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President Michael Pleus



President Michael Pleus sworn in at the FCCMA Annual Business Meeting by The Honorable Judge Robert J. Pleus Jr.

June 3, 2015 Newsletter

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President Michael Pleus' Priorities

It is truly an honor to serve as your President for the next year, and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me to lead the association. I have been a member of FCCMA for over twenty years, and I am truly excited about the future of the association and some of the initiatives we have included

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in our most recent strategic plan update. I would like to share with you six priorities that we can focus on together that I believe will make a real difference in the association and for its members.

Two of the priorities are continuations of projects that started a year or two ago, but each one is no less important than when we started them. The first of these is the Professional Management Matters campaign, which will now be led by a standing committee. [\(Read more\)](#)

"Thanks for the Memories!"



by Lynn Lovallo, Executive Assistant

To steal a phrase from Bob Hope, words cannot express my thanks to the members and staff of FCCMA, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, and all of the FCCMA affiliates. These past 19+ years have flown by. Never would I have imagined that I would want to stay at one job with one boss for all these years. But during that time, there was never an inkling to leave. My friends and colleagues at the League have been a joy to work with, and I will be forever grateful.

I have had the opportunity to watch many eager young people graduate college, enter the field of public administration, grow into full-fledged city or county managers, get married and have families or just be comfortable with themselves as adults. To me, that is the experience that stands out the most. Each and every one of them has always shown me the utmost respect-often making me feel like the FCCMA Mom! As such, I am "Mom" proud of all of them and what they have become. [\(Read more\)](#)

Thank You for the Emerging Leaders Scholarship



Greetings,

I am deeply humbled to have received The Emerging Leaders Scholarship Award. However, I would like to thank the University of South Florida, faculty & staff of the MPA department and also the FCCMA for providing me with the foundation needed to not only be successful in public service but to also be an inspiration for those to follow. I would also like to give a special thanks to the Robert A. Green ICMA Student Chapter at the University of South Florida. Once again thank you.

Sincerely,

Gaetrenia "Gigi" Simmons
Emerging Leaders Scholarship Recipient

Ethics Session for County Staff

The Florida Association of Counties will have an Ethics Workshop in conjunction with Annual Conference on Tuesday, June 16 at the Sawgrass Marriott located at 1000 PGA Tour Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. This pre-conference workshop will have a separate registration fee of \$125 that will cover lunch and all of the meeting materials. This class is open to Commissioners, County Staff and all other Constitutional Officers.

FAC's program includes expert speakers from the Attorney General's Office and



the Florida Commission on Ethics to explain Florida's stringent laws. Participants will learn ethics requirements for elected officials, understand the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law, learn about reporting requirements, and become familiar with the process of an ethics complaint. ([Read more](#))

2015 CityStats Survey



Is your city on this list? The Florida League of Cities needs your input to help it complete its database of information for its lobbying and research efforts. The deadline for the Florida League of Cities' 2015 CityStats Survey is fast approaching. Each city's designated key official was sent an individual survey link via email.

Please take the time to complete this year's survey as it provides essential information on municipal government not available elsewhere. This year's survey contains 23 questions on municipal budgets, services and employment as well as nine municipal salary questions. ([Read more](#))

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