

**School of Public and Environmental Affairs – Indiana University
Local Government Management Association / ICMA Chapter
2014-2015 Annual Report
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The Local Government Management Association at Indiana University in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs is a graduate/undergraduate student organization and proud student chapter of the International City/County Management Association. This year, we decided to amend our student organization's constitution to allow for undergraduate level participation. Together, as an organization, we decided that by involving younger students we will be able to spark interest in public administration in an age group that is generally left out of the conversation.

FALL SEMESTER

As the 2014 Fall Semester began, the Local Government Management Association hit the ground running. We were able to send five second-year MPA Candidates to the ICMA Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina free of charge with the financial assistance of both Indiana University and the Indiana Association of City and Towns. Those representatives were able to attend several informational seminars, while interacting and networking with local government professionals. Almost immediately following the ICMA Conference, the Local Government Management Association also hosted Heidi Voorhees, Co-owner of GovHR USA, for a guest speaker event. Ms. Voorhees was able to speak to several young students, both student organization members and non-members, providing invaluable career advice, while answering any questions students had about the local government profession.

SPRING SEMESTER

The 2015 Spring Semester brought about several changes to the Local Government Management Association. First, we began with a change in leadership. This year, we decided that electing new leadership early was crucial to the stability of our student organization, as it would allow for better training and transition into the new academic year. After our new leadership was elected, we began to decide who would replace our beloved academic adviser, as our then adviser, Orville Powell, would be retiring at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. With this change, the Local Government Management Association gathered several IU SPEA alumni for a retirement party for Orville Powell. This allowed students, both past and present, to say goodbye and thank Orville for the invaluable skills he had provided us all with that we would undoubtedly use in the local government field. We are happy to announce our new academic adviser, Frank Nierzwicki. Frank has been a professor at IU SPEA since 2003, and is certainly the best choice for the future of IU SPEA's Local Government Management Association.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Serving as President of the IU SPEA Local Government Management Association has been a great privilege. I am constantly amazed by the passion for local government in the

students around me, and I look forward to seeing how their future careers will change the profession for the better. As a woman in local government, it is my hope to one day personally contribute a higher percentage of women CAO's present in local government, as 13% is simply just not enough.