



# ILCMA AWARDS PROGRAM



ILCMA started the awards program in 1994 in order to honor those in the association who have exemplified excellent public service. There are two major award categories: The Robert B. Morris Lifetime Achievement Award and the Special Service Award. There are three categories within the Special Service Award: Service to the Profession, Service to the Association, and Service to the Community. The award criterion for each award is described in detail below.

## **Robert B. Morris Lifetime Achievement Award**

The ILCMA Lifetime Achievement Award was renamed the Robert B. Morris Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 in honor of Robert B. Morris. Mr. Morris was hired in 1951 as the Village Manager (VM) in Glencoe and was the first VM in Illinois not trained as an engineer. Bob went on to serve in the village of Glencoe for over 30 years. His distinguished career and ILCMA legacy is highlighted by many professional contributions and accomplishments including the following:

- In 1964 ILCMA hosted the ICMA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Chicago, IL. Bob Morris served as the chair of the conference committee.
- Also in 1964 Bob Morris was elected ICMA Regional Vice-President.
- From 1982 – 1991 Bob served as Midwest Manager and Director of Training and Development, ICMA Retirement Corporation, Evanston, IL
- ILCMA joined the ICMA Range Rider program and Bob Morris became one of the first Illinois Range Riders. Les Allen, long time manager of Decatur, was his counterpart. Bob went on to serve as a Range Rider until 2006.

### **Qualifications**

The Robert B. Morris Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a retired individual who has served no less than 20 years in local government, at least eight of those in Illinois. Selection for the Robert B. Morris Lifetime Achievement award is based on the following criteria:

- 1) The nominee's professional contributions to the communities in which he/she has served;
- 2) The nominee's personal contributions to the communities in which he/she has served;
- 3) The nominee's contributions to the advancement of the local government management profession through leadership, advocacy, and the development of other professionals;
- 4) The nominee's exemplary service to the Illinois City/County Management Association;
- 5) A clear indication that the nominee has, throughout their career, dedicated themselves to public service above and beyond the organizations in which they have served.

The award recognizes a manager whose service has been judged by peers as strong or exceptional, and who has made major contributions beyond direct service to local government (e.g., through service to the associations and the profession). An ILCMA Lifetime membership is awarded to the recipient.

## **Special Service Awards**

Service to the Association  
Service to the Profession  
Service to the Community

### **Qualifications**

The Special Service Award is presented to individuals who have notable association or affiliate activity and significant professional accomplishments, in the following areas:

- 1) Service to the Association: The nominee has actively served the Illinois City/County Management Association through exemplary service to an ILCMA committee, the executive board or has made other significant contributions to ILCMA.
- 2) Service to the Profession: The nominee has demonstrated concern for the support, well-being and growth of other professionals and those aspiring to a career in local government management or the nominee has actively promoted the profession to the community at large including but not limited to, university programs, Illinois Municipal League, and regional councils of government.
- 3) Service to the Community: The nominee has demonstrated exemplary service within one's organization by being an above average professional manager and having displayed the characteristics of integrity and leadership in order to provide exceptional service to one's community in order to get project(s) completed. This award can also honor a nominee who has served a cause that is beyond that of the municipality or county through volunteerism in national, state, regional and local organizations. This award can encompass private interests, family interests, acts of heroism, charitable acts, or social accomplishments.