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Chair's Update KP Williams

Greetings from a very frigid Ames, Iowa! While we would likely be experiencing the cold temperatures of deep winter here anyway, we understand many of our friends throughout the United States are experiencing frigid temperatures and, in some cases, dangerous situations without consistent power. We do hope everyone is staying warm and well. This month, I am excited to share some additional updates about the board and CDS members' work,

including updating the Principles of Good Practice, the inauguration of the India Chapter of CDS, and request for working group members to review and amend the CDS Principles of Good Practice.

KP discusses Black History month, the inauguration of the India Chapter of CDS and invites participation in updating the Policies and Operational Guidelines.

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Call for Additional Proposals for Papers and Posters for 2021 Virtual Conference!




 Organized by the Great Plains IDEA
 Community Development Faculty

We are currently seeking additional proposals for papers and posters from researchers, practitioners, and others involved in community work for the Community Development Society's 2021 Annual International Virtual Conference, which will be held online July 12-15, 2021.

Proposals related to the conference theme, "Global Challenges, Local Resilience" are encouraged, but all submissions will be given full consideration. Each 45-minute concurrent breakout session will include 1-3 accepted presentations. We will contact you regarding how your proposal might fit into these sessions and the overall conference program.

CDS promotes inclusive access. If you have questions or experience technical difficulties submitting your proposal, please contact Justin Fallon Dollard, **CDS Vice Chair of Programs**. Please use "CDS 2021 Virtual Conference Proposal" in the subject line.

The deadline for proposal submissions is April 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST. All information regarding proposal guidelines and types can be found on **in this PDF document** and on the **conference webpage**.

The 2021 Virtual Conference will explore how community developers, organizers, and leaders pursue local resilience in light of global challenges, and how local actions contribute to global resilience in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, refugee migration, workforce and trade disruption, and other challenges.

Registration is open on the CDS website at: **<https://cvent.me/YgLbX0>**. The deadline to register is July 9, 2021.

Inaugural Webinar to Explore a CDS India Chapter



On February 12, CDS board member Dilip Patel, along with Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College (Ghatkopar, Mumbai, India), hosted over 128 CD educators, practitioners and students in an inaugural webinar to learn about CDS, membership benefits and explore chapter affiliation.

Over 600 potential participants were invited to the meeting which occurred at 10 pm. in India. The well-

organized program featured presentations about CDS, CDS history, benefits of membership, benefits of chapters, and youth engagement from CDS board members and committee chairs followed by Q&A.

Congratulations to Dilip and his colleagues in India. We look forward to hearing much more about the exciting work to connect CD in India and link to CDS.

Membership Webinar Series



Left to Right: Cornelia Flora, Ph.D Emeritus Professor, Iowa State University; Mary Emery, Ph.D Department Head, Sociology and Rural Studies, South Dakota State University.

Spiraling Up: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

Join CDS Past Presidents Cornelia Flora and Mary Emery as they discuss their seminal research. This webinar, hosted by Eric Trevan, Executive Leadership Fellow, and Craig Talmage, interim Editor-in-Chief of *Community Development*, showcases the high impact of Emery and Flora's article "Spiraling-up: Mapping community transformation with community capitals framework"* published in *Community Development*. The impacts on research and practice are discussed as well as the future of the community capitals framework for communities in the face of local and global challenges.

Please watch a great dialogue focusing on the inception of the research, impacts on the field and future opportunities and influence on the field of community development.

*Emery, M., & Flora, C. (2006). Spiraling-up: Mapping community transformation with community capitals framework. *Community development*, 37(1), 19-35.

[Watch the Zoom Video](#)

Committee Updates

Membership Committee Chapters Working Group update

The Chapters Working Group recently hosted a meeting of internationally-interested members. We heard updates on the successful inauguration of steps to form a chapter in India and exploration of the same in South Africa.

The group will be planning the conference's virtual international reception and shared strategies for promoting conference participation among students, practitioners and educators. Work is about to commence towards creation of a student chapter. Anyone interested in these activities should contact [Mary Simon Leuci](#).

Stewardship Committee update

The Stewardship Committee, chaired by the CDS Treasurer, is charged with conducting donor outreach, managing donor relationships, and overseeing endowments and dispersal of donor-directed funds.

Stewardship Committee members Jessica Beckendorf, Mary Emery, Ron Hustedde, Paul Lachapelle, Neil Linscheid, and Bob Bertsch have decided to focus on the following areas in

2021:

- Building relationships and practices that promote growth and sustainability of the committee
- Taking a collaborative and strategic approach, engaging and coordinating with other committees, in our donor relations efforts
- Reviewing our fund management arrangement, including consideration of socially-responsible investing

What else has the committee been working on?

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Programs Committee

Professional Development Working Group Update

The success of a recent fee-paying CDS co-sponsored Virtual Symposium and Publishing Workshop demonstrated pent-up demand for professional development. Many thanks to Craig Talmage, interim Editor-in-Chief, *Community Development*, for organizing that virtual symposium.

We need you - get involved!



CDS is a membership driven organization. We need you to get involved in your organization. Together, we can build a stronger organization and support our work across the community development spectrum. Learn more about the activities below and join to play an active role in shaping the future of CDS.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is currently investigating options for a socially-responsible investment strategy for the CDS Endowment and will be looking at plans for scholarships and the auction fundraiser. Members spend two to three hours each month on committee business, including monthly meetings. Please contact [**Bob Bertsch**](#) for more details.

Programs Committee - Standards Working Group

Interested in exploring how CDS could lead or support academic accreditation and professional certification? CDS intends to form a Standard Committee and needs your participation. The committee will typically meet monthly and you should expect to volunteer four hours minimum per month. Please contact [**Justin Fallon Dollard**](#) for more details.

Programs Committee - Professional Development Working Group

CDS intends to form a Professional Development Committee to plan for future professional development opportunities. This is a great opportunity for seasoned community development practitioners and researchers, especially those published in CDS sponsored *Community Development*, *Local Development & Society*, *CD Practice*, *Vanguard*, and case studies and books. The committee will typically meet monthly and you should expect to volunteer four hours minimum per month. Please contact [**Eric Trevan**](#) for more details.

Programs Committee - Webinars Working Group

CDS membership spans Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. As a result, CDS intends to form a Webinars Committee to develop globally accessible, interactive and asynchronous (on-demand) programming. This is another great opportunity for seasoned community development practitioners and researchers, especially those published in CDS sponsored *Community Development*, *Local Development & Society*, *CD Practice*, *Vanguard*, and case studies and books. The committee will typically meet monthly and you should expect to volunteer four hours minimum per month. Please contact [**Eric Trevan**](#) for more details.

Membership Committee - Recruitment & Retention Working Group

This working group is exploring ways to increase membership and encourages everyone to share the benefits of CDS with their colleagues. Membership benefits include networking, access to our journals, CD Practice, annual conference, and awards. Please contact [Ron Hustedde](#) for more details.

[Learn More](#)

Membership Committee - Chapters Working Group

The Chapters working group is engaging international perspectives in CDS issues, exploring stronger partnerships with the International Association of Community Development (IACD), building a student chapter, and supporting CD practitioners and educators to collaborate. Please contact [Mary Simon Leuci](#) for more details.

[Learn More](#)

Membership Committee - Communication & Engagement Working Group

This working group leads the Vanguard publication, CD Practice, and activities related to membership such as engagement on member needs and priorities. Activities include development of information materials and membership surveys. Please contact [Dan Kahl](#) or [Lisa Gilchrist](#) for more details.

RESOURCES

The Membership Committee knows that we are living in challenging times with respect to the global pandemic, economic shifts, inequities and many other factors. We know these challenges impact CDS members differently depending on personal and local situations.

We have put together some resources to support community wellness and your own self-care during these times.



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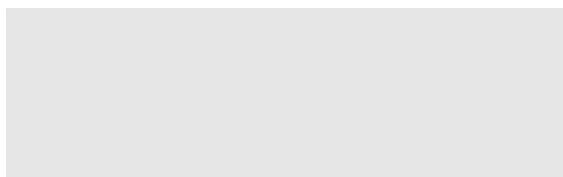
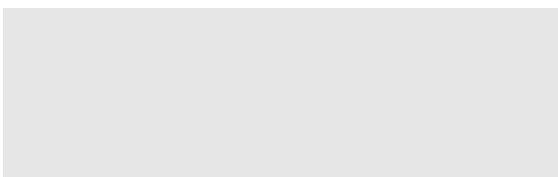
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Laughter just might be the best medicine. Forbes explores science-based reasons.

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[August 2020 Meeting Notes](#)



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