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Chair's Update by Ron Hustedde

As the Community Development Society expands its vibrancy and impact, our sister societies are reaching out to us. This past week, the president of the International Association for Community Development (IACD) from Northern Ireland and an IACD board member from Australia contacted me to explore a deeper connection between our organizations. In addition, the National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) has invited us to their June 5-8 conference in Indianapolis. They are providing complimentary space for a CDS booth and for four of our members to speak at regional sessions about the benefits of belonging to both organizations. CDS has a strong research and practitioner-oriented publications that adds significant value to our field. One of my students has gathered extensive information about 11 other sister community development professional societies. I would like to find a way to build relationships with them. For example, the Christian Community Development Association has significant representation from inner city and African American churches. They seem to share the CDS values of democratic participation, self-determination, and self-help. We should be engaged in dialogue with these and other CD professional groups that share our values. I plan to pursue webinars or other venues to explore our views and how we might cooperate to advance our field. Please let me know if you want to be engaged in such efforts.



As I reflect over the past few months, I am amazed at the vision and tenacity of our elected and appointed CDS leaders and members. We are finding ways to build communication among the many university and college-based groups that have CD degree and certificate programs. The CDS February, March and April webinars have been captivating and received high marks from participants. Those working on the July 17-20 virtual CDS conference have extended the deadline for abstract submissions to May 31 and registration should be opening soon. As the CDS website is updated, we are poised to recruit new members and reestablish bonds with past members. If you would like to be part of an assertive membership recruitment and retention effort, I hope you will contact Margaret Stout at Operations@CDSociety.org. We need a diverse and strong membership base. Our finance and stewardship committee members are pursuing plans for our stability and growth. I look forward to voting in the 2022 election and ushering in new leadership. Overall, we're building a Community Development Society that is caring, energizing and creative.



Elections

On Sunday, Members received an email from Community Development Society <invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com> subject line "Vote now: Community Development Society - 2022 Officers & Board Election." This email provided a unique link for you to vote. Elections are open through May 31. If you do not see it, please check your spam folder, or search your inbox for "electionbuddy." Contact admin@CDSociety.org for support, if needed.

Awards

The 2022 Awards Season is here! Updated dates and descriptions of each award can be found on our website at www.comm-dev.org/programs/awards. The link to the nominations form will appear on the website starting Monday, May 9.

You can nominate a colleague for the Donald K. Gibson Distinguished Service Award, the Ted K. Bradshaw Outstanding Research Award, the Community Development Achievement Award, the Donald W. Littrell New Professional Award, the Student Recognition Award, the Friend of Community Development Award, or the Outstanding Community Development Educator Award.

You can nominate a colleague or yourself for the Outstanding Program Award, the Innovative Program Award, the Current Research Award, or the International Community Development Award.

If you have any questions about the process – or if you wish to volunteer to help with the awards working group – please contact Huston Gibson, the Awards Working Group Chair, at hgibson@ksu.edu. Work will involve reviewing the nominations, deciding upon the recipients, and helping present the recognition honors during the virtual conference.



CDS Webinar

Through the looking glass: Community Development from today to tomorrow
May 18, 12 Noon Central Time (US & Canada)

Mary Emery will be hosting a Panel discussion on future directions. More details to follow in a separate announcement.

Add to Calendar

Join Webinar

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:

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

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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