

August 3, 2010

Dear CRD Members:

The CRD Board of Directors for 2010 recently met in Omaha, Nebraska, for a two-day board meeting and work session to better serve the mission of CRD. As many of you know, for the past year, your board of directors for the Council For Resource Development have been working diligently on a new governance structure for our organization. Under the guidance of an extremely talented consultant, a CRD Governance Task Force and a Models Sub-Committee were formed. CRD would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who so graciously served on these two committees:

**Governance Task Force Members**

Catherine Crary  
Kristin Culp  
Laura Qaissaunee  
John Rainone  
Kay Strickland  
Kim Sturgeon  
Kathrine Swanson  
Patricia Williams  
Polly Binns, CRD National Office  
Judy Everett and Deb Wilson, Co-Chairs

**Models Sub-Committee Members**

Kim Sturgeon, Chair  
Mary Brumbach  
Catherine Crary  
Debbie Douma  
Julie Erickson  
John Rainone  
Stephanie Rogers  
Stephanie Melvin, CRD National Office

Membership focus groups were conducted at last year's national conference. This past spring, Regional Directors conducted interviews with our membership in order to compile the necessary information to create a new structure which provided meaningful educational opportunities for our members. Under the guidance and direction of the Models Sub-Committee, a new governance model was created and presented for membership comment and approval. At least three webinars were held so that each of our members might have the opportunity to review the proposed structure. The model is also available on the CRD website at <http://crdnet.org/pubs/Governance.cfm>.

The board reviewed all of the information gathered through the various sources and on Saturday, July 16, 2010, at their regularly scheduled board meeting unanimously passed a motion to accept the new governance structure as presented. This motion was passed with great reverence and thanks to the past leaders of the Council for Resource Development as well as with great expectations and excitement for the current and future leaders for CRD as they provide meaningful educational and programming opportunities for our membership.

As you look at the new model, you will see that it now has equal places for both the "Governance of CRD" through a smaller, streamlined governing board and the "Work of CRD" which has a multitude of opportunities for our membership to volunteer.

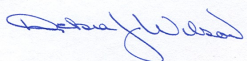
Although the passing of the model is momentous, there is still much work to do! An **Implementation Task Force** has been identified. The member of that task force are (at this time):

[Laura Qaissaunee](#), [Catherine Crary](#), and [John Rainone](#), Co-Chairs  
Mary Brumbach  
Andrea Salzburg  
Jennifer Yancey  
Lisa Watson  
Stephanie Woods, CRD National Office.

There is still time and room for you to join this task force or one of its sub-committees if you would like! Please contact any of the chairs if you have an interest in serving on this committee.

And, if another committee appeals to you, we will be offering even more ways to volunteer and become involved in the next months.

This has been an incredible journey for all of us on the board and we can't wait to share the next steps with all of you. I look forward to seeing you in November at the National Conference!



Debra Wilson, 2010 CRD President