

**Minnesota Taxpayers Association 83rd Annual Meeting
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Minnesota's Response to Unprecedented
Economic Conditions**

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Severe state and local budget stress, an economy in recession, and cost drivers seemingly out of control. The relative magnitude of some past budget deficits may rival the situation we face today, but the convergence of major state, federal, global, and demographic challenges is unprecedented in our history.

Are there any hints of light at the end of the tunnel? How are other states addressing their own fiscal challenges, and what are the implications of these strategies? How will the federal government's own considerable economic woe influence federal/state finance relationships and tax policy in the future? Can the design of state revenue systems make a difference in getting us out of our malaise? And what will it take to make structural spending reform and the notion of "better, faster, and cheaper" government a reality rather than a pre-session talking point?

Join us for presentations from national experts and lively discussion on these critical issues pertaining to the state's long-term fiscal health and welfare.

Program

8:00 – 9:15 AM MTA Business Session / Meeting of Members

MTA Fiscal Policy Conference

9:30 AM Welcome and Conference Overview (Coffee)

9:45 AM Where Are We?
State Budget and Revenue Update

Tom Hanson
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Management and Budget

10:30 AM What Are Others Doing?
State Tax Policy During Economic Turmoil

Jim Eads
Executive Director, Federation of Tax Administrators

11:30 AM Conference Luncheon and Recognitions

Program (continued)

12:30 PM What Should We Be Doing? The Revenue Side
The Requirements and Features of 21st Century State Tax Policy

Dr. William Fox
Director, Center for Business and Economic Research
University of Tennessee

1:30 PM What Should We Be Doing? The Spending Side
How to Contain Expenditure — and Improve Minnesota

Ted Kolderie
Founding Partner, Education Evolving

Speakers Bios

Tom Hanson is Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget where he serves as the governor's key negotiator on the budget while also leading the state's efforts in managing financial, human, information and analytical resources. His appointment by Governor Tim Pawlenty in 2006 culminates over 20 years of experience working as a public servant. Prior to his appointment, Hanson had extensive executive and legislative branch experience with public finance and budget matters at the state and federal levels. He has served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Budget Officers and been a member of the National Conference of State Government's Legislative Effectiveness Committee and the Council of State Government's Suggested Legislation Committee.



Jim Eads was named Executive Director of the Federation of Tax Administrators in September, 2008. He leads the FTA staff in the Washington, DC office and seeks to both serve and represent the tax agencies of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, New York City and Puerto Rico. His leadership of the FTA caps over 30 years of experience in state tax work within the private, government, and non-profit sectors. Previous positions include Director of Public Affairs for Ryan, a major tax consulting company where he represented Ryan and its clients regarding state tax policy and legislation across the country; Senior Attorney & Government Relations Counsel with AT&T

Corp; and President & Executive Director of the New Mexico Tax Research Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan tax policy association. He is a past President of the National Tax Association and former Chairman of the Electronic Commerce Task Force of the Council on State Taxation.



Bill Fox is the William B. Stokely Distinguished Professor of Business and the Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee. He is a past President and recipient of the Steven D. Gold Award from the National Tax Association and former Chairman of the Economics Department at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Fox has served as a consultant on finance, taxation, and economic development in more than 25 countries and 10 U.S. states. He has held visiting appointments as Professor at the University of Hawaii, scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Distinguished Fulbright Chair at the University of Frankfurt, Germany.

Ted Kolderie is the co-founder of Education|Evolving — an organization that works with state policy leadership on institutional innovation for public education. Although recognized nationally for his work on charter schools and education reform, his experience in designing alternative approaches to meeting public needs extends to many other areas of government. During the 1970s he worked with Public Service Options — a joint venture of the Citizens League and the Upper Midwest Council — and in the 1980s he directed the Public Services Redesign project at the Humphrey Institute. Ted was previously executive director of the Twin Cities Citizens League, a reporter and editorial writer for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, and a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

