

ICMA University Annual Report 2017-2018

Chapter News

This year was a huge year for our chapter. Coming off a dormant year we started with only 2 members who worked hard to revamp and revive the chapter. The chapter was re-launched through a membership mixer where students and city managers from the region came together to talk about the profession and the opportunities the chapter could provide. At the end of this year we have 22 incredibly active members who have made amazing contributions to the chapter and its success.

Our chapter also created strong relationships with our state association (WCMA), and our graduate program which allowed us to secure almost \$18,000 this year for programming, conference attendance, and a multi-year local government fellowship.



Chapter members and managers at the membership mixer

UW ICMA Fellowship

Chapter leadership worked with our state association to create a multi-year fellowship to support students pursuing internships in local government with the goal of placing students across the state beyond the urbanized region of Seattle and King County.

Each year our chapter will release an RFP to cities to propose an internship to our board. The board will select the internship that brings both value to the city and valuable experience to our student.

ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The fellow chosen will be awarded a \$2,500 stipend by our chapter to help pay for travel expenses to move to the community for the summer.

This year the internship selected by our board was a “Broadband Project Coordinator” in the City of Stevenson, WA. The fellow, Kim Pearson, will be responsible for initiating the pre-planning stage of Stevenson's Broadband Strategic Plan.



Our inaugural partner City of Stevenson, and fellowship recipient Kim Pearson

Women in Government Panel

Every year our chapter hosts a “Women in Government” event recognizing the need to encourage women to join the city management profession. Our chapter brought women representing state and local government, both appointed and elected. The panel discussed how they made it in their respective fields, and the unique challenges they faced working in a career still dominated by men.



Seated in front left to right, WA State Representative Vandana Slatter, Bothell City Manager Jennifer Phillips, Bellevue City Council Member Janice Zahn (Standing are chapter members)

West Coast Regional Conference

Thanks to the ICMA scholarships covering registration, and our state association providing travel and housing funding we were able to send 13 members of our chapter to Stevenson for the regional conference. Our members were able to make new connections with fellow students and learn ways to be better public leaders. There was even an opportunity for speed networking where managers gave us tips for breaking into the profession and being as successful as possible, and a member of our board gave the morning presentation on the final day of the conference. The UW chapter showed up in full force and has used that momentum to finish the year strong.



Student chapters at the ICMA Regional Conference

Trivia with ELGL

Our end of the year event was a partnership between our chapter and “Engaging Local Government Leaders” to bring together managers, city staff, students, and the public to celebrate local government service over beer, free waffles, and Parks and Recreation trivia. We had a great time together and the chapter was able to raise \$150 on drink sales to support our programming!



Hold for Trivia with ELGL Photo

Elections and Succession

Having just revived a dormant chapter we wanted to put in place systems to ensure that leadership continued each year and that the chapter remained strong going forward. We implemented two methods to retain leadership which were to give each board position a title and duties that created responsibility for each member. We also held elections early so that our new board would be elected prior to the start of spring quarter and would be able to learn from the “outgoing” board for the remainder of the school year. Our incoming 2018-2019 board members are as follows;

President: Nora Carroll

Vice President: Kimberly Pearson

Education & Development Chair: Lillian Ferraz

Finance & Fundraising Chair: Alexis Rinck

Membership & Records Chair: Zach Kearl

Looking Forward Strategically

Wrapping this year up our chapter enlisted the help of Tukwila City Administrator and outgoing WCMA President to lead us through the creation of our first strategic plan. We intend to use this plan to guide our short-term programming, fulfill our long-term visions, and create long-term sustainability for our chapter.

The focus going into summer will be strengthening our partnership with our state association, and getting students to the WCMA, and ICMA conferences as well as implementing the strategic plan. Keep an eye out for us, we strive to be a top-tier nationally recognized chapter and local government leader in our community.

Chapter Officials

Co-President: Bucoda Warren

Co-President: Nathaniel Bennett

Education & Development Chair: Nora Carroll

Finance & Fundraising Chair: Kimberly Pearson

Membership & Records Chair: Zach Kearl

Chapter Advisor: Professor Justin Marlowe

Mentor: Retired City Managers Dick Zais & Anne Pflug