

# UNC ICMA Annual Report 2017-2018

## GRADUATING TO SUCCESS

A number of our ICMA officers and members graduated from the MPA program this spring straight into ICMA fellowships.

Our outgoing Communications Officer, Becca Truluck, will be in Sarasota County, FL. Her Most Adorable Cats will accompany her.

Our outgoing Vice-President, Jonathan Holt, will be in Loudon County, VA and looks forward to time to walk his dog who almost didn't survive finals.

One of our professional and student members, Matthew McKirahan, will be exploring the craft breweries of Ft. Lauderdale. The early favorite is Funky Buddha.



Becca Truluck, Jonathan Holt, and Sammv Bauer (Secretary)

## Chapter Officials for '18-'19

President: Michael Welker

Advisor: Carl Stenberg

Mentor: Eric Peterson



## Speaker: Eric Peterson – Town Manager Hillsborough, NC

In the fall (11/20), our chapter mentor, Eric Peterson battled pneumonia to come to speak. All MPA students were invited along with the faculty of the UNC School of Government. Eric spoke about how his academics helped him in his career, his early tumultuous first management positions, and how he balances work, family, and fun. Students asked questions on the sticky issues of ethics and professional relationships with elected officials and the media.



## ICMA Student Chapter Reception at NCCMA

The UNC chapter invited all the North Carolina student chapters to a reception to close out the winter North Carolina City and County Management Association conference in Winston-Salem (2/2). Randy Reid, ICMA's Southeast Regional Director also attended, and broke down for students the different strengths of management cultures in different southeast states. Studying local government, we know how parochial our view can be sometimes, and the reception was a great chance to see our academics and profession from different angles, and kickback with fellow students as well.



## Public Administration Leadership Challenge

This spring our chapter ran the Public Administration Leadership Challenge (PAL) Challenge, a case study competition for teams of undergrad students at UNC. Ten teams were given a local government policy question on effectively meeting youth services, and had a week to compose a memo on a proposed solution. Four teams were chosen for the excellence of their memos and presented their proposals to a panel of judges with careers in local government (4/13). The team of all freshman won the competition, a \$1000 cash prize, and hopefully will go on to future success in public administration.