



STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM YEAR 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 program year for FCCMA had successes and challenges. In these tough economic times, the Association saw a drop in total members, but also welcomed new members. The Annual Conference and Winter Institute attendances were lower, while attendance at regional and district training events increased. Participation in telephone coaching calls remained high.

The Board of Directors met four times to conduct the Association's business, adopt the annual budget, review the annual audit, and ensure that policies and activities reflected the Strategic Plan.

The Association received an unqualified audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. FCCMA's assets as of September 30, 2009 were \$478,433. In keeping with the policies of the Association, more than 35 percent of the annual operating revenues are held in reserve in certificates of deposit.

The Association experienced a very high number of members-in-transition between the end of 2008 and the present; the Board of Directors spent a great deal of time discussing the situation and what benefits might include for MITs. Florida's economy and the ripple effect to local governments is not expected to improve within the next year; as we enter the 2010-11 program year, this issue will remain critically important to the Board and the membership.

The Association worked closely with the Center for Florida Local Government Excellence (CFLGE), now in its third year. The Center has grown in its local government involvement and now has training and technical assistance relationships with the city clerks (FACC), finance officers (FGFOA), and maintains a strong relationship with FAC and FLC, and of course FCCMA.

FCCMA is an Association whose greatest activities occur through committees. The officers and board of director members greatly appreciate the voluntarily efforts of all committee members!

The Committees of the Association conducted the following work plans:

Administrative and Fiscal Responsibility Committee: conducted several internal reviews to determine if the Association could find cost-saving measures to enact, while also surveying staff and officers for budget and financial best practices. The Committee presented a report to the Board at the winter meeting.

Awards Committee: responsible for conducting the interviews for the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship and for promoting and ranking the FCCMA annual awards, which were announced at the annual conference.

Conference Planning Committee: responsible for the content and speakers at the general sessions, workshops and other conference events each year.

Ethics Committee: Works with the ICMA ethics staff to ensure that the Code of Ethics is upheld and enforced. The work of this committee is confidential.

Legislative Policy Committee: responsible for tracking annual state legislation and committee work, this Committee issued weekly summaries of House and Senate activities, and compiled an end-of-session report. This Committee also worked closely with the Past President's Council this year on building stronger relationships between FCCMA and the House/Senate committees who work most closely with cities and counties.

Local Government Awareness/Public Relations Committee: one project for this year was assisting with case studies to be used by teachers who teach local government in Florida.

Membership Committee: responsible for promoting and retaining membership in FCCMA, this committee reviewed applications and offered information to the Board of Directors for membership approval.

Members-in-Transition/Member Support Committee: outreach efforts are made to those members qualifying as MITs.

Professional Development/Training Committee and Sub-committees: this committee and its three sub-committees (Coaching and Professional Development, Emerging Professionals, Student Council) worked with Dr. Bob Lee of the Center for Florida Local Government Excellence on monthly telephone coaching sessions, district and regional training, the annual symposium, job fairs at colleges/universities, speakers and content for the annual "So You Want to Be..." workshop at the annual conference.

Technology and Public Information Committee: Responsible for development of the Association's web site and electronic resources, as well as guiding the Board of Directors with regard to technology decisions and policies. The Committee conducted a membership survey

this year and developed a strategic plan for increasing the electronic resources available to members.

Past President's Council: comprised of past presidents who are still members of FCCMA, this Council worked with the Legislative Committee this year on advocacy efforts. A column was prepared for The Manager newsletter and meetings were held with selected House/Senate committees to discuss local government issues. The Council hopes to keep advocacy at the forefront of the Association's membership, in cooperation with FAC and FLC and their policy committees and advocacy staff, to ensure Florida's legislative committees know of FCCMA's desire to serve as a resource on all local government issues.