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Mr. Steve Brock, MLGMA President
& MLGMA Board of Directors
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RE: 2011 MLGMA Fellowships – Community Education Committee

Dear President Brock and Board of Directors:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to interview university students for the 2011 Michigan Local Managers Association Fellowships, we appreciate your interest in developing tomorrow's local government leaders. This year's fellowship interview process at Ferris State University (FSU) has been completed. After careful consideration, I regret to inform you that we will not offer any of the candidates a fellowship opportunity at this time.

Following much discussion and deliberation, we concluded that there does not seem to be a close enough match between particular strengths and abilities of undergraduate interviewees and our particular fellowship requirements. Typically, the fellowship is reserved for graduate students and this is the first time we have considered placing undergraduate students. It is our conclusion that further education prior to being placed as a fellow would be in the best interest of both the student and sponsoring community. As FSU does not currently offer a graduate program relative to public administration, we intend to remove FSU from the university rotation.

We would request consideration be given to carrying forward funding allocated for the MLGMA 2011 Summer Fellowships (\$6,000) until the summer of 2012 in an effort to place multiple fellows next year. Should the Community Education Committee be unable to fully leverage and utilize funding next year with participating universities, all remaining funds would revert back to MLGMA's "general fund."

On behalf of the MLGMA Community Education Committee, we again thank you for your support of the fellowship program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AS", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam Smith, Chair
Community Education Committee