



Mary MacRae
Past President
National Association of
Women Business Owners



Mary MacRae is the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). Based in Ashland City, Tennessee, MacRae has almost 30 years experience in the business, civic and political communities, including 13 years as the owner of MJM Enterprises, which offered speaking, training and consulting services, focusing on economic development with an emphasis on small business start-ups and women entrepreneurs.

The National Association of Women Business Owners is a national organization exclusively representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs in all industries. It currently has over 8,000 members in nearly 80 chapters nationwide and is affiliated with Les Femmes Chefs d'Entreprises Mondiales (World Association of Women Entrepreneurs) in 35 countries.

Since 1996, MacRae and her husband, Johnny MacRae, have worked together managing their family-owned businesses, which include an agribusiness operation and an independent music publishing company, which includes catalogs of award-winning, Grammy-nominated country music songs. In 2003, one of the published songs, co-written by Johnny, was included in "CMT's 100 Greatest Songs of Country Music," an elite list of compositions chosen by Country Music Television, industry leaders and CMA members.

In addition to serving as NAWBO's

National President, MacRae has also served as the President of the Nashville NAWBO Chapter and the President and Founding Member of the Women's Resource Center - Tennessee's first SBA supported women's business center. She has served as Charter President of the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce and Charter Trustee of Leadership Cheatham County, both located in Tennessee. MacRae is the recipient of many awards including NAWBO's Advocate & Member of the Year Award (from the Nashville NAWBO Chapter); the Economic Leadership Award from the Women's Business Institute of the South; and the International Order of Merit from the Biographical Institute in Cambridge, England.

MacRae is a graduate of the Economic Development Program from the Georgia Institute of Technology and she holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Tennessee State University, where she graduated summa cum laude as a University Scholar with Highest Distinction honors.