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Chair's Update by Kyle Patrick Williams

The fall weather descending upon the Midwest is a reminder that we are ushering in another season and its associated changes. We have spent the better part of this calendar year navigating anxiety about the present and uncertainty about the future. Personally, as someone excited about the future, I have struggled to cope with having no real endpoint to COVID, and I have questioned the sustainability of strategies we have adopted to get by. However, one thing has remained

unchanged, and that is the need for accepting personal responsibility for the well-being of our immediate and extended groups. Never before have I appreciated the value of community and our role in its collective development and maintenance.

As we near the end of the first quarter since the annual business meeting, the board has been actively engaged on several issues. In this and subsequent issues of the Vanguard, you will find important updates regarding the Society's business. What else does KP have to share?

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CDS Conference 2021

Our local host committee in Fargo recommended a virtual conference for 2021 based on pandemic conditions. A virtual conference will not affect current funding, such as that from the Bush Foundation. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation. The local host committee is exploring monthly "pop-up" events to support interest in the virtual conference. Stay tuned for more details!

We need you - get involved!



Vanguard Editor - please submit your expression of interest for the Vanguard Editor position by November 17, 2020. The volunteer position will begin in January 2021. The role involves publishing the Vanguard 10 times per year and takes about 7-10 hours per month. Training will be provided. [View the Position Description](#)

Ad Hoc Committee on Accreditation / Certification for Community Development

Members interested in exploring how CDS may lead, co-sponsor, or support community development through professional certification or similar should contact Justin Fallon Dollard, Vice-Chair, Programs at jfdollard@gmail.com. Additional information to follow via Constant Contact email blast and the Vanguard.

Ad Hoc Committee for Community Development Journal Editorship Request for Proposal

Members interested in drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for editorship of Community Development Journal should contact Justin Fallon Dollard, Vice-Chair, Programs at jfdollard@gmail.com. CDS intends to issue an RFP in early 2021. The committee will develop a draft RFP for the editorship based strategic and financial selection criteria advantageous to CDS. Prior to issuing the RFP, the CDS Board will review. The committee may not include members/interested parties who intend to submit a proposal due to potential conflict of interest.

Academic Accreditation Working Group

In October 2019, the CDS Board of Directors established a working group under the Vice Chair of Programs to develop and make recommendations on establishing an accrediting body and procedure for professional academic degree programs.

This Working Group is *not* developing a new certification process for practitioners—such opportunities already exist. Instead, we are digging deep into available information on core competencies—including ethical principles and standards—to identify the state of the art in the field.

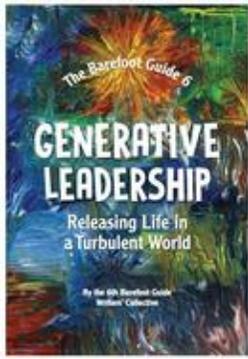


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ways and powers seem to be able to ride the waves of change while staying aloft on their privileges.

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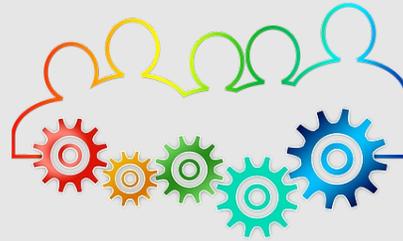
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