



Fiscally Alaskan: Moving towards Solutions

Saturday, Oct 1, 2016

- 9:00 - 9:05 **Welcome:** Cliff Groh, Chair, Alaska Common Ground; Charles Wohlforth, journalist and author
- 9:05 - 9:25 **How the Fiscal System Works and Why We Have a Deep Structural Deficit**
Status of Revenues and Taxes; Trends in Spending and Use of Savings
Cliff Groh; Larry Persily, former Deputy Alaska Commissioner of Revenue and former Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects
- 9:25 - 10:10 **No Silver Bullets: Elements of Solutions**
Increases in Oil Prices/Production; AKLNG; Economic Diversification; Taxes, Use of Permanent Fund Income, etc.
Larry Persily; Dan Dickinson, Alaska oil and gas tax consultant; Cliff Groh
- 10:10 - 10:25 **Impacts of Various Proposals on Jobs and Incomes**
Mouhcine Guettabi, Assistant Professor of Economics, ISER
- 10:25 - 10:45 **Oil and Tax Credits and Proposals for Change**
Dan Dickinson
- 10:45 - 11:00 *Break*
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Scenarios for Solutions**
Randy Hoffbeck, Commissioner of Revenue; Ric Davidge, United for Liberty; Rick Halford, former legislator; Representative Paul Seaton; Robin Brena, oil and gas attorney
- 12:00 - 12:30 *Lunch (preorder only at akcommonground.org)*
Play Alaska's Fiscal Balance Game
- 12:30 - 1:00 **Improvational Comedy**
Urban Yeti
- 1:00 - 1:20 **The Truth about Alaska's Economy**
Neal Fried, economist; Charles Wohlforth
- 1:20 - 1:35 **Anchorage Experience/Challenges to Stability**
Susanne Fleek-Green, Chief of Staff for Mayor Berkowitz

- 1:35 – 1:45 **The Case for Substantial Budget Cuts, with Specifics**
Michael Chambers, United for Liberty
- 1:45 – 1:55 **Connecting the Budget to Alaska’s Quality of Life**
Ivan Moore, pollster
- 1:55 – 2:10 **Considering Public Opinion on the Hard Choices**
Diane Kaplan, President and CEO, Rasmuson Foundation; interviewed by
UAA MPA student Carla Burkhead
- 2:10 – 2:20 **Values-Based Policy and Governance**
Sheila Selkregg, Assistant Professor UAA, Economics and Public Policy
- 2:20 – 2:40 **Political Frameworks, Interest Groups, and Power Structures**
Cliff Groh; Sheila Selkregg; Dan Fauske, former President, Alaska Gasline
Development Corporation; Jewel Jones, former Director, Department of
Health and Human Services, Municipality of Anchorage, and former CEO,
Anchorage Community Land Trust
- 2:40 – 2:55 **Feeling the Pain: Impacts of Budget Cuts on Things We Value**
Sheila Selkregg; Khyrs Duddleston, Professor of Biological Sciences, UAA;
Mike Bronson, Education Chair, NAACP
- 2:55 – 3:10 *Break*
- 3:10 – 3:40 **Moving Forward: Rapid-Fire**
Jasmin Smith, The Business Boutique; Derrick Green, Waffles and Whatnot;
Donteh DeVoe, The Solution Project; Neisha Jones, Phenom Meals; Darryl
Waters, Alaska WorkSource; Tasha Hotch, Safety on our Sidewalks
- 3:40 – 4:10 **Defining Common Ground**
Deena Mitchell, Great Alaska Schools; Drew Cason, Our Alaska; Bill Popp,
Anchorage Economic and Development Corporation; Curtis Thayer, Alaska
Chamber
- 4:10 – 4:20 **Moving to Action: Public Engagement**
Sheila Selkregg
- 4:20 – 4:30 **Closing Remarks, Drawing for Gift Certificates, and Review of Upcoming
Events**
Rashmi Prasad, Dean, College of Business and Public Policy; Cliff Groh
- 4:30 *Adjourn*