

## Section Leaders Attend Non Profit University 2019

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Madison Mayor Paul Finley welcomes attendees.

Members of the Greater Huntsville section attended the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Non Profit University (NPU) at the Von Braun Center on June 18. An initiative of the Community Foundation of Greater Huntsville, NPU brought together nonprofit organizations from across the region to train, share best practices, strengthen collaboration, and strategize for growth. Educational sessions and tailored tracks focused on different strategic and functional efforts to help nonprofits thrive. This was the sixth year NPU was in Huntsville and representatives from over 1,100 non-profit organizations have attended over the years. This

year, 525 representatives from 237 organizations, including the Greater Huntsville Section, attended. Madison Mayor Paul Finley welcomed the attendees. Ms. Allison Black Cornelius, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, delivered the keynote address.

Four section leaders attended the university, marking the second year AIAA has participated. Section Vice Chair Nishanth Goli, Membership Director Theresa Jehle, former Chair Ken Philippart and Member Lisa Philippart completed the NPU curricula. The leaders adopted a “divide and conquer” strategy to cover as many different sessions as possible, maximizing the training value to the section. Collectively, they participated in sessions on Board Governance, Non-Profit 101, Marketing and Building Effective Teams. Non profit professionals from organizations such as the United Way, Leadership Greater Huntsville, Huntsville Committee of 100, the Humane Society and the Alabama Association for Non-Profits taught the seminars. Networking opportunities included a luncheon and graduation social.



Theresa Jehle, Lisa Philippart, Ken Philippart and Nishanth Goli completed NPU.

NPU was a great venue for AIAA leaders to talk with other non-profit professionals about common issues and to also bring back ideas on applying professional tools and techniques to AIAA to better serve the membership and accomplish AIAA’s missions. Planning for NPU 2020 is already underway.