



## McCann, longtime WICPA member and politician, passes away

James A. McCann, CPA, a long-time politician, active WICPA member and community advocate, passed away on Friday, Feb. 20. He was 84.

McCann's political career spanned 28 years and included five elected terms as comptroller for the City of Milwaukee, along with service as a Milwaukee Alderman and State Assemblyman. McCann was first elected Milwaukee's comptroller in 1972 and was empowered by state statute and city charter to administer the city's financial affairs. His credits included establishing a low-interest mortgage loan program for low-income Milwaukeeans, setting up a preferred compensation plan for city employees and maintaining the city's strong bond rating.

Prior to his election as comptroller, he served on the Milwaukee Common Council and in the Wisconsin Legislature. He also served on the City's Deferred Compensation Board and had been a trustee on the City of Milwaukee's Pension Board for 28 years.

After he decided not to run for re-

election in 1992, the Government Finance Officers Association thought McCann's expertise could help newly elected democratic governments in Eastern Europe, according to an article published on Aug. 25, 1997 in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. McCann spent 10 weeks in Romania in 1993, advising the Bucharest city government on financial management.

The following year, he spent two months in Poland, helping regional development agencies figure out the fair market value of government-run businesses being turned over to the private sector. In 1995, he spent 10 days in Vladivostok, advising the Russian city's officials on managing their computers and economic development activities.

In addition to advising foreign governments, McCann operated another business out of his northwest side home, Targeted Voter Systems. The consulting firm generated computerized mailing lists of voters, tailored to the needs of candidates and special-interest groups.

Beyond his political career, McCann

was active in several professional, civic and charitable organizations. He served on Marquette University's Accounting Advisory Board, was a founding Board member of GRATE (Governmental Reporting Awards Through Evaluation), and was a past chairman of Wisconsin's Accounting Examining Board.

McCann served for three years as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Government Financial Officers Association, and was a member of the National League of Cities' Committee on Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations. He was president of the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and was a long-time officer of the Knights of Columbus at both the state and local levels.

A member of the Wisconsin Institute of CPAs since 1967, McCann served on Boards and Committees, including secretary-treasurer and later as vice president on the WICPA Board of Directors, and as treasurer for CPAC. He also was an active member of the Legislative Committee, CPAC/LIF Committee, Member Involvement Committee, CPAs in Industry, Government and Commerce Committee and the Economic Development Committee. He was a frequent contributor to The Wisconsin CPA magazine.

McCann received many accolades during his career, including the WICPA's Achievement Award in 1996 and the WICPA Southeast Chapter's Service Award in 1974 in recognition of his outstanding achievements and consistent record of service to the CPA profession and to the community. In 1987, McCann was selected to *City & State* magazine's All-Pro City Management Team, and in 1988, was recipient of the GFOA's Award for Excellence in Finance Management. In 1971, he received the Brownlow Award from the National League of Cities for the Most Meritorious Article on Public Administration during 1970.

McCann received both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He received his Wisconsin CPA certification in 1963. A resident of Brookfield, he is survived by his wife, Shirley, and five children.



**MICHAEL H. KRUEGER, CPA**  
(1959–2009)

**Michael H. Krueger, CPA** passed away recently. He was 50. Krueger joined the WICPA in 1984. In the 1980s, he worked in various accounting positions at several companies including Grant Thornton in

Fond du Lac. Recently, he was chief financial officer of the J. F. Ahern Company in Fond du Lac. Krueger graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. He was a resident of Campbellsport.

**GARY G. MAYHEW, CPA**  
(1936–2009)

**Gary G. Mayhew, CPA** passed away recently, according to the *The Sheboygan Press* newspaper. He was 72. Mayhew joined the WICPA in 1965. He worked at several companies including Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart (currently known as Deloitte) from 1961–1969, Schweiger Industries from 1969–1995, and Rowe Pottery Works from 1996–2005, according to the newspaper. Recently, he was the owner of Elmhurst Genetics and the U.S. distributor for ABC Genetics of Switzerland. He received a bachelors of business administration degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1961. He was a resident of Jefferson.



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