

Supporting, educating and serving professional local government in Florida.

### May 2017

# Message from the Executive Director

# Hope to see you all at Conference!

May 31 - June 2, 2017 Hilton Orlando, Orlando, Florida

# **President's Priority**



A Call to Action

Update

May 2017

President's Message

Robert R. "Bobby" Green

In my final "Call to Action" message to you as FCCMA president, I want to share exciting news about our organization and offer a few personal reflections.

#### **Next Generation Initiative**

I hope you have enjoyed and been inspired by the monthly inserts into the FCCMA newsletter, focusing on this year's theme of "Preparing the Next Generation." Each month, we have tried to bring to your attention opportunities that help to attract young talent to local government and foster their interest in public administration. Many young people today know very little about local government and even less about what we, as local government managers, do. Connecting with the next generation is a vital responsibility that our profession must address. This past year, I had the opportunity to see first-hand the efforts of many of our cities and counties that have created organizational environments that encourage talent development. Examples include: sharing opportunities of public administration with summer help, implementing effective succession plans, employing and utilizing interns, engaging ICMA Student Chapters, being mentors, and managers sharing their personal stories in many group settings. These efforts can make such a positive impact on someone interested in pursuing a career in local government.

#### Sincere Thanks

I want to thank all of you for your support, guidance, leadership and friendship during the past year as I've served as your President. Our financial condition and membership numbers are strong. FCCMA remains one of the strongest state associations of local government managers in the nation. As stated during my swearing-in ceremony, "managers never stand so tall as when we reach down and help pull someone up the professional development ladder." I challenge our organization to "Stand Tall."

Sincere thanks and best wishes!

--Bobby Green

### **Legislative Alert**

On May 23, 2017, Governor Scott signed a bill relating to public records/attorney fees. To implement various protections under the new law, immediate action is required by your city (primarily posting the contact information for the city's custodian of public records, which is a defined term under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). The memo includes a link to the Enrolled bill signed by the Governor. (Read more)

### **Members News and Updates**

#### **New Members**

The following membership applications have been received.

- **David R. Allen**, Masters of Public Administration, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Student Member;
- Daniel Biles, District VII, County Administrator, Pasco County, Full Member;
- Edward Fontanin, District III, Utilities Director, City of Palm Bay, Affiliate Member;
- David Graham, District IV, Assistant City Manager, City of Port St. Lucie, Full Member;
- Rodney Lucas, District VIII, Interim City Manager, City of Groveland, Full Member;
- Kathryn Matos, District V, Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects, City of Sunny Isles Beach, Full Member;
- Michael Rankin, District VIII, Deputy City Manager, City of Leesburg, Full Member;
- Bob Ruybal, District VI, Business Development Director, Complus Data Innovations, Inc., Affiliate Member;
- Alexis Santoyo, District VII, BS in Political Science, University of South Florida, Student Member: and
- **Jonathan Tardif**, District VII, BS in Public Administration, University of Central Florida, Student Member.

If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved

as members, he/she will be invoiced for dues.

### **From Our Affiliates**

#### Florida League of Cities

The annual CityStats survey is the cornerstone of research and analysis done by the FLC Center for Municipal Research & Innovation. The 2017 survey is now being conducted online via survey links that were emailed to each city's designated key official on Tuesday, April 11. Your survey link is unique to your city. If the link was not received, please contact FLC Research Analyst Liane Schrader at <a href="mailto:list.html">list.html</a>. Research Analyst Liane Schrader at <a href="mailto:list.html">lis

This year's survey contains 25 questions on municipal revenues, services, utilities and employment as well as 10 municipal salary questions. Surveys can be saved and completed over several days by multiple city staff members. Please take the time to complete the survey as it provides information essential to League staff and as a valuable source of information on municipal government not available elsewhere. **The survey deadline is Tuesday, June 20.** 

A BIG thank you to the following cities that have already submitted their 2017 CityStats responses! click here.

#### **FRA Awards**

2017 Redevelopment Awards Now Submitted ONLINE

Any member of the Florida Redevelopment Association now has the ability *to apply for an FRA Award ONLINE*, *by filling out a form online and attaching your files that you would normally copy to a CD*. We are planning to allow the judges look at them ONLINE. If you are interested in being a judge (you cannot have an application in for an award) please contact <a href="mailto:cwestmoreland@flcities.com">cwestmoreland@flcities.com</a>. Check out the award entry online form: <a href="mailto:http://redevelopment.net/fra-award-entry-form/">http://redevelopment.net/fra-award-entry-form/</a>.

### **Events and Training Opportunities**

### **Affiliate Training Opportunities**

- FLC training
- FAC training
- Cal-ICMA Coaching Opportunities

#### FCCMA Four Hours Required Ethics Training

FCCMA requires its members to take four hours of ethics training annually. This training must be completed between October 1 and September 30. Any member who joined prior to October 1, 2016, must complete the training by September 20, 2017. If you have already completed the training and need help recording your hours, please contact Carol Russell at (850) 701-3607 or crussell@flcities.com.

#### **FCCMA Webinars**

FCCMA holds webinars monthly from September through May. If you have missed a webinar, all FCCMA webinars are archived and can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

#### ICMA Annual Conference

Housing and registration open online at 12 noon EDT on Wednesday, June 28. Preliminary program materials will be published in the July issue of *PM* magazine. Detailed information will be available on the conference website. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

### **FCCMA Resources**

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