



Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award Guidelines

In 1981 the membership of the Missouri City/County Management Association established the Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award. The award is "to be presented annually to the member displaying the same high standards of accomplishment, professionalism and ethical conduct as exhibited by Jay T. Bell."

AWARD COMMITTEE

The current president of the MCMA shall appoint a five (5) member award committee to evaluate nominations and select the award winner. The committee shall be comprised of the immediate past president, the chairman of the Ethics Committee, the Executive Director of the Missouri Municipal League and two (2) full members of MCMA appointed by the president. The committee shall select a chairman, who through the MCMA secretariat shall notify all organization members of the nomination process.

AWARD CRITERIA

A. Eligibility Criteria

Nominees shall be limited to full members of the Missouri City/County Management Association and former members of the Association gone from the state or the profession less than three years.

B. Selection Criteria:

- a) The individual's professional accomplishments in serving the public's interests and the various governmental jurisdictions wherein the nominee was employed.
- b) The professionalism exhibited by the nominee in his relationship with elected officials, the public and other local government professionals. The committee also should consider the nominee's time and efforts spent in training and supporting young professionals just entering the field.
- c) The individual's accomplishments in addition to service to the employing jurisdiction, time and effort spent serving the local, State and International City Management Associations, serving on municipal league committees and in other non-commensurate capacities that have proven beneficial to the public welfare or the promotion of professional local government management.
- d) The nominee's record of ethical conduct in all private and professional matters that bear on the individual's acceptability for the Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award.

If an award such as the Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award is to have meaning and be of importance to MCMA members, diligence, fairness and professionalism must be employed by the Award Committee in making their selection. If the committee feels that all nominees submitted are not of the caliber for which this award was intended, the committee may search for a nominee from among the general MCMA membership. It is incumbent upon the committee, regardless of which method of selection is used, to verify all information provided and to make whatever investigations it deems appropriate to ensure the worthiness of the nominee prior to making an award decision.

No member of the Award Committee shall be eligible to receive the Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award while serving in that capacity.