

Regent University's ICMA chapter reinforces the MPA program's and the larger university's emphasis on servant leadership to promote excellence of character and competency, the essential elements for success in today's complex governmental environment. The chapter greatly benefits from its association with two past presidents of ICMA, Ed Daly and Sam Gaston, both serving with distinction as Practitioner's in Residence in the MPA program. President Rachael Monnin provided a strong foundation for future growth and ably led the chapter. The chapter's main event was hosting Virginia Beach Deputy Police Chief William Dean to speak with students about the challenges and opportunities of working in city management for one of Virginia's largest cities. Deputy Chief Dean discussed how he incorporated his MPA background and extensive law enforcement experience to make necessary changes to improve the police-training academy. Students talked with him at length regarding best practices to prepare to enter public service and effectively utilize inter-agency resources. The chapter looks forward to building up membership this upcoming 2016-2017 year and additional opportunities to learn from local practitioners.