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**President's Update - Building Membership Capacity
and Agency Within CDS - Leadership Flexibility Within
an Evolving Field**

By Bryan Hains

It is very heartening to be part of an energetic and vibrant society - soon to be celebrating its 50th anniversary. Our society is filled with amazing individuals who are passionate about their profession and its future. This passion is what attracted me to the society when I first joined. The Community Development Society's resiliency, especially in an ever-changing culture, is credited to the visionary efforts of its prior leadership and engaged membership. It is in honor of these leaders and membership efforts that we evaluate the current and future needs of our professional colleagues. Recently, our officers and board of directors critically examined the CDS leadership structure in concert with the current and future needs of its membership. This was an insightful process, as our society strives to engage multigenerational members from diverse disciplinary and cultural backgrounds. It raised the recurrent question, "How does CDS best serve its current and future membership?"...

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**Award Nominations Due February 14 - in a New
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By Carrie Stanton

This is your opportunity to nominate peers, colleagues, students, and mentors to be recognized for their contributions to the community development field. Awards will be presented at the 2018 CDS Annual Conference in Detroit, MI on July 22-25. The CDS Awards recognize new and experienced community development practitioners, researchers, students, and supporters as we celebrate the outstanding and innovative leaders in our field. Awards include honors for research, programming, achievement, service to the profession, and community development education. The new process makes it easier for you to nominate someone with the key background information...

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By Caitlin Bletscher

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Agitator, Innovator, or Orchestrator of Change?

By Dan Kahl, Kris Hains, & Aaron Goodman

The Community Development Society (CDS) Fellows met in November to discuss the idea of innovation in community change projects. Reflecting on the article, "Should You Agitate, Innovate, or Orchestrate?" by Battilana and Kimsey[1], the fellows discussed the roles each of us play in initiating change and when different roles may be more effective. Often community development organizations find it necessary to shift between the different roles, depending on the circumstances and what is needed to accomplish the desired community change. "In reality, the boundaries between these roles may blur, with some individuals and organizations playing multiple roles either at once or sequentially. Far from being linear, the social change process may require that change makers switch back and forth among the three roles"[2]. Recognizing that each of us are simultaneously involved in multiple community groups, the fellows identified a community they currently work with...

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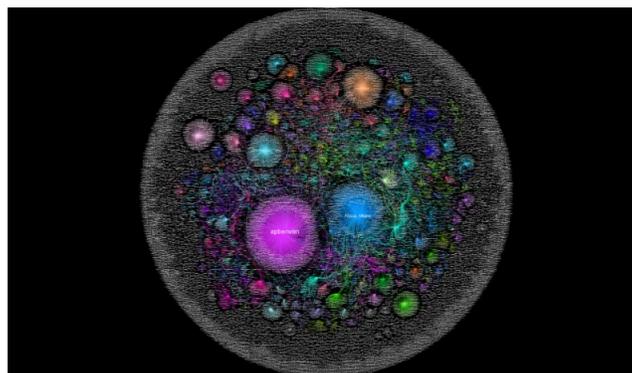
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