

MEETING AGENDA

National Taxpayers Conference

September 20 – 23, 2009

Boise, Idaho

Sunday, September 20

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Reception and registration, NTC Hospitality Suite
Hampton Inn & Suites, Boise Downtown

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/BOIDNHX-NTC-20090920/index.ihtml>

Dinner on your own

Monday, September 21

8:00 a.m.

Business Breakfast in Boise Rooms

8:30

Mary Whittinghill, President, Montana Taxpayers Association and the National Taxpayers Conference

8:45 – 10:00

Member State Reports

10:00 – 10:20

Break

10:20 – Noon

Completion of Member State Reports

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon in Gold Fork Room

“Economic, Federal Stimulus and State Turnaround?”

Speaker: Jim Eads, Executive Director, Federation of Tax Administrators

1:30 – 2:45

Current Multi-state Tax Policy Matters

Speaker: Joe Crosby, Legislative Director, Council on State Taxation (COST)

2:45 – 3:05

Break

3:05 – 3:45

Reports from Sponsoring Organizations

3:45 – 5:00

State “Special Topic” Roundtable

Moderator: Tom Johnson, President, Taxpayers Federation of Illinois

Discussion of Current Research and Tax Policy Issues:

- 1) Minnesota’s 50 State Property Tax Comparison Report (and what sticks out over the years), supplemented with national p-tax limitation trends (Mark Haveman)
- 2) California’s Challenge of 20 percent “Understatement Penalty” Exaction is a Tax Rather than a Fee (Teresa Casazza)
- 3) Tax Policy via the Initiative Process – Pros/Cons - (Carole Vilardo)
- 4) Other State Research/Policy Issues (All Participating Association Executives)

6:00 – 8:30

NTC Hospitality Suite and approximate 2 block walk to Dinner at Angell’s (999 W. Main St.)

8:30

NTC Hospitality Suite open after dinner

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 a.m.

Business Breakfast in Boise Rooms

8:30 – 10:00

“Transportation Interaction Between the States and Federally—Funding Trends”

Speaker: Tom Warne, P.E., Tom Warne and Associates, South Jordan, Utah

(Mr. Warne consults nationally on large project implementation, state/national policy issues, partnering and other key transportation areas)
(Includes Q & A with Assoc. Execs. regarding what the recurring transportation revenue streams should be).

10:00 – 10:20

Break

10:20 – 11:45

“Update on Post-employment Benefits and other GASB Issues in Today’s Economy”

Speaker: Dean Mead, Research Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Norwalk, Connecticut

Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Afternoon free to enjoy Boise and nearby sights and attractions
(Optional activities will be suggested)

6:00 – 7:45

NTC Hospitality Suite Open

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 a.m.

Plated Breakfast

8:45 – 10:30

NTC Business Meeting, Mary Whittinghill

- 2008 Minutes Approval
- Financial Report
- Nominating Committee
- Future Meeting Locations
- Other Business (comments on Form 990 and 2008 tax year not-for-profit IRS returns, fundraising, membership retention, other organizational management issues)