



MLGMA Community Education Committee

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Summary

It has been an interesting year for the MLGMA Community Education Committee and the first year for me being chairman. I believe we accomplished a lot but there is much more we can and will do next year. My purpose of this synopsis is to summarize the year for executive board and to provide documentation for committee chairs/members in the future. Below are summaries for the responsibilities of the Community Education Committee:

I. MLGMA Fellowship

MLGMA has been sponsoring a paid fellowship for a number of years. Students, predominantly graduate students, from Grand Valley State University, Oakland University and Michigan State University have participated in the program. The fellowship offered \$ 6,000 for compensation, \$ 3,000 from MLGMA and \$ 3,000 from the hosting school. This past year Oakland University hosted the fellow, Matt Baumgartner. Matt served as an intern for Jeff Mueller in Lathrup Village in Oakland County. Jeff and Lathrup Village was very happy with Matt and work he did.

Unfortunately Michigan State changed their graduate program from a Master's of Public Administration to a Master's of Public Policy. With that change the committee approached Central Michigan University to fill for MSU, they accepted the invitation and take MSU's place in the rotation which comes up this year. Grand Valley is next in the rotation for 2010.

II. University Participation for conference

Committee members were in contact with many of the universities throughout the state inviting them to the 2009 Winter Conference. The committee is constantly building a relationship with these schools. We hope that these conversations will lead to other partnerships and programs.

III. Winter Institute Student Session

Similar to years past the committee will present interns that served in Michigan and managers that have had interns on a panel to speak of their experiences to students in attendance. This type of format has worked extremely well and we hope will continue to do so.

IV. Curriculum Project Update

Michael Young from Rockford has been working hard on this project. I have attached a letter Michael sent to the board back in November 2008.

V. Publications

The committee has updated the internship brochure (document listing all available internships in the state, also denoting if they are paid). The plan for 2010 is to evaluate other pieces of material distributed to schools and educators.

I look forward to working hard with this committee again next year and I appreciate the support from MLGMA presidents, Ed Koryzno and Ted Stanton in allowing me to serve in this capacity.

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