

University of Washington ICMA Student Chapter: Annual Chapter Report 2014-2015

Our Inaugural Year

2014-2015 was the inaugural year for the ICMA Student Chapter of the University of Washington (UW ICMA), and what a year it was. Working with our partners at the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs—a program which on July 1, 2015, became the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance—we established a student chapter that strives to fulfill the school's ideals of leadership and public service. We are proud to call home one of the country's premiere institutions for public policy and management. Twenty six people joined the student chapter this year, the majority of them being first-year students. This high number of returning students will help ensure a continuity in chapter membership and leadership that can maintain this year's momentum into 2015-2016. We are truly excited for what next year will bring.

Notable Activities

UW ICMA was founded in November 2014 and began hosting events in January 2015. In six short months, we hosted or participated in seven events, involving over 100 students and dozens of municipal government professionals. Notable chapter activities included:

- A networking event and chapter launch party, with 14 municipal managers and administrators in attendance.
- A panel discussion on diversity and equity in local government, featuring King County's Chief Operating Officer, the City Manager of Tacoma, area Councilpeople, and others.
- A professional development workshop at the King County Department of Executive Services.
- UW ICMA's Service Day, where chapter member volunteers staffed a City of Kirkland, WA, City Council Neighborhood Meeting, touring Kirkland's new municipal court and police facility and greeting community members.

UW ICMA will also be involved in ICMA's National Conference in Seattle in September 2015, with chapter members helping conference organizers with staffing, program development, and events planning.

Leadership and Support

Special thanks to Dean Sandra O. Archibald and the rest of the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance for sponsoring and supporting UW ICMA. Thanks to Faculty Advisor Justin Marlowe, Endowed Professor of Public Finance and Civic Engagement, and Chapter Mentor Dick Zais, former longtime City Manager of Yakima, WA. Your guidance and insight was invaluable. Thanks also to the talented and ever-ready UW ICMA Executive Team: President Micah Phillips, Vice President Lauren Broudy, and Officers Alex Stone, Anna Verbeke, and Danielle Verwahren.

Future Progress

This year, UW ICMA established valuable connections with organizations such as the Washington City/County Management Association, the Evergreen State College Student Chapter of the ICMA, and Emerging Local Government Leaders, and we want to further cultivate these relationships in 2015-2016. We want to work with the Seattle University MPA program to co-host events and strengthen the bond between Seattle's two largest schools of public administration. We also plan to expand our presence at

UW itself and reach out to other professional graduate and undergraduate programs, promoting both the profession of municipal management generally and the ICMA as a resource in particular.

We at the University of Washington are thrilled to be a part of the ICMA community. Here's to 2015-2016 and another productive year. For UW ICMA, the future is bright indeed.



Chapter members and area managers and administrators at UW ICMA's chapter launch party and networking mixer, January 2015.