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END OF ADMINISTRATION ADDRESS

Greetings COMPA.

As we approach the end of this administration, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the dedication and support of this entire body. We have achieved so much together, and as I reflect on our shared journey, it is clear, and now documented, that we have truly ELEVATED our organization in ways that will leave a lasting impact for years to come.

While our work continues, here are just a few of the key milestones we've achieved together to date:

- Established a Board Orientation for Incoming and Existing Members
- We developed a comprehensive orientation to ensure all board members, both new and existing, were aligned with COMPA's goals, mission, and vision.
- Established an Annual Calendar for Monthly Executive Board Meetings
- We set a consistent, strategic meeting schedule to advance COMPA's agenda, ensuring that we remained focused on our long-term goals.
- Launched the 54 for 54 Campaign
- Inspired by the work of ASAP, this campaign asked each member to contribute one dollar for every year COMPA has been in existence, supporting our financial sustainability.
- Created the COMPA Community Newsletter
- With the assistance of Ms. Melissa Rosenfelt, our chief editor, we kept members informed and engaged with a monthly newsletter, ensuring transparent communication and a sense of community.
- Held the Inaugural General Body Mid-Year Meeting
- We hosted the first-ever general mid-year body meeting to foster deeper engagement from members, outside of the annual conference.
- Launched a New, Engaging COMPA Website
- Our new website reflects the elevation of this administration and offers a more user-friendly, attractive platform for members and the public.
- Increased Membership Rates
- Thanks to your collective effort, we grew COMPA's membership at a higher rate than in the last three years, expanding our organization's reach and influence.
- Elected District III Representative for ASPA National Council
- I was honored to be elected to represent our district on the ASPA National Council, continuing our influence in the broader public administration community.
- Initiated Monthly Webinars
- We introduced educational webinars on crucial local and national issues, providing valuable insights and actionable solutions for our members.
- Secured Significant Funding for the Annual Conference
- With your support, we secured funding for the annual conference, ensuring it was a high-quality and impactful event for all attendees.
- Increased Student Representatives on the Board

Expanded Partnerships

Increased collaboration with municipalities, city governments, state and federal agencies, as well as private and public entities, to enhance COMPA's capacity, broaden its reach, and drive positive, impactful change in the communities we serve.

The Success of the 2025 COMPA Annual Conference

The culmination of our hard work this year was the 2025 COMPA Annual Conference. This event was an incredible success, bringing together 20 universities and a diverse group of public service practitioners. The conference was a platform for addressing evidence-based challenges with practical, real-world solutions, and was supported by federal, state, and local governments.

The plenary sessions were inspiring, with leading public service figures sharing their wisdom. A highlight of the conference was the creation of care packages for those in need in the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area, which was made possible through generous donations from our COMPA community.

The academic presentations and the concurrent specialty sessions were exceptional, and the Whova app guided us seamlessly throughout the event. The "lagniappe" networking sessions were truly memorable, creating meaningful connections among attendees.

The 17th Annual Liddell Debate featured Dr. L. Frances P. Liddell, the 32nd President of COMPA, and we were honored to hear from former presidents during the event. The Park Forest Elementary School Chorale brought our closing plenary to a heartfelt conclusion with their moving renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

As we close this administration and pass the torch, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to COMPA. We have truly ELEVATED this organization, and I am proud of the legacy we've created together.

Let's continue to live out the mission of ELEVATING in everything we do, as the world is depending on us. I am confident that our collective efforts will continue to inspire and strengthen the work we do.

Thank you for your support, for your dedication, and for helping to make the COMPA's 2024-2025 journey an unforgettable success.

Best regards and all the best moving forward!
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ASPA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

COMPA members are invited to join the COMPA Business Meeting during ASPA's Annual Conference.

Meeting Details:
Monday, March 31, 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM
Washington D.C.