



**Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award**  
***Deadline for Nominations: October 29, 2013***

The Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award was established to recognize those current or former county elected officials who have demonstrated outstanding service to the county, his or her constituents, and MACo. The award is issued every year at the Inaugural Banquet and Awards Ceremony at MACo's Winter Conference. This year, that event will be held on Thursday, December 12, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Hotel in Cambridge, MD.

**Details for Nomination:**

*Nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered.*

- Submit nomination letter and nominee biographical information to Virginia White ([vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org)), no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Criteria for nomination letter are included on the next page.
- Nominee must be a living current or former Maryland county elected official.
- Nominating party may be any current Maryland county elected official.
- Each official may submit only one application; officials from the same county may submit different applications.
- Nomination letter must include nominee's biographical information as an attachment or as a link to online information.
- Nominations submitted previously may be re-submitted for consideration.
- Previous award winners are NOT eligible for nomination.
- Applications must be submitted electronically to [vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org).

Questions?

Contact Virginia White at 410.269.0043 or by email at [vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org)

## MACo's Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award

### Criteria for Nomination Letter:

Any current Maryland county elected official may nominate a former or current Maryland county elected official to receive this award. Please write a nomination letter on your letterhead with your signature and title. The letter should be no more than two pages in length, answering the following questions:

1. What are the nominee's name, title, and county?
2. How long has the nominee served the county?
3. Please address how the nominee has met one or more of the following criteria for this award:
  - Demonstrated a keen understanding and commitment to his or her responsibilities as an elected official in the formulation of policy and public service
  - Worked proactively to foster community engagement with all stakeholders
  - Passionately devoted time, effort, and skills to promote the goals of public service
  - Adhered to high ethical standards and worked collaboratively with fellow elected officials and staff
  - Has shown that he or she values diversity by advocating for all citizens in his or her jurisdiction
  - Provided extraordinary leadership and service to the Maryland Association of Counties and furthered the mission and goals of the organization
4. Please also provide any additional information that demonstrates the appropriateness of this nominee to receive the Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award.

#### TO SUBMIT NOMINATION:

- **Attach, or include a link to, biographical information about this nominee.**
- **Before October 29, 2013, send nomination materials to:**  
**Virginia White: [vwhite@mdcounties.org](mailto:vwhite@mdcounties.org)**