### Member Information

The CDS membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year. Membership dues must be paid by May 1st to be eligible to vote in the current year's election.

Categories...

Regular: Receives access to all three

publications, including the quarterly Journal by postal mail. Individual voting

membership.

Annual dues: \$110.00 U.S.

Student: Receives access to all three

publications, including the quarterly Journal by postal mail. Voting membership for those enrolled in an academic program.

Annual dues: \$45.00 U.S.

Retiree: Receives access to all three

publications, including the quarterly Journal by postal mail. Individual voting

membership.

Annual dues: \$75.00 U.S.

Family/Household: Each person has full

membership privileges. The family/household receives only one copy of each quarterly issue of the

Journal.

Annual dues: \$145.00 U.S.

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Return enclosed form to the CDS Administrative Office, address above. New members will receive a welcome packet from the CDS within 30 days.



A professional association where research and practice join to build community

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION and APPLICATION



# What is the Community Development Society (CDS)?

For over 35 years practitioners, researchers, and scholars from around the world have chosen CDS as their professional society. A diverse membership represents a variety of interests including education, healthcare, social services, government, non-profit/public agencies, corporate or private sector, foundations, economic development, citizen groups, and more. An international association, its purpose is to foster the development of professional capacity. CDS is an advocate for excellence in the profession and for the importance of community in society.

"CDS is the go to organization for learning about the community development process, and a clearing house for links to practitioners and scholars, best practices and tools and materials for anyone interested in engaging in community development practice or scholarship."

CDS Member

# CDS Principles of Good Practice

The Community Development Society promotes the Principles of Good Practice.

- Promote active and representative participation toward enabling all community members to meaningfully influence the decisions that affect their lives
- Engage community members in learning about and understanding community issues, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action.
- Incorporate the diverse interests and cultures of the community in the community development process; and disengage from support of any effort that is likely to adversely affect the disadvantaged members of a community.
- Work actively to enhance the leadership capacity of community members, leaders, and groups within the community.
- Be open to using the full range of action strategies to work toward the long-term sustainability and well being of the community.



## Benefits of the Community Development Society

#### Annual International Conference...

A valuable opportunity for Community Development Society members to sharpen professional skills, discuss critical issues, attend workshops, present papers, research and case studies, and interact with colleagues. Special opportunities to interact with local community development projects are featured. The annual event is held at a different location every summer.

"The annual conference tends to be the high point of the CDS year for me. I always come away feeling recharged and having learned a lot. CDS is my support system. CDS members are open, flexible and inclusive. They reach out and stimulate creative thinking."

CDS Member

#### CDS Action Networks and Chapters...

Action Networks provide a means for specialized networking and program development around a common interest or issue. Participants in these networks are linked to other members with similar interests.

Chapters are local networking opportunities measured geographically that address current development trends and issues specific to that region. Check out <a href="https://www.comm-dev.org">www.comm-dev.org</a> for more information on Action Networks and Chapters.

#### CDS Endowment...

From its modest beginnings in 1969 to the present time, the CDS has consistently worked to advance the field of community development. The CDS Endowment is a permanent fund that continues to grow as those supportive of the mission of the CDS and/or the advancement of the community development profession donate to the Endowment. Contributors can designate monies for scholarships, annual conference support, production of educational materials, and awareness initiatives. For more information on the CDS Endowment, contact the CDS office at CDS@ assnoffices.com.

## CDS Technology...

#### Website

As the diversity of our organization continues to grow, the CDS relies on its website, <a href="www.comm-dev.org">www.comm-dev.org</a> as a tool to keep members updated on the happenings within the Society and community development field.

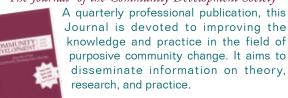
#### Listserve

All members have the capability of accessing the CDS Listserve that connects members from around the world with one click. The listserve is a great tool to use when looking for information about a potential career change, research, or just to send information important to the Society.

#### CDS Publications...

#### Community Development:

The Journal of the Community Development Society



#### Vanguard

This quarterly electronic communication profiles current activities, job listings, topical issues, and ideas affecting the CDS members. Updates on action networks, chapters, and committees prove informative. This publication is sent directly to each member's inbox.



#### Community Development Practice

CDPRACTICE

This quarterly electronic series focuses on descriptions of techniques that community development practitioners can use in a variety of community development settings. Interested members can pull each CD Practice series off the CDS website.

# Want More Information About CDS?

Check out our web site at: http://www.comm-dev.org



#### The Challenge...

New challenges face community development professionals every day. The global community requires those active in community development to understand a variety of complex and everchanging systems. CDS actively supports "Principles of Good Practice" that encourage inclusion of diverse, multiple interests in community decision making.

#### The Vision...

The Community Development Society believes community is a basic building block of society. Community is complex and multidimensional and the human dimension, which is capable of growth and development, is the most critical aspect of community.

### The Opportunity...

The Community Development Society provides leadership to professionals and citizens across the spectrum of community development. Members have multiple opportunities to learn what's new in the profession, to exchange ideas, to obtain the most current research and reference information available, and to share professional expertise.

"The strength in the CDS is the interrelationships built between practitioners and scholars across disciplines focusing on the community development process, no matter the particular sector specialty within which we each may work."

— CDS Member



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