

Overview

The Tennessee State University's (TSU) ICMA Student Chapter was found in the Spring Semester 2017. The founding of the chapter occurred as a result of support from the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA), TSU's Department of Public Administration, and TSU's College of Public Service. Our Executive Board members for the 2017-2018 Academic Year are show in the chart below, and our membership currently stands at XX students.

ICMA Student Chapter @ TSU Officials (AY 2017-2018)

Chapter Advisor	Dr. Anthony Campbell, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration
Chapter Mentor	Eric Stuckey, City Administrator, Franklin, Tennessee
Chapter President	Jim Conner, MPA Student, Tennessee State University

Chapter Membership & Recruitment

The Chapter Advisor, Mentor, and President promoted the student chapter through presentations in MPA classes during the Spring Semester 2017, as well as the Spring/Summer 2017 TSU Department of Public Administration Newsletter ("The Public Servant"). All of these outreach efforts were part of the Executive Board's decision that the best way to grow membership was to inform current MPA and PhD students of ICMA in general, and the benefits of ICMA membership specifically.

Chapter Officials' Activities

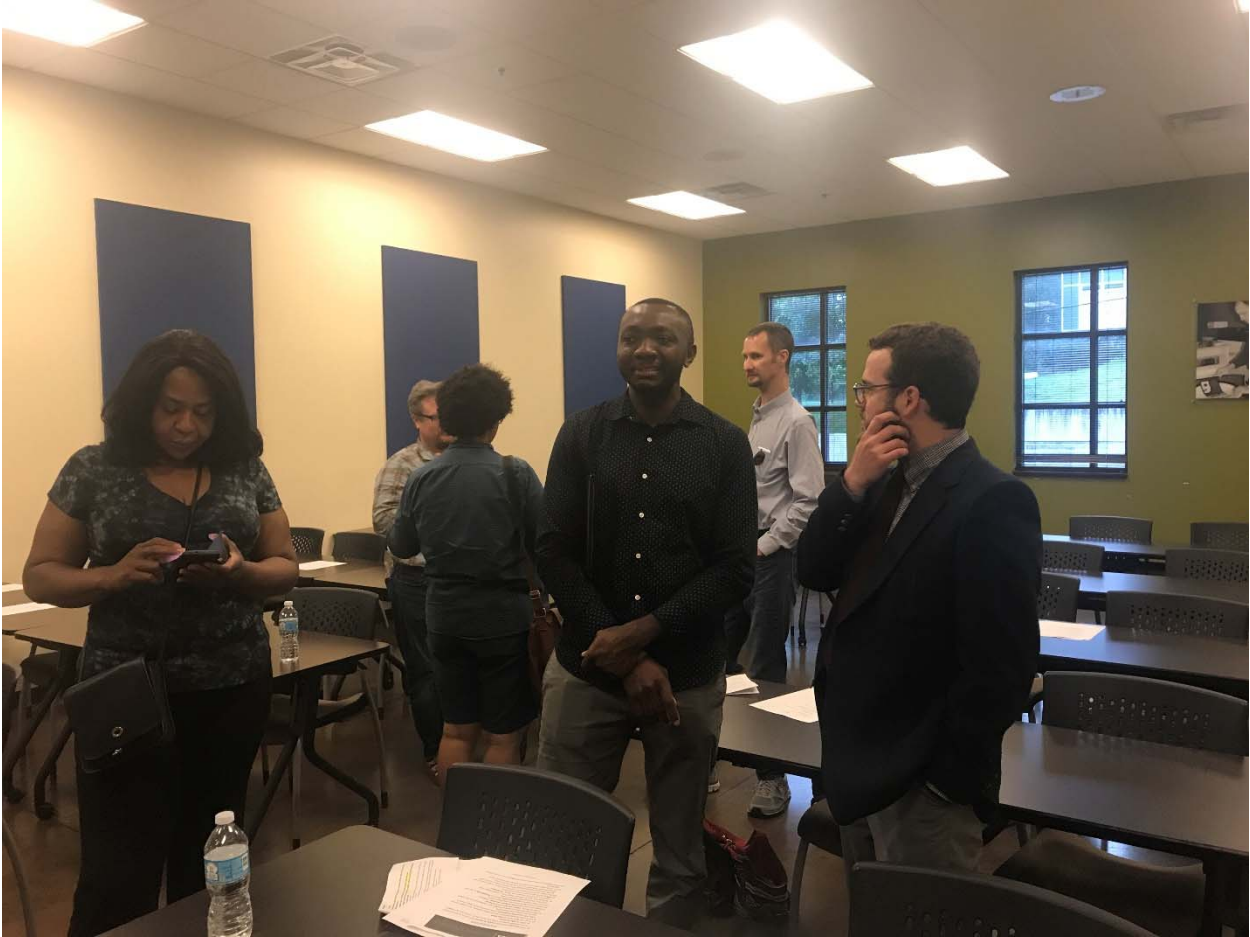
The Chapter's Advisor, Dr. Anthony Campbell, attended the Spring 2017 TCMA Conference in Franklin, Tennessee. Dr. Campbell enjoyed a variety of sessions and seminars where he learned about current issues and trends in Tennessee local government management. During the conference, Dr. Campbell networked with leaders from other ICMA Student Chapters in Tennessee, including the student chapters from East Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University.

Chapter Events

The Chapter hosted their first event on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Goodwill Tennessee Corporate Headquarters in Nashville. This event was co-sponsored with the TSU Department of Public Administration. The event featured a guest speaker, Louis "Jody" Baltz (active ICMA and TCMA member), who passionately discussed his public service story, as well as offered advice to attendees on contemporary challenges and opportunities in the world of local government management. The event had seventeen attendees, of which several were students who had yet to join the student chapter. The feedback we received after the event was very positive, and we look forward to hosting next semester's event that will focus on career opportunities in local government management.



ICMA Student Chapter Mentor – Eric Stuckey (City Administrator, Franklin, TN)



ICMA Student Chapter Members networking with Nashville Community Members

Chapter Objectives

The Chapter's objectives for the upcoming academic year include: (1) engaging our members by sending out monthly emails with information relating to local government news, events, and programs, including ICMA's *Life, Well-Run* Campaign; (2) continue to promote membership to TSU's MPA and PhD students; (3) co-sponsor events with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (TN-ASPA) and Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL); and (4) increase the number of members who attend ICMA and TCMA conferences and events.