

**Community Development Society Board of Directors
Minutes – January 18, 2012**

Present: Tony Gauvin, Connie Loden, John Green, Joyce Hoeling, Abbie Gaffey, Brent Hales, Peggy Blankenship, Linda Sunde, James Wilcox, Tim Collins and Chris Marko.

Brent Hales called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of December 21, 2011 – Tony Gauvin moved, seconded by Joyce Hoeling to accept the Minutes of the December 21, 2011 CDS Board meeting. Unanimous approval.

CDS Business Office Report – Peggy Blankenship presented the Business Office Report. Eighty-two abstracts have been received for presentations at the Annual Conference. There are now 200 paid members. There was a request to send out notification of membership benefits to everyone on the mailing list. The group asked to see a list of those that have not renewed since last year. Peggy noted that Lori will send this information out.

Linda Sunde noted that as an electronic member she was promised to receive a notification from either Taylor and Francis or the business office that the latest Journal is available for download. To date, she has not received such a notification. She is getting the Vanguard and the reminders for the calls for presentation.

The CDS business office will look into seeing how we can get an electronic reminder out to the members when the Journal is ready for review.

Treasurer's Report – Brent Hales presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Steve Jeanetta. Assets/balance in the accounts is \$52,000. This is about \$40,000 short of budget but will be made up in conference revenues. Linda Sunde asked about the scholarship funds. It was noted that board members need to make donations to the Roots and Wings fund. Chris Marko noted that memberships are up by about 30. A newly updated membership list was sent out by Lori Landry during the meeting so calls can be made to individuals who have not renewed their memberships yet. Also noted was the need to continue the search for a VP for Operations candidate. Brent had a conversation with Dave Lamie this morning and he has shown interest in running for Vice President but needed to check on a few things. Linda Sunde noted that she is sending personal thank you letters for the Endowment and was getting the information from Mallory Mayhew in a timely manner. She asked that this continue with the new replacement person.

Question for Linda Sunde from Tim Collins: Could the Endowment unrestricted fund be used to pay for the website updates necessary? Linda Sunde: The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the March meeting to the use of funds and the board

would have the ability to change this recommendation or approve as recommended. Linda Sunde will share this request with the subcommittee when they have their call tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Planning – Brent Hales reported for Beau Beaulieu that they have been in contact with the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston making arrangements for the 2013 conference. Brent also reported on a meeting held with the Heartland Center regarding a webinar proposal. A discussion was also held regarding updating the website and whether or not to make the membership list publicly accessible. The concern was regarding privacy. It was decided to send this issue to the Executive Committee for resolution.

Awards – Joyce Hoeling reported and asked if the nomination forms need linked to the website. Connie Loden reported that nomination forms have been sent out.

Communications - Joyce Hoeling gave a communications committee report for the committee. They are reviewing one applicant for the Journal editor position.

International Committee – Tony Gauvin provided a written report. Motion by Tony Gauvin, seconded by Connie Loden, to seek consultative status with the UN. It would be up to the board to see how this representation would be filled. James Wilcox suggested that the International Committee could fill some slots and the members of the CDS could fill others. Question by Chris Marko – what is the difference between the two status types? “General Status” – for larger organization that cover more areas of study “Consultative Status” – for smaller NGOs which focus on a more limited scope of study. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the International Committee is 4 p.m. (CST), Friday, February 24. Esther Farmer will be continuing the joint newsletter between IACD and CDS for the coming year. James Wilcox suggested that we should have a discounted rate for members who belong to IACD and CDS. No dollar amount was discussed by the International Committee. International Committee was asked to bring back a recommendation to the board which includes additional details about how this discount would work.

Further discussion of the website and a request to clarify what services the Association provides regarding the website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Gaffey
CDS Board Secretary