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Adopted by the membership of the Society at its first annual meeting, October 21, 1969, Columbia, Mo.

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization here and after referred to as the Society is the Community Development Society.

Article II. PURPOSES

The purpose of the Society is to advance the community development profession through educational and scientific means by:

1. Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas among the members of the Society;
2. Providing media for the publication and dissemination of professional and scholarly works;
3. Advocating excellence in community development scholarship, research and practice, for the good of mankind; and
4. Providing an opportunity for the development of common interests among the members of the Society.

Article III. OFFICERS: NAME; ELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE; DUTIES

Section 1. Officers of the Society shall be three in number and consist of a President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall first be elected at the first meeting of the Society in Columbia, Missouri, in October, 1969. Thereafter, the President-Elect and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by a plurality of the members voting in subsequent elections; the President-Elect automatically succeeding to the office of President.

Section 3. The terms of office for elected officers shall run from one annual meeting to the next, or until such time as their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4. Only the Secretary-Treasurer shall be eligible to succeed himself in office.

Section 5. Officers shall be voting members in good standing.

Section 6. The duties of the officers shall be as provided in the By-laws of the Society.

Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: NUMBER; ELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE; DUTIES

Section 1. The number of the Board of Directors of the Society shall be thirteen (13).

Section 2. Nine (9) of the Directors of the Society shall be elected at the first meeting of the Society in Columbia, Missouri, in October, 1969. Thereafter, a number of Directors equal to the number of vacancies shall be elected by plurality of members voting in subsequent annual elections. Other Directors shall be the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the immediate past President.

Section 3. The four (4) Directors who receive the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth highest number of votes in the first election of the Society shall serve terms of one year. The five (5) Directors who receive the five highest number of votes in the first election of the Society shall serve two-year terms. Thereafter, their successors shall be elected to serve two-year terms. Directors shall take office immediately following the annual meeting of the Society and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4. All voting members in good standing shall be eligible for election as a Director except that no Director who has served a two-year term shall succeed himself as Director.

Section 5. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to establish and administer the policies and procedures of the Society and to adopt and amend Bylaws for that purpose. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Society.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once annually immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting of the general membership of the Society and at such other times and places as the President or three (3) Directors by notice to the Secretary-Treasurer shall request. A quorum of the Board of Directors for the purpose of transacting business shall consist of not less than a majority of the Directors.

Article V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall be of two types: voting members and non-voting members. Voting members shall be individuals. Non-voting members shall be organizations. Any person or organization interested in the advancement of the community development profession is eligible for the appropriate type of membership in the Society.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall take no action to deny membership in the Society to any person on the basis of his race, creed, or national origin.

Section 3. Those persons who by December 31, 1969, became voting members of the Society shall be known as Founding Members and those persons who became members within one year thereafter shall be designated as Charter Members.

Section 4. Voting members are the only persons eligible to vote in elections of the Society and to be eligible to vote must have their dues paid in full.

Article VI. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. There shall be a meeting of the general membership without further notice on the third Tuesday of October of each year in the City of Columbia, Missouri, or at such other place or time as the Board of Directors may provide by ninety (90) days notice in advance to the membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may or upon petition by not less than twenty-five (25) percent of the membership filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, shall convene a special meeting of the membership; provided, however, that the business of such special meetings shall be restricted to those matters stated in the call for such meetings.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Board of Directors to convene regional workshops or seminars for the advancement of the scientific and educational purposes of the Society.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES: NAME; MEMBERSHIP; TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. There shall be established by the Board of Directors the following standing committees:

- (a) Journal and Editorial Committee consisting of at least seven (7) members to recommend policy and manage publication operations of the Society and other such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Nominating Committee consisting of at least five (5) members to select and set forth the names of candidates for election to offices of the Society.
- (c) Audit Committee consisting of three (3) members to review and certify the financial records of the Society.

- (d) Professional Improvement Committee consisting of at least five (5) members to recommend policy and to conduct activities related to professional improvement.

Section 2. Members of standing committees shall serve stated terms as specified in the Bylaws.

Article VIII. INCORPORATION

The officers and the members of the Board of Directors are hereby authorized and empowered to make application for the creation of a not-for-profit corporation under the applicable laws to achieve the advantages of such laws and those of Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Article IX. PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS

Section 1. All resolutions pertaining to policy matters, except those to amend the Constitution and Bylaws, presented for approval from the floor at meetings of the Society must be submitted at least one full day in advance to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall report all such proposals and those resolutions initiated by the Board and President to the general membership for action with appropriate recommendation for or against adoption. Resolutions not submitted one full day in advance however, may be submitted by the concurrence of seventy-five (75) percent of the voting members present at such meetings. Resolutions calling for the amendment of Constitution and Bylaws shall be presented not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting of the Society.

Section 2. All motions presented from the floor at meetings of the Society entailing, directly or indirectly, appropriation of moneys of the Society, must be submitted at least two full days in advance to the Board of Directors. The Board shall report all such proposed motions to the general membership for action with appropriate recommendations for or against passage.

Section 3. The rules contained in Robert's *Rules of Order Revised* shall govern meetings of this Society in all cases in which they are applicable.

Article X. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES

The Board of Directors shall approve the annual budget for the Society, which approval shall constitute authorization for expenditure.

Article XI. AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended by a majority of the members voting in a referendum called for that purpose by the Board of Directors. Upon the signed petition of ten (10) percent of the voting members in good standing, the Board of Directors shall call a referendum on any question to amend this Constitution. Such referendum shall be held by mailed ballot and each member shall be advised in writing of the proposed change.

This constitution was formally adopted by the membership of the Community Development Society at Columbia, Mo., during the business meeting on October 21, 1969. This document is certified to contain the language of the original version appearing in the report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of October 20, and the modifications suggested by the membership at a meeting on the evening of October 20 and formally approved at the business session on October 21. A modification in Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution approved at the business meeting on October 21 is also reflected in this document.

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