



Nominations are now being requested for the:
GACCE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR
HONORING KENT LAWRENCE

WHAT IS THE AWARD?

The Association recognizes and greatly values those members who give so generously of their time and talents for the betterment of the organization, for the assistance and support of their colleagues for the improvement of Chambers of Commerce, and for the advancement of our profession. Their personal and professional lives do them great honor and reflect favorably upon each of us.

One such person was **Kent Lawrence**, who gave of himself unselfishly to build this profession and to assist Chamber professionals in every possible way. Prior to his death in early 1991, Kent had retired as a Senior Vice President of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He spent numerous hours traveling the roads visiting chambers across the state, and he played a major role in many of the early careers of hundreds of chamber executives. In recognition of his many years of outstanding service, GACCE has named our executive of the year award in his honor.



It is, therefore, the policy of the Association that annually it shall select the GACCE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR according to the procedures and criteria contained herein, and shall present the award each year at the Association's Annual Conference in July.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA?

All Executive and Staff Members of the Association who have held membership in GACCE, in either and/or both classifications, for at least five continuous years shall be eligible for the award; except that seated Officers shall be ineligible for consideration or receipt of the award during their respective terms. This award is being given for the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 fiscal year.

The committee shall consider the long-term, career achievements of the candidates, as opposed to only a single year or the most recent year. Professional Criteria to be evaluated shall include, but not necessarily be limited to or by: professional organizational achievements, experience, training and education, service to GACCE and other professional organizations; service to Chamber colleagues; ethical conduct in dealing with others; a highly developed sense of professionalism; leadership; and an abiding desire to advance the profession of Chamber Management.

Non-Professional Criteria to be evaluated shall include but not necessarily be limited to or by: participation in the non-Chamber affairs of the community, to include civic, religious, charitable, educational, or other activities.

The committee shall be diligent and conscientious in its consideration of candidates and in its ultimate selection of the winner, keeping always in mind that each recipient is presented to the Association and to the general public as one *who* exemplifies the ideals of our calling.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Nominations should be returned to the GACCE Office no later than **Monday, May 31, 2010**,
GACCE, 1608 Tarklin Valley Road, Knoxville TN 37920.

You may also send your nomination via fax
to 865-573-4994 or e-mail fulmer@gacce.org. Questions: 404-531-6988

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR NOMINATIONS?

Completed nomination application, formal nomination letter (why you are nominating this person), and a short bio of the person being nominated.

**We Salute the Previous Recipients of the
Most Prestigious Award Given By the
Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives**

GACCE Kent Lawrence Professional of the Year

In 1999, the Board and membership approved a change to our awards, and renamed our Professional of the Year Award to honor Kent Lawrence.

2008-09	Bonnie Pfrogner	Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce
2007	Cile Warr	Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce
2006	David Garriga	Americus-Sumter County Chamber of Commerce
2005	Betsy Hueber	Thomaston-Upson County Chamber of Commerce
2003-04	Sue Spivey	Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce
2002	Don Sims	Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce
2001	Albert M. Hodge, Jr.	Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce
2000	Woody Woodside	Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
1999	Peggy Chapman	Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce
1995	Ken O'Neill	Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
1994	Dick James	Newton County Chamber of Commerce
1993	Tim Chason	Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce
1992	Cliff McDuffie	Gainesville-Hall County Chamber of Commerce
1991	Phil Overton	Gordon County Chamber of Commerce

GACCE Professional of the Year

1998	Mike Gaymon	Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce
1997	Willie Paulk	Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce
1996	Jerry Bartels	Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
1995	Nancy Kinsey	Walton County Development Authority
1994	Phil Overton	Gordon County Chamber of Commerce
1993	Jane Fryer	LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce
1992	Max Lockwood	Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce
1991	Dick Walden	Warner Robbins Area Chamber of Commerce
1990	John B. Lastinger	Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce
1989	Mildred Sawyer	Griffin Area Chamber of Commerce
1988	Cliff McDuffie	Gainesville-Hall County Chamber of Commerce
1987	Inez Slaton	Newnan-Coweta County Chamber of Commerce
1986	Joe Ragland	Columbus Chamber of Commerce
1985	Bob Evans	Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce



**EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD
HONORING KENT LAWRENCE
APPLICATION**

Nominee's Name & Title: _____

Chamber Nominee Represents: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Person Making Nomination: _____

Chamber: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

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ITEMS REQUIRED FOR NOMINATION:

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- **Short bio of person being nominated**

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