

## **Meet the New CEO/President of The Institute of Cultural Affairs, Ted Wysocki**

The Institute of Cultural Affairs' Board of Directors is pleased to announce that [Ted Wysocki](#) has been appointed as the new CEO/President of ICA-USA. Ted will join the ICA early this spring. The decision was approved by the ICA's board on Feb. 16, 2015.



Ted brings over 30 years leadership experience to this position, having served as the President and CEO of the [Local Economic & Employment Development \(LEED\) Council](#) (now known as [North Branch Works](#)) and the Chicago Association of Neighborhood Development Organizations (CANDO). He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he completed a Master's Degree in Political Science. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Providence College, Providence, RI.

Ted believes that collaboration and consensus building are the best tools for working together - to make our world a better place for all. As the CEO of CANDO, he built the organization into the largest citywide coalition of economic-development organizations in the US, with members from over 80 non-profit organizations and over 120 citywide non-profit and for-profit firms.

Ted expressed the following about ICA: "I have appreciated ICA's vital facilitation work since 1984 when I became CEO of CANDO, and ICA was a member. ICA's mission to build a just and equitable society resonates with my 40-year community development career. I entered the field working for Gale Cincotta, recognized as the 'Mother of the Community Reinvestment Act.' As my mentor, she further instilled in my core values that change can come when people work together.

"I especially welcome this opportunity to collaborate with ICA's board, staff, and constituents on restoring our society in harmony with our planet at this challenging time of climate change. ICA's [GreenRise Uptown Learning Laboratory](#) is a national model for deploying renewable energy. The [Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network's](#) engagement of communities to pursue local actions is an example of the cultural paradigm shift required."

Kadi Sisay, the current Chair of the Board said: "The Board of Directors is confident that under Ted's leadership the ICA will continue to grow and develop programs and services consistent with the ICA's mission. We are looking forward to an exciting future!"

Terry Bergdall, the outgoing CEO also conveyed his confidence in the appointment. "Ted's impressive experience in non-profit management, community development, and sustainability issues, along with his personal familiarity and connections with ICA since the mid 1980's, positions him well to continue and advance ICA's efforts for social change."

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If you would like to become better acquainted with Ted, please read his blog at: <https://u2cando49.wordpress.com/> or see details about his previous work history [here](#).