business executives are coming from 31 countries to discuss/perform that question and their responses to it.
September 30- October 3, 2010, New York City
More Information

Trust for Public Land
Hartford, CT, October 2-5
More Information

Community Capitals Framework Workshop
The Sixth Community Capitals Framework Institute, sponsored by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, will focus broadly on issues related to mapping impact and understanding change processes employing the Community Capitals Framework. Those using the CCF in their practice, research and evaluation work as well as those who want to know more about the framework and how they might use it are invited. The Institute will start Friday, October 15, at 8 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 16. To register, please click on the PayPal button below by October 6, 2010.
To Register

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City CD Speaker
On October 21, The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Community Development Speaker Series features author and money coach Olivia Mellan, who will share her experiences and techniques in helping individuals and families move toward money harmony and how the psychology of money influences behaviors.
More Information

The 8th Annual Manitoba CD/CED Gathering
October 22, Canada's largest annual CED learning event Cultivating Cooperation - the 8th Annual Manitoba CD/CED Gathering.
To Register

University Economic Development Association
Reno, NV, November 7-9
More Information

University of Wisconsin Extension Basic Economic Development Course
Nov 8-11, 2010, Madison, WI
More Information
International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal Conference  
More Information

From the Transition Network: Diverse Roots of Belonging Conference  
November 20 - 21, Edinburgh  
The Transition Diverse Roots of Belonging conference invites you to come and share your work, explore where you come from and where you belong, and learn about other ways to connect with people in your own community and beyond.  
More Information

Food and Agriculture Under the Big Sky  
The Joint 2011 Annual Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS), Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), & Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN) will be June 9 - 12, 2011 at the University of Montana - Missoula.  
More Information

Grant Opportunities

Department of Commerce: Space Coast Regional Innovation Cluster Competition  
Application deadline: October 15, 2010

Environmental Protection Agency: Brownfields Assessment Grants  
Application deadline: October 15, 2010

Department of Housing and Urban Development: Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Planning and Implementation Grants  
Application deadline: October 26, 2010

Department of Housing and Urban Development: Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages  
Application deadline: October 27, 2010

Institute of Museum and Library Services: Museums for America  
Application deadline: November 1, 2010

Department of Health and Human Services: Rural Health Network Development Grant Program  
Application deadline: November 12, 2010

Department of Agriculture: Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program  
Application deadline: November 17, 2010
Rethinking CD
According to some of our colleagues from the United Kingdom who were at the CDS/IACD conference, the very notion of community development needs to be rethought in a rapidly changing world, according to Timothy Collins.

Daily Yonder

The New Orleans Index at Five
The index combines comprehensive trends analyses with seven scholar essays on key post-Katrina reforms. It reveals that the area is on the upswing, but much work lies ahead if this metropolis is to emerge with a stronger economy, better opportunities for its residents, and a more sustainable future.

Brookings

The Community Organizers Handbook
Pages include overviews, programmatic details related to NetSquared Local, case studies from organizers in the field, and resources to help you be successful.

View the Wiki site

Balanced Wealth Creation for Communities
A balanced approach to development-triple bottom line development-benefits the economy, the environment and social inclusion simultaneously.

Yellow Wood Associates

Giving Land Away to Make Money
Beatrice, NE, is returning to its homesteading roots to attract new residents. So are some other places.

New York Times

Rental Housing Market Tougher for Poor
Housing has become increasingly unaffordable for low-income renters since the start of the recession, according to fresh data from several sources.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

A Generational Rainbow
Baby boomers and minors under 18 are the fastest growing population groups in the U.S. The boomers are primarily white. The minors are not.

National Journal

2010 Midwest Rural Assembly: Welcoming young adults, building regional collaboration
Read the summary
Emerging Urban Trend
It appears young people are returning to some cities, reflecting a new attitude in city leadership, one that admits the failure of the re-industrialization efforts of the last decades and instead invents ways to attract new types of residents and keep current ones from leaving. New York Times

Networks - Not Size - Give Cities Competitive Advantage
A city's size no longer is the key factor in building vibrant local economies, according to a study by Michigan State University sociologist Zachary Neal. Science Daily

Environmental Charter High School
In the Fall of 2006, Environmental Charter High School launched the Green Ambassadors Program and Course. The Green Ambassadors Program is an environmental education program that empowers youth to be agents of change in their communities and world. Through service learning, community partnerships, and cross-cultural and global exchange, the program fosters personal growth and leadership skills to help youth tackle environmental issues. Environmental Charter High School

When it comes to green jobs, let's debate the right issue
Building the green economy relies on understanding of the interplay of natural systems, according to this Op-Ed piece. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

New Journal of Possible Interest to CDS Members
Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (JAFSCD) Volume 1, Issue 1 / August 2010

My 10-Mile Diet … in a Global Food System
My eating experiment is making me think differently about food security around the world, according to Vicki Robin. Yes Magazine

Problems for Rural Groceries
Rural groceries are in trouble, pressured by high utility costs, competition from big box chains and customers who drive off to find bargains instead of buying at home, according to David E. Procter. Daily Yonder

New Types of Coops
Rural co-ops aren't just for electricity anymore. Now small towns, hospitals, schools -- and rural residents, too -- are joining forces to save on everything from paper to funeral services, according to Nancy Jorgenson. Daily Yonder

New Look for dotCoop Website
dotCoop has a new look for www.coop, the home site for the .coop domain. The new site provides a step-by-step "how-to" for co-ops to get the .coop domain they need.

Useful Resource
The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) is a national member-led organization committed to strengthening Canadian communities by creating better economic opportunities and enhancing environmental and social conditions. More Information

Help Support the IACD Local Group in Pakistan
Make a donation to IACD to help support the local group in Pakistan respond to the flooding disaster. Give securely online at JustGiving.
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 CDS@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.