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September Vanguard, 2022

Thank you for reading the CDS Vanguard! Inside this issue, you will find the chair's update, a reminder of today's webinar, a call for participation in 2023 conference working groups, an update from the treasurer, and an invitation to join the IACD Conference. To view full length articles, please visit [CDS News](#).

We welcome some great new board members for this coming year. Neil Linscheid comes to the Board from Minnesota Extension where he has focused on business and economic development, and Steve Jeanetta, who has served as treasurer in the past, has joined us as VC for operations from Minnesota Extension as well. James Calvin, a long-term activist in community development from Johns Hopkins was on the board some time ago, and we welcome him back. Lisa Gilchrist is finding time from her busy work as Executive Director of Stony Plains Family and Community Support Services and Volunteer Centre in Alberta to return to the board as Secretary.

I also want to let you know that Bo Beaulieu, our current treasurer, initiated a conversation with NACDEP President, Rebekkah Dudensing, on how we might work together better to strength the field. They are very interested in talking more about participation in our journals and the potential for a joint conference. They will talk more about it at their upcoming retreat, and we will continue to look at possibilities.

As reminder, except for executive sessions, all board meetings are open to Members. At our next meeting, **October 11, 10AM Eastern Time (US & Canada)**, we will be discussing the Society's financial health and implications for staffing our Society, an ongoing POG review, the revisions of the Principles of Good Practice, and how we might engage Society members in a strategic planning process. We welcome your thoughts and your participation. [Join our meeting](#) or email me at chair@CDSociety.org with suggestions and ideas.

Mary Emery, CDS Chair 2022-2023

Reminder: Webinar Today, September 27!

A Land With a People:

Exploring Community Development through Palestinian and Jewish Voices and Visions
Esther Farmer, Dorgham Abusalim, & Tzvia Their

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

We hope to have a recording available for those who miss this event. Learn more about this webinar and register now at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-land-with-a-people-a-joint-cds-and-iacd-webinar-tickets-394956364117>

We Need Your Support for 2023 Conference

The 2023 Conference (Portland, Oregon) working groups are getting ready to convene! The preliminary theme is *'Hood and Holler: Similarities and Differences in Urban and Rural Community Development*. This meets the interests of our two conference co-hosts, Portland State University and Oregon State University.

The Host working group will focus on local issues like identifying mobile workshops, choosing the community reception location, recruiting local sponsors, coordinating event volunteers, and sorting out transportation logistics (transit preferred). The conference center, hotel, and food and beverage arrangements have already been completed.

The Program working group will focus on fleshing out the theme and tracks, developing and distributing the call for proposals, reviewing and selecting submissions, and arranging the conference schedule within the facility space. I will liaise and coordinate the two working groups with some support from CDS staff.

We need more Members to join the teams, because many hands make light work! My approach is to minimize full group meetings and maximize defined task delegation and empowerment with appropriate accountability--let's focus on getting the work done! Please get in touch soon so I can include you in the first convening!!

[Sign up to volunteer!](#)

Straight Talk about CDS: An Update from the Treasurer

I've never been very good about beating around the bush, so I want to share some information that I hope will be of value and interest to the CDS members. Much like business and nonprofit organizations, the pandemic resulted in some financial hardships for the CDS over the past 2+ years. Our membership – which have historically benefited from the active participation of individuals taking part in our annual “in person” conferences – took a hit thanks to COVID-19.

But the news is not all negative. Thanks to the commitment and hard work of the CDS Board and its various committees over the past year, the membership numbers are on the rise and positive changes are being made (such as the new CDS website) or being planned in the coming months (such as the in-person CDS annual conference to be held in Portland, OR in 2023). To help build on the momentum that we have witnessed over the past year, the Board is turning to you – our members and friends – for help in generating the funds needed to grow and sustain our Society in the months ahead.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the CDS Legacy Investment Campaign. You can do so at the following CDS link: <https://cdsociety.org/donate/>. So far, the campaign has raised \$8,500, but our goal is to reach \$25,000 or more over the course of the next 6-9 months. [\[See full length article here\]](#)

IACD conference WCDC2022

The 2022 Virtual World Community Development Conference will take place next week: October 3-5. It is being co-organized by the [International Association for Community Development](#) and the [Inclusive Practices Network](#) whose headquarters are in the country of Georgia.

As communities across the world emerge from the global covid pandemic, the need for human connection, contact and empathy has never been as high as now. Humanity as a whole has been faced with incredible hardship, sorrow and loss. As the world continues to struggle with the consequences of the invasion of Ukraine and conflicts in other parts of the world, with the social and economic impacts of the pandemic, the financial recession and cost of living crisis, it is the most vulnerable and disadvantaged who have been effected most in all countries, exposing yet again the consequences of years of inequality and discrimination. Over the past three years, community development practice has had to innovate and, with limited resources, explored ways of bringing people together to face those challenges. [Read more and learn about the conference at <https://wcdc2022.online/>]

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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