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### Chair's Update by Kyle Patrick Williams

Are you looking to be more involved with CDS as we reimagine our roles and community development efforts in 2021 and beyond? Now is your opportunity to be part of leading CDS forward! You can soon look forward to correspondence from the CDS Secretary for information regarding the call for nominations and annual election for CDS officers and directors.



Regrettably, there have been some resignations from the board and executive committee in recent months. Per the bylaws approved in 2019, the board has discretion and power to fill vacancies. However, in the interest of transparency and the timing of these vacancies, the annual election will include special elections for the unexpired terms and the regular recruitment of two directors and Vice Chair of Operations. If you want to learn more about board service, please do not hesitate to contact any directors or officers.

## Boomset Platform to Host 2021 Virtual CDS Conference



This year, the CDS Virtual Conference will be held through Boomset, a fantastic virtual events platform. Boomset features virtual sessions where you can interact with speakers using chat and a Q&A feature. Boomset also includes breakout room features, allowing attendees to discuss topics with other conference attendees. You will be able to connect with other attendees outside of the conference sessions as well! Boomset provides tools for chatting, one-on-one video calls, and even group calls with other attendees. Check out the video below to see how Boomset worked for another organization's conference.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6NN6ookuUU>

Register today for the July 12-15 conference, and come ready to learn about how community developers and organizers pursue local resilience in light of global challenges! [Click here to register for the 2021 CDS Virtual Conference!](#)

## 2021 IACD Virtual Conference: June 21-23



The Virtual World CD Conference hosted by the International Association for Community Development and the Association of Community Development Practitioners-Kenya will occur June 21-23, 2021. The theme for the conference is Our Connectedness, Resilience, and Empowerment.

- General information about the conference can be found at: <https://www.iacdglobal.org/events/wcdc/>.
- Registration is open. Conference registration is \$50 (US) for international participants/presenters. For more information about the registration process and a link to register, see <https://wcdc2020.acdpk.org/registration>.

**Aligning CDS Investments With Values Webinar**



The CDS Stewardship Committee invites you to join us for a webinar on the opportunities in impact and socially responsible investing for community development nonprofits on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CDT/1600 (4 p.m.) BST.

The Stewardship Committee has been discussing how to better align CDS investments with CDS values. Currently the Linda Sunde Endowment Fund (LSEF) and the CDS

Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF) are invested in investment pools that may include stocks of companies in the following industries: adult entertainment, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, fossil fuels, gambling, and nuclear power. Investing in these industries does not reflect CDS members' commitment to supporting activities that encourage broad participation and promote health, justice, and sustainability in the communities with which they work.

The Aligning CDS Investments with CDS Values webinar will provide an opportunity for CDS members to learn more about impact and socially responsible investing, ask questions, and provide feedback. Deb Markley from Locus Impact Investing and Patric Glassell from CNote will join the webinar to talk about how nonprofits are adjusting their investment strategy to align with their mission and values, and how impact investing can help create change in communities.

**Register** now for the Aligning CDS Investments with CDS Values webinar!

## Community Development Seeking Submissions For Special and Thematic Issues

*Community Development*, the journal of the Community Development Society (<https://comm-dev.org>), is pleased to announce a special issue and two thematic issue opportunities. Our special issue focuses on "Community Development and Higher Education: Where We Have Been, Where We Are, Where We Are Going". Our first thematic issue focuses on Community Engagement in Education with Underrepresented Populations. Our second thematic issue focuses on Schools, Children and Community Development.



The deadline for submissions for the first two issues is June 30, 2021. The second thematic issue on children and schools asks that you email the co-editors with article titles and abstracts by June 30, 2021. Please contact interim editor-in-chief, Craig Talmage ([Talmage@hws.edu](mailto:Talmage@hws.edu)) with any questions about these special and thematic opportunities or the review/publishing process. For general inquiries, please email us at [journalcds@gmail.com](mailto:journalcds@gmail.com).

**How to submit:** Interested authors can submit their pieces prior to the deadlines at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rcod20/current>. Please write in your cover letter and when prompted in our Scholar One portal the issue where your manuscript would be the best fit. Note: The editors of the second thematic issue request initial reviews of titles and abstracts via email. You can always submit your work as a general submission, too.

## Stewardship Committee Gives Financial Report



The Stewardship Committee reviewed the CDS finances for the first quarter of 2021 at its May 3 committee meeting. CDS showed a net income of \$26,641 in the first quarter of 2021. Income for the quarter included two large sources of annual revenue, conference sponsorships (\$16,500) and publications income (\$28,043). Membership dues continued a strong showing with \$2,630 in March and \$7,410 year to date, which is \$3,534 over budget for the quarter.

The Linda Sunde Endowment Fund and the Strategic Initiatives Fund investments generated total unrealized earnings of \$11,543 in the first quarter.

We have scheduled all 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.

The next Stewardship Committee Meeting is Monday, June 7, 2021 at 17:00 (5 p.m.) EDT U.S./22:00 (10 p.m.) BST. Please join us if you are interested in helping with this work. Stewardship Committee members spend 2-3 hours each month on committee business, including our monthly meeting. If you are interested in joining, please contact me at [robert.bertsch@ndsu.edu](mailto:robert.bertsch@ndsu.edu).

Bob Bertsch, CDS Treasurer

## Social Capital Research Offers Webinars: Putnam, Uslaner in May

**Robert Putnam:**  
**May 21, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. EDT**

Putnam will discuss the evolution of his work on social capital over the last 30 years from Making Democracy Work (1993) to The Upswing (2020). If you are at all familiar with the concept of social capital, you will know Putnam's publications on the topic, and how incredibly important and influential his work has been. Bob will discuss his historical experiences with social capital research, how to overcome challenges, and what steps are useful to communicate the topic within academia and politics.



**Eric Uslaner:**  
**May 27, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EDT**

Topic: Trust, Segregation, and National Identity

Social cohesion is a multifaceted concept including generalized trust, measures of well-being such as socio-economic conditions (are people thriving, suffering, or struggling) and whether they accept diversity, and national identity (belonging to a nation and deserving its welfare benefits).

For more information about the webinars, click [Social Capital Events and Webinars](#).

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