



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION of COUNTY OFFICIALS



IACO 2015 County Official Of the Year Nomination Form

Purpose and Criteria

The purpose of the Illinois Association of County Officials' *County Official of the Year Award* is to recognize a county government official or employee who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in county government both within his or her own community and on a regional or statewide level. This distinction will be made each year to one person representative of the high ideals embraced by the Illinois Association of County Officials, (IACO).

Nomination

The official nomination form and supporting materials **must be received by 4:30pm on Friday, October 23, 2015** by mail, e-mail (pdf format only), or fax to;

Postal Service	E-Mail pdf (300 dpi preferred)	Fax
Michael A. Iwanicki, Superintendent Veterans Assistance Commission 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Admin Bldg Woodstock IL 60098	MAIwanic@co.mchenry.il.us	(815)334-4678

The Illinois Association of County Officials "County Official of the Year" Award is given annually to individuals who have contributed to the betterment of county government in a manner **above and beyond** what is expected in their everyday duties. It is not a longevity award, but recognition of significant contributions to their county government and county government in Illinois generally

Eligibility

Any elected or appointed official or employee of a IACO member county is eligible. Current members of the IACO Board of Directors are ineligible to receive the award.

Award

The results will be kept secret until the 2015 Fall Conference, November 23-25, 2015. At the Tuesday Evening Banquet, the award will be presented to one individual who has made significant contributions through their dedicated service.

Nominator Responsibility

In most instances nominations will come from the nominees affiliate organization. The nominator is expected to ensure that the nominee is at the Banquet to receive the award. It is not however required that the nomination come from the nominees affiliate organization. The Veterans for instance may nominate a candidate from the Coroner's, but such a nomination would require considerable research by the Veterans to understand the position of Coroner and prepare a nomination that can compete with other nominees. It would be better for the Veterans to contact the Coroners and seek support for the potential nominee.

Application Deadline: 4:30pm on Friday, October 23, 2015

It is that time of year again! The time to nominate a candidate for County Official of the Year, that is!

The selection of the County Official of the Year is a difficult process – due in large part because of the high quality of the candidates. Our overall goal is to establish a process that results in a fair selection with as minimal bias as possible. The members of the committee all represent an affiliate organization – and it is natural that we would support the individual nominated from our own affiliate – if for no other reason than we are most familiar with the service and dedication of that individual. So our goal was to minimize that bias to the extent possible and streamline the application process.

Here is the selection process that we have used since 2009.

- 1) Any currently serving county official (at the time of nomination) will be considered for the award. Individuals that have resigned or retired earlier in the year are not eligible. (The Board noted the IACO President can at any time recognize an individual with a "President's Award".)
- 2) To minimize the inherent bias of committee members (supporting the candidate from their own affiliate organization) the Board approved a selection process currently being used by another national organization:
 - a) Each IACO Awards Committee member is responsible for selecting a "judge" from outside the IACO membership, such as a local judge, state official, or community leader. Contact information for the judge is forwarded to the Awards Committee Chairperson.
 - b) Nominations are forwarded to these judges directly from the Awards Committee Chairperson along with a scoring sheet. (Committee members do not receive the applications.)
 - c) Judges rank the nominees in several categories based on the merits of the application and forward the scoring sheets back to the Chairperson.
 - d) The Chairperson tallies the scores and announces the winner at the Fall IACO Conference.
- 3) Use of a standardized application
- 4) Use of a standardized scoring sheet for use by judges

So - to each affiliate President....please use the attached nomination form to submit your candidate for 2015! The official nomination form and supporting materials must be received by 4:30pm on Friday, October 23, 2015

Please mail or email applications to:

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(815) 334-4229 or maiwanic@co.mchenry.il.us



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"COUNTY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR"
Candidate Nomination Form

Each year the IACO recognizes an outstanding county government official who best demonstrates our mission of improving the quality of county government through education, promoting responsible public policy, and providing ethical service while maintaining a high standard of performance. This form is intended to facilitate the selection process by providing biographical information of each candidate. All nomination forms must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.

Sponsor/Contact Person

Name: _____ Current Position: _____

Affiliate: _____ Title (within affiliate organization): _____

Work Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Candidate

Name _____ Current Position _____

Number of years has the candidate worked in county government _____

Please attach a biography of the Candidate (limit up to 1000 words) which demonstrates his/her overall professionalism and dedication to county government, specifically highlighting the following:

- 1) Service and leadership in their respective county, including improvements or efficiencies in the operation of nominees own office or local jurisdiction;
- 2) Service and leadership within their respective affiliate organization, including positions held within the affiliate organization, and years of participation;
- 3) Service and leadership within their communities;
- 4) Dedication to continuing education;
- 5) Service and leadership with other affiliate organizations, including IACO.

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