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CDS Awards Nominations Launch

The 2021 Awards Season is here. The Community Development Society awards nomination portal is now open. Nominations close April 30, 2021.

Nominate colleagues for the following awards:

- Donald K. Gibson Distinguished Service Award
- Ted K. Bradshaw Outstanding Research Award
- Community Development Achievement Award
- Donald W. Littrell New Professional Award
- Student Recognition Award
- Friend of Community Development Award
- Outstanding Community Development Educator Award



Nominate a colleague or yourself for the following awards:

- Outstanding Program Award
- Innovative Program Award
- Current Research Award
- International Community Development Award

Nomination criteria and past recipients are posted on the website.

[Learn More](#)

Mobile Learning Workshops at the CDS 2021 Virtual Conference



Organized by the Great Plains IDEA
Community Development Faculty

MOBILE LEARNING WORKSHOPS

In addition to the fantastic sessions we are planning for this year's virtual conference July 12-15, we are happy to announce plans for this year's mobile learning workshops. At past CDS conferences, attendees have looked forward to stepping out of the typical conference setting to learn about and interact with the local host community through our mobile learning workshops.

Attendees should look forward to learning about the following areas of community development and community resilience in the greater Fargo area:

- Cultural diversity
- Natural environment
- Energy development
- Arts and development
- Local food systems
- Downtown revitalization

[Learn More](#)

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

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.

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](#).

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

Welcome to the new Vanguard Editor

CDS is pleased to announce that Anita Montgomery has been selected as the next Vanguard Editor. At the March 2021 Board meeting, the CDS Board unanimously approved Anita's appointment as volunteer Vanguard Editor.



Anita Montgomery is a long-time resident of the Arkansas Delta region. She graduated from Iowa State University through the Great Plains Initiative Distance Education Alliance with an M.S. in Community and Regional Planning in 2019. An Air Force veteran, award-winning sports writer and print graphic designer, Anita now works to redefine inclusive design for the autistic community, and renovates abandoned homes to create generational wealth for her autistic adult son.

Anita will step into the editor role with the April 2021 edition of the Vanguard. To discuss story ideas and content, please connect with [Anita](#).

Executive Leadership Fellow Update



Happy Spring!

The changing of the seasons represents our progress as the Community Development Society! We are moving forward through the pandemic, investing in new programs, services, research and outreach. This is hard work. Evolving into CDS 2.0, we are building capacity, embracing diversity and equity, providing outreach and supporting our members. Despite challenges, our members have worked incredibly hard and building our foundation and preparing for our conference July 12-15, 2021. **[Register today](#)**.

Membership-Thank you for renewing your membership. We have placed a call to action for all previous CDS members to renew their membership and support the mission of the society. Eric has provided a Membership Development Strategy to the Board of Directors.

Community Outreach- Eric is proud that during the pandemic we have had opportunities to provide ongoing engagement with CDS and our community. The webinars to date have been a success. Our next webinars will focus on the editorial team for Local Development and Society as well as a group of researchers and practitioners who published Beyond the Façade: layering downtown spillover investment in CD Practice. The webinars will take place in the next couple months with more information on its way. Stay tuned!

Support CDS-Many members and other foundations have asked how can they support the mission of the society. We have had discussions around individual contributions, matching gifts, grants and partnerships. This is exciting! If you have an idea of how to provide financial assistance, contribution, possible donors or relationships with granting organizations, please contact Eric and we can work together to align their interests with our strategic priorities.

Please contact **[Eric Trevan](#)** for more information.

Committee Updates

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.

The Stewardship Committee met on March 1, 2021 to discuss two proposals to the CDS Board of Directors, a proposal for the 2021 CDS Budget and a proposal to conduct an independent audit of CDS financial practices. Both proposals were approved by the Stewardship Committee and are awaiting Board action.

We have scheduled all of our meetings for the remainder of 2021, and we would love to have members join us to share their ideas and learn more about the work we are doing.

Next Stewardship Committee Meeting

- Monday, April 12, 2021 at 17:00 (5 p.m.) EDT U.S./22:00 (10 p.m.) BST

Join the Meeting

Please contact **Bob Bertsch** for more information.

Membership Committee Chapters Working Group update

An ad-hoc internationalization working group is meeting once a month via Zoom to discuss CD across international venues and engage international perspectives in CDS issues. This group is a critical voice for dialogue and opportunity for maintaining engagement among our internationally-minded members.

The group is planning a dynamic virtual international “reception” for the 2021 conference, promoting the conference internationally and encouraging submissions for presentation. Promotion for renewal of memberships and encouraging new members has also been discussed.

The group is also discussing ways to foster more international connections among members for mutual learning and support—linking with the work of membership and recruitment and communications (Ron Hustedde, Lisa Gilchrist, and Cornel Hart have been participating). The importance of engaging members working in community development from private companies, nonprofits and government has emerged as well as the need for ongoing mentoring opportunities (beyond just the conference).

Issues raised about the website, membership renewal, and opportunities for engagement have been passed along to the Membership and Recruitment and Communications workgroups. Programming ideas will also be passed along to appropriate working groups in CDS as well.

Several people have presented about IACD’s work to convene CD practitioners and educators regionally via virtual means during the pandemic. Anastasia Crickley and Connie Loden are regularly joining and contributing.

Please contact **Mary Simon Leuci** for more details.

Recruitment and Retention Working Group update

The Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Working Group is ready to move forward with an aggressive multi-year recruitment campaign. It is important that we work with the Communications & Engagement and Chapters Working Groups for our efforts. Together, we will prepare recruitment letters and follow-up.

Our current targets for 2021 membership recruitment and retention includes the following:

- Reaching out to current members to recruit additional members for lists or other contacts.
- Contacting over 2,000 people who receive Vanguard. Many of these are former CDS members who could become members again.

- We received a list of about 5,000 people who have submitted articles or served as reviewers for Community Development.
- We have identified over 1,100 U.S. university and college educators who are associated with about 100 community development degree programs or community development minors or certifications.
- The Society has working relationships with three organizations: Community Development Council, International Association for Community Development (IACD); and National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP). We need to pursue these exchanges and encourage joint membership and other news with these organizations.

The membership subcommittee is cooperating with the Chapters Working Group for a new chapter in India and another potential chapter that is being initiated by Samuel Onyenswe from Oando Energy Resources in Nigeria.

Please contact [Ron Hustedde](#) for more details.

Lend a Hand - 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 - 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.

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.

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.

Membership Committee - Awards

If you have any questions about the awards process – or if you would like to volunteer to help with the awards committee – please contact Michael Dougherty, the Awards Committee Chair, at michael.dougherty@mail.wvu.edu Work would involve publicizing the awards, reviewing the nominations, deciding upon the recipients, and helping present the recognition honors during the virtual conference in July.

Job Posting

Professor for Global Development Department at Cornell University

Cornell University is searching for a non-tenure track Associate or Full Professor of the Practice (9-month position). Cornell University is deeply invested in engaged learning and research. The successful candidate will directly shape the new undergraduate Global Development program, working with diverse colleagues engaged in domestic and international partnerships.

[Learn More](#)

RESOURCES



COMMUNITY COHESION

The aim of this framework is to provide practical guidance for anyone seeking to work with their local communities towards creating greater community cohesion. It builds on the findings of Involve's research into the relationship between local-level public participation and community cohesion.

[Learn More](#)

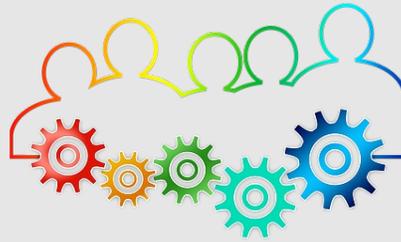
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[CDS Annual Business Meeting](#)

[August 2020 Meeting Notes](#)



MEMBER BENEFITS

CDS Members get access to our Journals!

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