



March 2018

## Register for the FCCMA Annual Conference



## President's Message

First, hearty congratulations goes out to Shaunna and Casey Cook on the birth of Collins Montgomery Cook. As first-time parents, they can look forward to all of the joys, lack of sleep and new adventures that come with babies.

The FCCMA Nominating Committee met last Friday, March 23rd in Orlando to interview candidates and make recommendations for the next Secretary-Treasurer and two at-large Board Members. Those recommendations will be considered for approval by FCCMA members at the Annual Meeting on Friday, June 1st in Orlando.

Congratulations to Micah Maxwell who is the recommendation for Secretary-Treasurer and to Mike McNees and Dan Clark for the Board seats. Appreciation is due to all the candidates who



offered their service. The quality of people interviewed was very good which made the decisions difficult. To read more, [click here](#).

## Legislative Update

### Thank you for being engaged.

Legislative Committee Chair, Mark Ryan, Indian Harbour Beach City Manager, gives examples of how providing data to legislators during the 2018 session had a positive impact for cities and counties across Florida. You are all encouraged to continue to stay informed and engaged as you prepare for the next legislative cycle.



Learn more about the state legislation that passed during the 2018 session during the coaching webinar on April 5 (details below).

## Members News and Updates

### New Members

The following membership applications have been received.

- **Douglas Baber**, District IV, Human Resources Manager, St. Lucie County, Affiliate Member;
- **Laura Karpaviciute**, District V, Management Analyst, City of Tamarac, Affiliate Member;
- **Tonya Elliott Moore**, District III, Assistant Public Works Director, City of Maitland, Affiliate Member;
- **Stephen J. Stepp**, District IV, Deputy City Manager, City of Palm Beach Gardens, Full Member; and
- **Charles Williams**, District II, City Manager, City of Jasper, Full Member.

If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, they will be invoiced for dues.

### In Remembrance of Gene DeMarie

Gene DeMarie, a former FCCMA member, passed away on January 14, 2018. He served in local

government management for more than 30 years as city manager of Longwood, Mascotte and cities in the Miami area.

### **Viera Onsite Training Session**



FCCMA held training March 23 in Viera. An experienced group of professionals with both local government and external media experience shared their stories and provided practical advice to attendees on understanding the media.

### **Congratulations to FCCMA Executive Director Casey Cook**



Congratulations to Casey and his wife, Shaunna. Collins Montgomery Cook was born on March 22 at 9:44 p.m. Mom, Dad and daughter are doing well. Casey is enjoying this special time (and changing diapers, too) and will be out of the office until April 9.

Collins Montgomery Cook  
March 22, 2018  
5 lbs. 12 oz.  
18"

## **Member Articles**

### **Coexisting at the Edges, Meet the New Exurban**

[Click here](#) to access an article in PM magazine by Evangeline Linkous and Randy Reid, ICMA Southeastern Director and FCCMA past president, on how politics, economics and land use are changing at the urban/rural interface.

### **FCCMA's 2018 Spring Symposium**

*By Kristina King, FCCMA Student Member*

FCCMA's 2018 Spring Symposium "Ad Valorem Taxes and Alternative Revenue Sources," was held at Florida Gulf Coast University's Cohen Center on March 16th. This event, co-sponsored by the FGCU ICMA Student Chapter, focused on recent legislative actions and their



potential impacts for local governments, identifying and utilizing alternative revenue sources, considering fire assessment fees, best practices for projecting revenues, and other lessons learned. Attendees included FCCMA members, city and county officials, and FGCU graduate and undergraduate students. To read more, [click here](#).

## Professional Management Matters

### Celebrating Tamarac's 45th Anniversary



On January 24, 2018, FCCMA member Sharon Ragoonan presented a certificate to the Tamarac Commission recognizing the city for its 45th anniversary of operation under the council-manager form of government. Pictured left to right: Commissioner Marlon D. Bolton; Commissioner Debra Placko; Sharon Ragoonan, assistant town manager, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea; Mayor Harry Dressler; Commissioner Julie Fishman; Commissioner Michelle J. Gomez; and Michael C. Cernech, city manager, Tamarac and FCCMA President-Elect.

### Celebrating Davie's 35th Anniversary

On March 21, 2018, FCCMA member Sharon Ragoonan presented a certificate to the Davie Council recognizing the town for its 35th anniversary of operation under the council-manager form of government. Town and City Managers Andy Berns of Southwest Ranches, John Flint of Weston, and William "Mac" Serda of Hillsboro Beach attended the meeting to show support to Town Administrator Richard Lemack, the 2014 Municipal Leader of the Year (American City and County Magazine), in the advancement of FCCMA's mission.





## From Our Partners

### **Every City's Data Matters! Make sure your city is included**

Need to know how many cities in your population range have the same form of government as your city?

Wonder how many cities in your region contract out their fire services and to what entity?

Searching for the average surcharge imposed by cities that provide water service to neighboring jurisdictions?

Trying to draft an ethics ordinance and wondering which other cities have already done so? [Click here](#) for more information.

### **FPCA's Outstanding Chief Executive Officer of the Year Award**

The Florida Police Chiefs Association is accepting nominations for the FPCA's Outstanding Officer of the Year Award. [Click here](#) for submission information. The submission deadline is April 15 with selection of the winner on May 30. The presentation will be made during the FPCA's Annual Installation and Awards Banquet in Panama City Beach in August.

### **ICMA Coaching Program**

[Click here](#) to access Career Compass No. 62 "How Do I Get a Better Title?". Please share it with the employees in your governments.

## ICMA Student Chapter Summit

# ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER SUMMIT

PRESENTED BY



**Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

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FCCMA Annual Conference

**REGISTRATION OPEN IN MARCH 2018**

MEET CURRENT, FORMER AND FUTURE GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

## AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Opening General Session**  
**Dr. Natalie Stavas**

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**Workshop**

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
**Lunch**

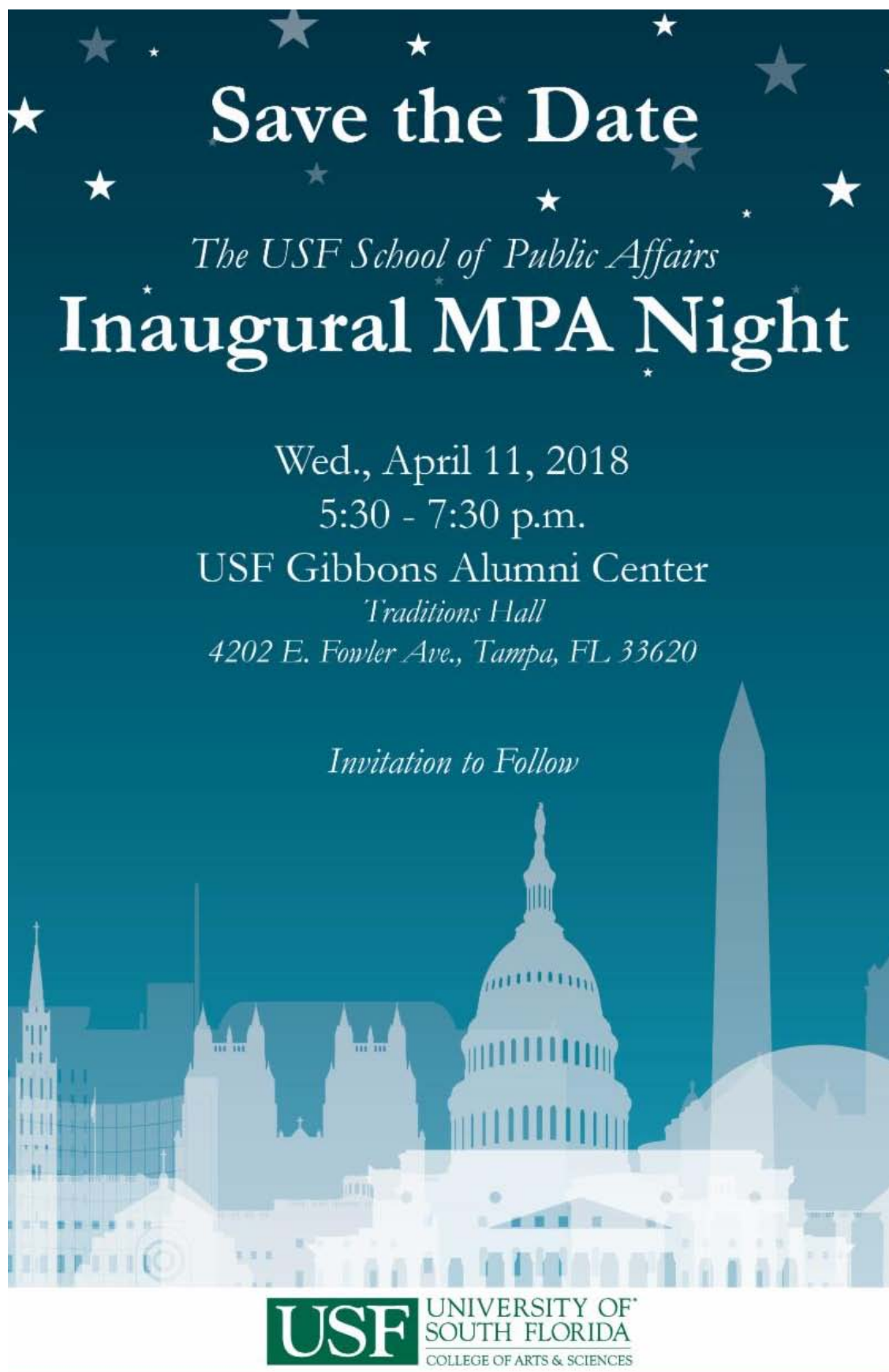
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
**Workshop**

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
**Refreshment Break**  
**in the Exhibit Hall**

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Workshop**

## MPA Night at USF

USF is holding an MPA night on April 11th and encourages FCCMA members to attend. If you are interested, please email Stephen Aiken at [saikins@usf.edu](mailto:saikins@usf.edu) for an official invitation.



**Save the Date**

*The USF School of Public Affairs*

**Inaugural MPA Night**

Wed., April 11, 2018  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

USF Gibbons Alumni Center  
*Traditions Hall*  
4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33620

*Invitation to Follow*

**USF** UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH FLORIDA  
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

**Events and Training Opportunities**

**[FCCMA Webinar: State Legislation and the Impact on Local](#)**

## **Governments**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Thursday, April 5

FCCMA has pulled together an expert panel of city and county representatives that have spent the last couple of months monitoring, evaluating, and lobbying during the 2018 state legislative session. This timely webinar will consolidate the results of this year's legislation involving Florida's local governments and offer an analysis on the future impact on Florida's cities and counties. This is a must attend webinar! For more information, [click here](#).

## **FCCMA Onsite Training Sessions**

FCCMA is holding two onsite training sessions in April.

The first session will be held on April 6, in Plantation focusing on "Using Social Media in City/County Government."

The second training will be held on April 20, in Palm Coast focusing on "Improving the Perception of Public Service Through Internships, Training and Mentoring Programs for Youth and the Incoming Workforce." For more information on these trainings, [click here](#).

## **Leadership FGFOA Class III**

The Florida Government Finance Officers Association will hold its Leadership FGFOA Class III on April 8-13, in Orlando. The Leadership FGFOA is a five-day rigorous program covering a variety of leadership topics, including workplace & compliance training, communication skills and media relations, management and supervisory skills, leadership development and more. The registration fee is \$2,700 and covers all costs (training, materials, personality profile, lodging, food, etc.), other than parking and transportation to and from the host hotel at the beginning and end of the program. Contact [Karen Pastula](#) for more information.

## **Investigations, Accusations, Confrontations: How Cities Should Respond**

The FLC University has announced its 2018 Spring Summit Series. These summits will be held May 4 in Panama City, May 11 in North Port, May 18 in Gainesville and May 24 in Plantation. These free summits will be held 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and are designed for elected officials, senior staff and communications staff. Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) to register and for additional information.

## **Affiliate Training Opportunities**

- [FLC Training](#)
- [FAC Training](#)
- [Cal-ICMA Coaching Opportunities](#)

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