



**2017-2018 ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report**  
**International City/County Management Association**  
**University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chapter**

**Introduction**

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UT-ICMA enjoys a strong relationship with ET-ASPA, the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service, distinguished Alumni, and city/county officials throughout East Tennessee. Events for the 2017-2018 year were all well-received and highlighted key areas of public service and local government. We have been fortunate to enjoy continued contribution from the Institute for Public Service and municipal management officials such as Mark Watson, City Manager of Oak Ridge, and Seth Sumner, City Manager of Athens.

The chapter will continue to advance public service knowledge, provide professional development opportunities for students, and promote involvement with municipal government in Tennessee in the 2018-2019 year. Particular focus will be on the 2019 ICMA conference in Nashville and the development of a strategic plan that targets expansion, involvement, and a diverse portfolio of chapter events.

**Chapter Officials (As of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018):**

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<b>President:</b>	Logan Farr
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jordan Crowe
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Travis Crafton
<b>Student Chapter Faculty Adviser:</b>	Dr. David Folz
<b>President (Outgoing):</b>	C. Alex Cross
<b>Vice President (Outgoing):</b>	Danielle Sander

## **Meetings and Events:**

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### **November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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UT-ICMA, represented by Chapter President Alex Cross and ET-ASPA, represented by Treasurer Dr. David Folz co-hosted a seminar for students and community members to learn about the issues and challenges that local governments were likely to encounter in the General Assembly for the 2018 legislative session.

The seminar was held in the Toyota Auditorium of the Howard Baker Center. Melissa Ashburn, a Legal Consultant for UT's Institute for Public Service, and Roger Campbell, the Assistant City Manager for the City of Maryville, spoke on a wide range of related topics and answered attendee questions. Light refreshments were served.

### **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

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UT-ICMA President Alex Cross and Vice President Danielle Sander in conjunction with Faculty Adviser and chapter Treasurer Dr. David Folz to discuss plans for future meetings and elect chapter officers for the 2018-2019 year.

The meeting occurred in the Baker Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor executive suite. Logan Farr, 1<sup>st</sup> year MPPA, was elected President of UT-ICMA. Jordan Crowe, 1<sup>st</sup> year MPPA, was elected Vice President. Travis Crafton, 1<sup>st</sup> year MPPA, was elected Treasurer.

Official titles and duties were exchanged immediately following elections. The new officers and the faculty advisor discussed the upcoming ICMA-ASPA Public Service Career Building Workshop.

### **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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The Howard Baker Center graciously hosted the annual ICMA-ASPA Public Service Career Building Workshop. The workshop was moderated by Logan Farr, UT-ICMA President, and Dr. David Folz, UT-ICMA adviser and ET-ASPA Treasurer. Also in attendance were Vice President Jordan Crowe and Treasurer Travis Crafton. The event was held in the Howard Baker Center, Room 204. Refreshments were served.

Four panelists attended and answered questions fielded by moderators and staff. Panelists included: Mr. Steve Thompson, University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service (IPS) Vice President; Mr. Chuck Shoopman, UT IPS Vice President; Mrs. Angie Carrier, UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) Municipal Management Consultant for East Tennessee; and Mrs. Mary Beth Browder, Assistant Director of Internship Development for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Topics broached included how to interview for a job in public service, what different levels of government look for in employees, how to pursue state and local government employment nationwide, and best practices for gaining public service experience and specialization. The event was received with a packed room and lively discussion from panelists and attendees.