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Chair's Update by Ron Hustedde

There is a fresh vibrancy in the Society that is quite visceral. I am buoyed by emails and calls from members involved in committees and on the board who raise new questions and express a willingness to do volunteer work.

I am grateful for the nominees for CDS Board of Directors and officer positions. CDS elections will take place in May. All members are encouraged to vote.

I celebrate the call for proposals for our [July 17-21, 2022, CDS Virtual Conference](#) that will focus on *The Future of the Community Development: the Field and the Society*. Proposals are due on April 30th. I hope you will consider submitting your case studies, research, theoretical frameworks and diverse practices for this important venue. Our conference is one of my annual highlights because I'm inspired by the quality of the presentations and the camaraderie.

CDS has hired an interim administrator to carry out day-to-day operations and project-based work involving communications, programs, and virtual office set-up. We have also hired a web designer to build a new and improved website. More details are available for members [on our website](#). There will be a fund-raising drive in May to support these efforts.

Eric Trevan, the CDS Executive Leadership Fellow, concluded his two year contract on March 31. I wish him well in his role as an educator at California State University at San Marcos.



25% Off Policy Press Community Development Books for CDS Members



Policy Press has been generous in providing Community Development Society Members access to a 25% discount off all books tagged Community Development. This includes their series [Rethinking Community Development](#). Browse the entire list at policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/community-development and log in to [the CDS website](#) to find the discount code.

Seeking a 3-year Editor for *Community Development*

As the Interim Editor's term expires on June 30th, per policy, the CDS Board of Directors is seeking proposals from individuals who wish to become the Editor of *Community Development*. The Editor's term of office begins July 1, 2022 and runs for three consecutive years.

If you are interested, please review the [Request for Proposals](#) (also available [on our website](#)) and contact Margaret Stout, Vice Chair of Operations, at operations@CDSociety.org. Proposals will be accepted until May 2, 2022.



CDS Webinar

Community Development and Community Well-Being:

Exploring Relational Frameworks and Constructs

April 21, 1PM Eastern Time

Rhonda Philips, Purdue University

How happy are our communities? Community well-being (CWB) is gaining attention as an emerging construct for understanding the collective “wellness” of a city, town, or neighborhood. Many of the same aspects of CWB have long been a part of community development scholarship and practice. In this webinar, we will explore how Community Developers are putting these ideas into practice.

[Add to Calendar](#)

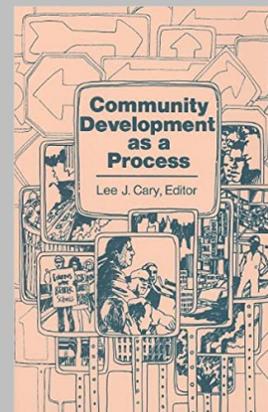
[Join Webinar](#)

Honoring Dr. Lee J. Cary

Dr. Lee J. Cary, the Community Development Society's first president, died peacefully in his sleep on February 27th. He was 96. He attended the Society's 50th anniversary at its 2019 conference in Columbia, Missouri and received a standing ovation a sign of his many contributions to the field.

Dr. Cary was chair of the Community Development Department at the University of Missouri when he was elected as CDS president in 1969. The Society was fostered by practitioners and educators with a grounding in the principles of democratic participation, self-help and self-determination. It had 442 members in its first year of operation.

Dr. Cary is known for his 1970 edited book, *Community Development as a Process*, which is still used today. Past CDS leaders have valued his scholarship, warmth, caring and wit. A more detailed tribute to Dr. Cary is being sought for our journal, *Community Development*. Please send your memories about him to Ron Hustedde at rhusted@uky.edu by May 1, 2022.



Conference Updates from the Vice Chair of Programs

The call for proposals just went out last week for the [2022 CDS Virtual Conference](#) and is open through April 30, 2022. We look forward to reviewing your submissions! Please contact Mary Emery, Vice Chair Programs, at programs@CDSociety.org if you are interested in helping review submissions.

We are working on putting together a very exciting conference program for July, and we need your input. In addition to needing help with the program committee, we are seeking Members who have figured out great ways to engage people in the virtual space to help us create a truly engaging conference. Send us

your ideas or volunteer to help with the program by emailing Mary Emery, Vice Chair Programs, at programs@CDSociety.org. We are also getting started with planning the 2023 Portland Conference.

Staffing Updates from the Vice Chair of Operations

The Executive Leadership Fellow position sunsetted on March 31, 2022. While we prepare for an Executive Director search, the Board of Directors has hired a temporary part-time Administrator. We have also hired a web developer to build a new CDS website in the WordPress platform. More details are available for members [on our website](#).

CDS Board of Directors Meetings Schedule

All CDS Board meetings from now until the Annual Conference are being held on the second Tuesday of every month from **10:00am - 12:00pm Eastern Time**. This includes the following dates:

April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12

Link to Join CDS Board Meetings

Use the "add to calendar" button to save these meetings to your personal calendar or click the "join meeting now" button at the time of the meeting to join us. We look forward to seeing you!

Add to Calendar

Join Meeting Now

Ready to Volunteer?

Many thanks to all Members who have volunteered to join Committees and Working Groups! The health of our Society rests on a continuous flow of new leaders. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, sign up today through the button below.

Volunteer for CDS



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