



Thursday, November 4, 2010: 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 5, 2010: 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

AMC Board Room – [125 Charles Avenue](#), St. Paul, Minnesota

Facilitators: Toni Smith and Kim Boyce

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## **FOCUS OF AGENDA**

Local preparation in counties for possible cuts occurring during the 2011-12 legislative sessions have prompted FUTURES to pursue several topics around change movements, downsizing, effect of elections and alignment with state government.

### **Thursday, November 4 - 1:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.**

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome – Futures Co-Chairs: Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson and Renville County Recorder Gail Miller**
- 1:15 p.m. Statewide Picture of the 2010 County Elections**
- Laurie Klupacs, Acting AMC Executive Director will give an overview of the elections results for county commissioners
  - Dennis McGrann , Director, Federal Relations for Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P. will share his perspective on the implications of the federal elections
- 1:45 p.m. “Minnesota Political Reform Movements – Minnesota Miracle” – Former Governor Wendell Anderson and Former Congressman Martin Sabo**
- The Minnesota Historical Society writes about the Minnesota Miracle rising out of public discontent with soaring property taxes that created the ferment for needed reform of long-established policies. Local governments and school districts financed solely through autonomously levied property taxes; municipalities forced to compete for commercial-industrial development to boost their tax base; and disparities in the quality of education between property-tax-rich and property-tax-poor districts.
- We have asked two key leaders in the Minnesota Miracle effort, former Governor Wendell Anderson and former Representative Martin Sabo, to discuss how this political movement occurred and their thoughts about initiating change in the current political landscape. We have asked them specifically to address:
1. What was the condition of Minnesota prior to the Minnesota Miracle? What was spurring a need for action?
  2. Who were the players and what were the obstacles to moving forward with meaningful policy changes?
  3. How did you finally pull enough folks together to pass the Minnesota Miracle?
  4. Looking back at history, how significant would you say that your actions were?
  5. How well have Minnesota’s political leaders and citizens done in keeping the Minnesota Miracle alive and well in the state? Where do you think we have deviated from the vision you and your colleagues laid out for Minnesota?
- 3:30 p.m. Break**

**3:45 p.m.**



**“Impact and Process of Downsizing” - Larry Bourgerie**

Larry Bourgerie is a strategic management of workforce reductions consultant who also lectures at the Carlson School of Management in the Center for Human Resources and Labor Relations and serves as adjunct faculty in the MBA program at the University of St Thomas. He teaches Leadership, Organizational Behavior, HR Management, and Organizational Development & Change.

**5:30 p.m.**

**Light Dinner**

**6:15 – 7:30 p.m.**



**“Sharing Your Leadership Path ” - Robert Bergland**

Mr. Bergland will share the leadership path that brought him from Roseau, Minnesota to the US House of Representatives and the position of US Secretary of Agriculture in President Carter’s cabinet. Mr. Bergland will discuss leadership experiences and challenges during these appointments and his subsequent experiences as president of Farmland World Trade, general manager of National Rural Electric Co-operative Association and the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

**Friday, November 5 - 8:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Welcome and Debrief Thursday’s Program - Futures Co-Chairs: Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson and Renville County Recorder Gail Miller**

**9:00 a.m.**

**“Understanding the 2010 Elections: Did the Paradigm Shift (Again)” - David A. Schultz, Hamline University Adjunct Professor**



Why did the 2010 elections turnout the way they did? How will they influence Minnesota and the nation in 2011 and 2012? This talk will examine the campaign strategies of the 2010 elections, assessing the winners and losers and what the election meant both politically and from a public policy perspective. Professor Schultz has a BA - Suny Binghamton Center, MA - Suny Binghamton Center, MA - Rutgers State University of New Jersey, PHD - University of Minnesota, JD - University of Minnesota, and LLM - University of London. He is a nationally recognized expert in government, nonprofit, and business ethics, campaign finance reform, land use and eminent domain policy, law and politics, and the media and politics who has been extensively quoted in news sources such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, CNN, MSNBC, Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, NBC News, ABC News, CBS News, Cox News Service, and National Public Radio. He is the editor for five book series with Peter Lang Publishing and M.E. Sharpe as well as author and editor of 25 books, 12 legal treatises, and over 60 articles.

**10:00 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:15 a.m.**

**“County Revenue Generation and Debate About County Alignment to State Government” – Faribault County Commissioner/AMC General Government Policy Chair Tom Warmka and AMC General Government Policy Analyst Joe Mathews**

Commissioner Warmka and Joe Mathews will present recent work they have been involved with in looking at revenue generation in counties and the implications of a local sales tax. The FUTURES group will discuss the sales tax issue and delve deeper into strategies counties are using to align themselves with state government by pursuing a political strategy of either local engagement or enhanced involvement at the state level.

**12:15 a.m.**

**Adjourn – Lunch on Your Own**