

Why Seek An Appointment?

By serving in an appointed position, you can:

- Gain the satisfaction of knowing you are using your time and your talents to serve state government and your local community.
- Enlarge your personal network and expand your professional and political career options.

To find out more about "*Getting Your Seat at the Table*," and to make arrangements for a workshop for you and your friends or associates, contact:

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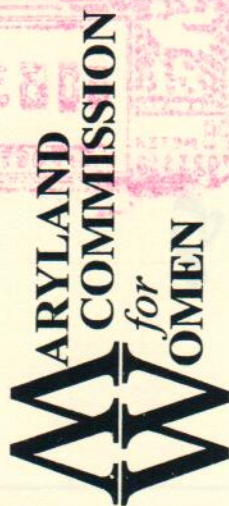
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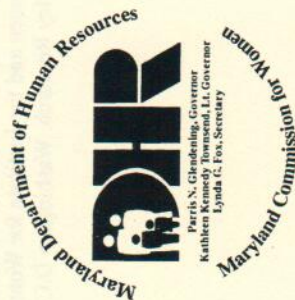
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Getting Your Seat at the Table

Training workshops conducted
by the *Coalition for the
Appointment of Women To
State Boards and Commissions*





"Women need to be at the table when policies affecting women's lives are discussed to ensure that women's unique perspectives are being included in the debate and their needs are addressed."



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Co-published by the Maryland Commission
for Women and the Institute for Women's
Policy Research. Washington D.C.

Opportunities Abound

The Governor of Maryland has appointment authority over approximately five hundred state boards and commissions, most of which call for participation by members of the general public.

These boards and commissions encompass a variety of issues—from agriculture, education, and economic development to public safety, transportation, and utilities. Their functions range from policy making and administration to advisory positions that offer individuals from all walks of life opportunities to contribute their talents and their expertise to State government programs.

To assist women interested in taking advantage of these opportunities, the Maryland Commission for Women, a commission of the Maryland Department of Human Resources, has established a "Coalition for the Appointment of Women to State Boards and Commissions."

The Coalition is made up of volunteers committed to increasing the participation of women in leadership positions in government.

Find Out More

Members of the Coalition conduct training workshops in informal settings, such as someone's home or a community center, for groups of 10 or more women who want to learn more about the appointments process.

The workshops, entitled "*Getting Your Seat at the Table*," are offered at no cost to the participants and last about an hour and a half. They are held all over the state at times and places mutually convenient to the Coalition and the participants.

You may want to know:

- Are appointed positions paid or unpaid?
- Are they full or part time?
- What qualifications are required?
- What are an appointee's responsibilities?
- What can an individual do to increase her chances of being selected?

All you have to do to find out the answers to these and other questions is sign up for a "*Getting Your Seat at the Table*" workshop. With a modest investment of your time and energy, you have little to lose - and a lot to gain!