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President's Update

President's Update - Flying the plane together
By Cindy Banyai

I read recently that flight instructors tell student pilots to "just fly the plane" when problems arise in the sky. They do this to remind the pilot to not become so distracted by problems that they crash the plane. I'm writing this President's Update as your new pilot working to ensure our CDS plane does not crash. Although we have been through some turbulence, we are back to flying this plane together - our conference is on track, our leadership is strengthening, and our management is streamlining. Your Directors and Officers have re-committed themselves to working for the members, actively designing more and better processes for engagement. Here we go together!...

...Recent leadership resignations left some temporary gaps. Following our current guiding documents, the bylaws enacted in 2004, and confirmed by our committees and board, I assumed to the presidency and will continue through my elected term ending July 2019. It is my honor to continue to serve CDS. I promise to bring to my presidency the same effort and commitment to our organization that has guided me thus far. I will work to improve our governance, organization development, and meaningful member engagement. I strive to listen to our members and work in the interest of our organization. Please feel free to reach out to me directly (Cindy@BanyaiConsulting.com, (239) 4654-6976) if you have any thoughts or concerns or see a role you can play to help us achieve these goals.

The Conference Planning Committee, with the support of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the past presidents, is taking on the responsibility of stewarding our 2018 conference to success in lieu of appointing a Vice President of Programs. I will also continue to serve as conference chair to coordinate these collaborative efforts.

The Board has appointed Jane Leonard to serve as Vice President of Operations. She has accepted the appointment and is currently working with the Executive Committee and Board to ensure we have a conference location for 2020. She brings not only her professional experience as a "prac-academic" to the role, but the experience of having been part of the CDS leadership in the past. She will no doubt add a bridging dimension to discussions on the advancement of our organization. I really appreciate Jane's willingness to step up for our organization in a time of need...
..This has been a challenging time for CDS and for me

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**NEH: Digital Projects
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Deadline: June 6

**IMLS: Laura Bush
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Deadline: June 8

**USDA: 2019 Market
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personally. I look at what has happened recently, and I can hardly believe what we have been through. I do know we learn from mistakes and we become stronger through challenge. The committed remain to drive us forward together. I am proud to be a part of CDS, where we have been and where we are going. It is an honor to serve our members and our field. Although I can't promise to never make mistakes, I can promise to always work for the best interest of our organization and its members. This is as true today as it's always been. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve. Let me know how I can serve better - I'm listening.

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CDS News

Life or Death! Why Community Engagement is So Important

By Dan Kahl

For those involved in community development, we know that community engagement is the heart of change. We assist groups to organize to respond to shared issues. Engagement is how people connect and act together. Sometimes these interactions can lead to shared agreement, unified investment, and sustained commitment to a solution. Sometimes the interactions can be selfish, dysfunctional, divisive, and lead to distrust and resentment. How the interactions are structured can have significant impact on the outcomes of the situation...

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CDS Scholarship Deadlines Extended to May 29 at Noon!

By Michael Fortunato

Great news! The deadline for CDS scholarships in 2018 has been extended to May 29, 2018 at 12:00pm CDT, with up to \$8,000 in travel and support funds available. Please go [here](#) to apply today, and pass the word along to interested faculty, practitioners, and students! We hope you will take advantage of this exciting opportunity, and encourage others to do the same. Please direct questions to Michael Fortunato at michael@creativeinsightcd.com or Jane Leonard at jane@growthandjustice.org. We look forward to seeing you in Detroit!

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CDS Vanguard Editor Position

By Caitlin Bletscher

Interested in networking with our CDS members and community development practitioners? Looking for a while to strengthen your professional portfolio and apply your creativity through marketing and communications? Consider applying for the CDS Vanguard Editor position! The CDS Vanguard is a monthly publication distributed to CDS members and nonmembers, including updates from the Board of Directors, organizational announcements, external resources for educators and practitioners, potential funding sources, and more! In this 10-hour/month position, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with CDS leadership and the CDS Communications Committee, exercise your creativity in marketing and communication strategies, and enhance our presence among community development practitioners worldwide!

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