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### Jane's Jottings - a Chair's Update by Jane Leonard

The CDS Board gathered last week for our first meeting in 2020. I can't believe it's 2020! We continue work on securing the next phase of transition to an organization shepherded by a full-time Executive Director. While we are in pretty good shape financially, we do not yet have the membership numbers and revenue to support a FT position, so we will continue with part-time staff for the foreseeable future.

The Board also set in motion a transition plan to secure new editors for the Community Development journal as the current arrangements end this July. Big thanks go to John Sipple at Cornell University, USA & Leanne M. Avery at State University of New York at Oneonta, USA, for their long service as our current editors!

**What else is Jane excited about? How can you step up to help CDS?**

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## Join us at the 2020 Conference

The CDS 2020 Annual International Conference will be held July 12-15, 2020 in Fargo, North Dakota.

The theme of the conference is "Global Challenges, Local Resilience." The conference keynote sessions will focus on the global challenges of climate change, immigration, and labor. Each keynote will be followed by a panel discussion focusing on building local resilience in the face of these challenges.

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## Go North of Normal, Join us in Fargo

This place is different. Lying on the west bank of the Red River of the North in southeastern North Dakota, Fargo blends the welcoming Northern Plains culture that we call "North Dakota nice" with the dining, shopping, and activities you expect from a metro area with a population of almost 250,000, three universities, and a vibrant local economy.

We can't wait to welcome you to our community for the 2020 Annual Conference. Check out this short film to learn what it means to be "North of Normal!" [\*\*Watch Video\*\*](#)



Photo by Ben Hushka

## Executive Leadership Fellow Call

The Community Development Society (CDS) seeks to support a part-time Executive Leadership Fellow for 2020-2022 who will provide fiduciary duty, membership recruitment and outreach, advocacy and coordination of research specific to its mission.

The CDS Board of Directors intend to transition the organization from a largely volunteer based organization to one supported by dedicated staff. The fellow will serve in the capacity of Executive Director and assist the board in this transition through recruiting members, sustaining and promoting membership, leading development efforts, supporting financial management, facilitating board governance, and coordinating and/or conducting research.

To support the position, a stipend is offered as well as a laptop computer and conference registration fees. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2020.

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## Job Posting

The Arizona State University's School of Community Resources and Development invites applications for the position of Clinical Assistant Professor to begin May 2020.



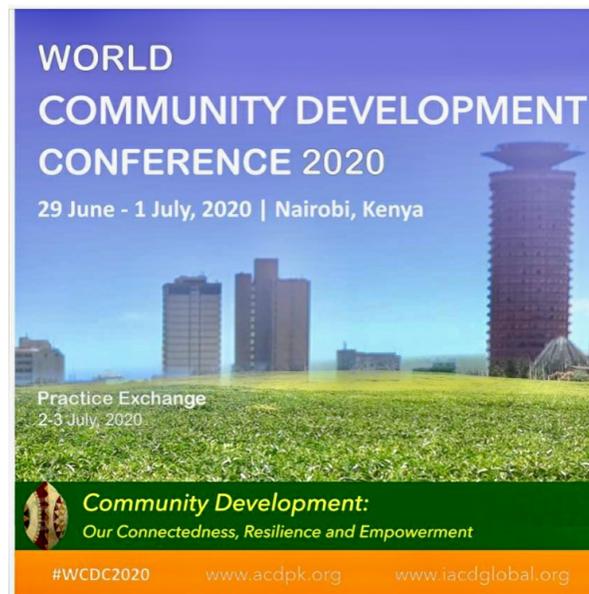
The faculty member will oversee internships, career field experience hours (CFE's), and teach in the undergraduate programs of Nonprofit Leadership and Management, Parks and Recreation Management, Community Sports Management, and Tourism Development and Management. These programs have professional requirements that are administered through courses such as: Community Services and Professions; Leadership and Professional Development; and Senior Internship, a capstone culminating experience. All four of the

## Step Up for CDS Committees

Early in 2019, the Board of Directors approved amended bylaws for CDS, which were shared during the business meeting at the Annual International Conference in Columbia, Missouri, USA. During the business meeting, emphasis was placed on the revised structure and leadership of the standing and ad hoc committees of the Society.

The Board has spent the subsequent months redeveloping committee descriptions, committee membership and leadership needs, and establishing priorities for the coming months. **Be on the look out for** a follow up e-mail with this updated committee information and your chance to express interest in serving on or helping to lead one or more CDS committees!

## IACD 2020 Conference



Community development is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline concerned with the organization, education and empowerment of people within their communities and the International Association for Community Development (IACD) is the only global multi-disciplinary network for those who work in this field.

[Join the IACD conference](#)

## RESOURCES



### Understanding Volunteers

The Charity Village Knowledge Center is where you can find free resources to help guide a career in the nonprofit sector along with industry news and information about Charity Village. Learn about volunteer management and support.

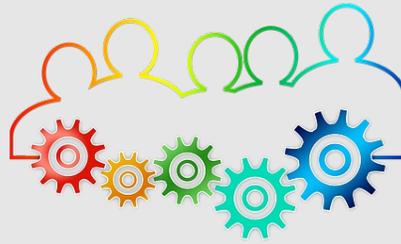
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