



## **Ohio State University**

### **2016-2017 Annual Report**

The Ohio State University Chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has successfully completed its first full year. Since our creation, we have worked hard to provide valuable educational and professional development experiences for our membership that promotes interest in professional city management and involvement in local government.

#### **Fall Semester**

In our Shadowing Program, student chapter members are paired with city managers from jurisdictions around Ohio. The students and managers meet for a set number of day(s) to expose the students to as many facets of local government as possible. The average shadowing experience varies across students and managers. Most days include tours of facilities and spending time with department heads. Others venture out to see various projects that are taking place in the community. The Shadowing Program has been extremely successful, growing to 18 participants this past fall. Not only has it created genuine enthusiasm for local government at Ohio State, but it has led to students forming professional connections that have led to internships and jobs. This past year, one student was offered an internship immediately following her shadowing day.

Our other major event during the fall was our Local Government Manager Panel that included four managers from around Ohio. The panel included Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager of Worthington, Ohio, Mark Schwieterman, City Manager of Kettering, Ohio, Patrick Titterington, City Manager of Troy, Ohio, and Michelle Crandall, Assistant City Manager of Dublin, Ohio, and Moderator Tanisha Briley, City Manager of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The panelists shared their experience with ICMA and their career choices with students, encouraging them to consider careers at the local

level. The panel concluded with the opportunity for student chapter members to ask their own questions.

#### **Spring Semester**

The Spring Semester was highlighted by the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA) Winter conference where student chapter members were graciously given free registration to attend. The conference offered valuable exposure to local government professionals from across the state of Ohio. Additionally, there were educational sessions in the form of breakout sessions with topics ranging from restoring trust in government, to building a strong social media presence. Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) also held a special breakout session for students, focusing on building the skills and the tools necessary to work towards becoming future local government managers.

Finally, the spring semester ended with a Career Skills workshop held in conjunction with the Career Services office of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State. Allie Hutchison, the Career Services Advisor presented on topics such as how to create a resume that grabs a prospective employer's attention, the proper way to dress for a job interview, and common interview questions. The workshop ended with the chance for participants to engage in mock interviews, that refined their interview skills.

#### **2017-2018 Transition**

At the close of the school year, chapter membership is undergoing a transition as the current leadership team is graduating. For the next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year MPA student Ethan Barnhardt will be taking over as President and is looking forward to continuing the fantastic success of the past year.

## **Event Photos**



Incoming President Ethan Barnhardt at the 2017 OCMA Annual Winter Conference



Panelists at the Fall 2016 Local government Manager Panel