

**NTC 2010 Annual Meeting**  
**Agenda Outline**  
(subject to change)

**Sunday, September 26**

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Hospitality Welcome

7:30 pm  
**Special Event: Evening Tour of D.C. Monuments and Sights**  
(Advance registration required)

**Monday, September 27**

7:30 am to 8:30 am  
Breakfast

8:30 am to 8:45 am  
**Welcome & Introductory Remarks**

8:45 am to 10:00 am  
**Reports by NTC Member Organizations**

10:00 am to 10:15 am  
Break

10:15 am to 12:00 pm  
**Reports by NTC Member Organizations**

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
**Lunch Event**

1:30 pm to 2:45 pm  
**Panel**

**State Pensions:  
Findings, Trends, and Solutions**

“Despite the sharp rise in [taxpayer contributions to pension plans] and the substantial volume of state and local pension fund assets accumulated to date, there are growing indications that these amounts may be inadequate to meet the future benefits claims which some employees have been led to expect in their retirement years.” So wrote a 1976 Tax Foundation report on state pension plans, which went on to recommend “scaling down what may be overly generous benefit provisions, increasing current contributions to the systems or a combination of both.”

A flurry of new research into what's behind state pension problems has begun to inform the debate on what to do with these major aspects of state fiscal policy. Experts who have authored these studies will share their insights and analysis.

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Roundtable**

**State Budgets and Fiscal Issues:  
Trials and Tribulations of the Recession**

Legislators have faced record shortfalls between projected revenues and planned spending, leading to struggles about reprioritizing services and different types of tax increases. Fiscal 2011 may even be a repeat of 2002, the last time states spent less than they had the year before, as infusions of federal money taper off. Experts will be on hand to share their perspectives and facilitate discussion about what states are doing and what they could be doing.

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Break

6:00 pm

**NTC Dinner (off-site)**

(Advance registration required; fee applies for guests)

## **Tuesday, September 28**

7:30 am to 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 am to 10:00 am

**Presentation**

**Tax Foundation Research & Trends:  
How Much States Raise and How They Raise It**

Since 1937, the Tax Foundation has produced principled research and analysis of tax issues and the size of the tax burden at all levels of government. Economists and experts from the Tax Foundation will describe the findings of *Tax Freedom Day* by state, the *State-Local Tax Burdens* report, and the *State Business Tax Climate Index*, and discuss trends and research on key state tax issues.

10:00 am to 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am to 12:00 pm

**Panel**

**Budget & Accounting Transparency:**

**Steps Toward a More Complete Definition and Effective Implementation**

Transparent budgets enable taxpayers to understand how spending, tax assessment and collection, and compliance work. Experts will discuss the current state of transparency, what states are doing, and what states can do, including presentations on the use of non-general funds, tax expenditures, public accessibility, and standardized budget information across states.

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

**Lunch Event**

**Joe Crosby, Council on State Taxation**

The Council On State Taxation (COST) is the premier state tax organization representing taxpayers. COST is a nonprofit trade association consisting of over 600 multistate corporations engaged in interstate and international business. COST's objective is to preserve and promote equitable and nondiscriminatory state and local taxation of multijurisdictional business entities. Joe will discuss recent policy developments and trends.

1:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Enjoy Washington

Optional activities will be available

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Reception**

Chat with fellow NTC members and representatives from Washington's public policy community

**Wednesday, September 29**

7:30 am to 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 am to 9:45 am

**Roundtable Presentations**

**In the News Tax Issues**

Experts will discuss recent developments in excise taxes, Internet taxes, and tax incentives

9:45 am to 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am to 11:30 am

**NTC Business Meeting**

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

**Farewell Lunch**

Special Keynote Speaker