

*Arlington County Civic Federation*  
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*The Civic Voice of Arlington*

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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The second and last Presidents Award this evening must be awarded to a group rather than a single individual. The President of the Civic Federation cannot operate in a vacuum. I rely on so many people. Certainly I need consul, advice and, information from all our members, their Delegates and Alternates, Officers and many other individuals from the member organizations. I rely on Elected Officials, County Staff and, too many others to mention – forgive me if I don't single out you all individually!

Like a conductor without an orchestra, I would be lost without my ensemble. You would just see a person flailing their arms but alas, no music would be heard! I would be particularly lost without all the Civic Federation key players – especially all our committee chairs and members of their committees - all of you, who put in so much time and effort in making the Civic Federation and our activities a success. All of you deserve awards! However, I want to recognize tonight a key set of individuals who, among others, comprise the conscience of the Civic Federation. They, more than any other group keep us all on the straight and narrow. More than any other group they provide concepts and ideas for both me and the Federation as a whole. More than any other group, they are called upon to serve in operational roles, some of which are not the most pleasurable. That group, without which I couldn't be successful, is the Executive Committee. All of that group's members have always greatly contributed to the Civic Federation. This year, in particular, we have slowly moved the “supertanker” – that is the Federation - in new directions. We have changed the structure of some of our meetings. We have continued our efforts at outreach. We have made too many changes to count. None of this would possible without the Civic Federation's Executive Committee.

Now, indeed I am a member of that group, but it is the others who must be recognized. So I ask the Excom leaders, Chair Peter Owen and Vice Chair Wayne Kubicki as well as the other Excom members here this evening to come up to the dais.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I present this President's Award to the Civic Federation's Executive Committee.

Lawrence R. Mayer  
President, Arlington County Civic Federation