

Cleveland State University

ICMA 2017-2018 Annual Report

Chapter News

The 2017-2018 academic year was our chapter's first year in operation. During this year, we focused our efforts on recruiting members, making connections with the state chapter (OCMA), and creating regular weekly programming including a speaker series, fundraising initiatives, panel discussions, & professional development workshops.

Panel Discussion: Gender Representation in Government



On April 18th, our chapter facilitated a panel discussion on female leadership in government. The event was extremely well-attended, and we engaged in a thought-provoking & meaningful discussion on gender representation in local government. Panelists included Jane Howington (City Manager, Hudson), Grace Kilbane (Executive Director of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board), Mayor Katie Gallagher (City of Brooklyn), and Dr. Megan Hatch (Professor at CSU's Levin College). The conversation was facilitated by chapter president, Alexandra Higl.

Shadowing Program

Throughout the Spring 2018 semester, our members shadowed various local government leaders throughout Northeast Ohio. The hosts included (but were not limited to) city managers, city planners, mayors, city council members, and program & department directors at Cuyahoga County. Some students shadowed their hosts for a few hours, while others shadowed the professionals for multiple days. Many of the students attended meetings, lunches, and networking opportunities with their respective mentors.

OCMA/ICMA Midwest Conference



The chapter sent four members to the OCMA/ICMA Midwest Conference in March 2018. The members attended multiple sessions, volunteered with various tasks, and networked with local government leaders who were in attendance.

Bi-Weekly Speaker Series



CSU ICMA invited leaders in the public sector to speak to our chapter every other Tuesday. Topics ranged from public education, to diversity in the workplace, to professional development, & more.

Looking Forward

After wrapping up a successful first year, the chapter looks forward to growing its shadowing programs, further developing its speaker series, creating more networking opportunities for its students, and attending the state & national conferences.

2017-2018 Leadership

President: Alexandra Higl

Vice President: Ariel Washington

Treasurer: Heather Smith

Programming & Development Officer: Olivia Helander

Representatives: Anushka Maria & Jeff Ryder

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Zingale

Professional Mentor: Mr. Anthony Zampedro

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