



The 2014-15 year was one of tremendous growth for ICMA@USC, tripling its size to over 85 members. Here are some of our highlights:

Involvement in Professional Associations

In September, seven members of the student chapter attended the 100th Annual ICMA Conference in Charlotte. Students were also active in the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, attending networking events throughout the year and participating in its mentorship program.

ICMA Leaders Come to Campus

In December, West Coast Regional Vice President and retired Santa Monica City Manager Rod Gould gave students an overview of the profession, sharing advice on the opportunities and challenges ahead for cities.

In March, ICMA President-Elect and Daly City City Manager Pat Martel participated in the City Manager in Residence at the University of Southern California, providing real-world examples for ICMA@USC students to apply their knowledge outside the classroom.

Guiding Students through the Hiring Process

In November, three seasoned city government professionals with Human Resources experience shared their insights with students on how to find job postings, tailor their resume, prepare for interview panels, and get hired!

Local Government Case Challenge

In January, ICMA@USC hosted the 3rd Annual Local Government Case Challenge, where 30 students worked on teams to create proposals for the City of Corona to develop adaptive programming and a universally accessible playground. Students presented to panels of local government practitioners, providing professional development and networking opportunities.

Partnering with the USC City/County Management Fellowship Program

In April, ICMA@USC helped lead the first CMF State of the City/County Summit, with over 75 people in attendance, discussing fiscal challenges facing cities and counties.



Top: The 2014-15 ICMA@USC Board: Sagar Patel, Juan Pablo Lopez, Vincent Nguyenlieu, Brittany Mello, Nicholas Armour, and Michael Johnston. Bottom Left: ICMA@USC Members attend the "Breaking into Local Government" panel with Human Resources professionals. Bottom Right: Students speak with Palo Alto City Manager Jim Keene, and USC Faculty Drs. Janet Denhardt and Robert Denhardt at the ICMA Annual Conference.