



## 50 Questions for #CAMA50

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*What piece of advice would you give to any new CAO just starting in the role?*

Take the time you need to understand what is really going on in your organization and hear both sides (Council and Administration). Listen and observe before making big changes.

*In your time with the CAMA Board, what is one surprising thing you learned about the Association that you didn't know before?*

That it went through such a rocky period in the early 2000's. Also, that CAMA is fairly young and is a learning and growing organization like any other and isn't "stuck in the past".

*There are many benefits to being a CAMA member. In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit?*

Networking, Networking, Networking. I can't say enough about the importance of being able to connect with colleagues on all issues.

***What is your best advice for handling negative public opinion or criticism in social or news media?***

Not to respond to the negative and just supply the facts of a situation. Facts without opinion.

***What is the best thing about working in local government?***

You can make and see immediate results in a community. Although we can all get bogged down in our own red tape, it is easier to resolve that and create opportunities locally.