



MLGMA Community Education Committee

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Attendees:

Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Chris Burns, Victor Cardenas, Penny Hill, Jeff Lawson, Adam Smith, Russ Taylor, Michael Young

- **Committee Responsibility overview**

The committee's responsibilities were announced and discussed. To date the committee is charged with the following projects:

- MGLMA Fellowship
- Winter Institute Student Session
- MLGMA Curriculum Project
- Overall Education of the profession, Brochures, pamphlets, etc.

- **MLGMA Fellowship**

The committee discussed the deadlines and number of both students and municipalities applying for the opportunity. Municipalities have until Friday, **March 20, 2009** to submit their applications to host the fellow. Central Michigan University Student's have until **April 10, 2009** to submit their application. Student applicants will be asked to rate the communities that have applied. The student applications will be interview on **April 16th** in the Mount Pleasant area. Any committee members are welcome to attend. A decision will be made immediately after **April 16th**.

- **University Partnership**

It was decided by the committee to begin assigning committee members to public administration programs. The goal is to create and foster relationships with the hopes of increasing more participation at the Winter Institute and other events. The following are the committee members and the school they volunteer to communicate to:

- Victor Cardenas – GVSU
- Christine Burns and Adam Smith – Central Michigan
- Russ Taylor – EMU
- Wendy Jean-Buhrer - U of M Flint
- Jeff Lawson – CMU and WMU

- **Winter Institute Student Session**

Chris Burns and Lisa Sutterfield did a wonderful job organizing the Winter Institute student session. The following was determined:

- The panel may have been too big. Fewer members (around three) may be a better option
- There was some good Dialogue
- Managers in the audience shared too much regarding their personal stories
- Gift bags need to be organized and distributed to all the students attending (plan for 30-40 bags)

- **MLGMA Curriculum Project**

Michael Young provided a detailed overview of the program. Lesson plans regarding local government can be found at www.civicsinstitute.org/curricula/high/index.html. It was decided that committee members would contact their local superintendent and encourage them to implement this free and complete curriculum. More information will follow, including the DVD created by this committee under Michael's leadership.

- **Next Meeting**

Friday, May 1st 10:00 a.m. at the MML Lansing Office.