



2011 Statewide Small Business Conference Detailed Agenda

8:00 a.m. Intro – Daniel Mead Smith

Breakfast Panel

- Senator Derek Kilmer (26th district)
- Representative Kevin Parker (6th district)
- Jim Justin, Office of the Governor

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Breakout Session #1

Panel #1: Workers' Compensation / Unemployment Insurance

Moderator: Patrick Connor, NFIB

Speaker: Vickie Kennedy, Department of Labor & Industries

Speaker: Representative Deb Eddy (48th district)

Panel #2: Tax Simplification for Small Businesses

Moderator: Damien Sinnott, Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Doug Collier, CPA

Speaker: Patti Wilson, Department of Revenue

Speaker: Mark Johnson, Washington Retail Association

Panel #3: Regulatory Reform

Moderator: Gary Smith, Independent Business Association

Speaker: Senator Michael Baumgartner (6th district)

Speaker: Deb Stephens, Office of the State Auditor

Speaker: Representative Kevin Parker (6th district)

Speaker: Cheryl Smith, Department of Commerce

Panel #4: Technology and Using Social Media for Your Business

Moderator: Craig Larsen, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Frank J. Kenny



10:45 a.m. – noon

Concurrent Breakout Session #2

Panel #1: Health Care – What Happens Next?

Moderator: Dr. Roger Stark, WPC

Speaker: Patrick Connor, NFIB

Speaker: Jim Pinkerton, Regence

Speaker: Ted Blotsky, Associated Industries

Panel #2: Export/Import and Immigration

Moderator: Eric Schinfeld, WCIT/Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Cris Guillen, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Sam Kaplan, Trade Development Alliance

Speaker: Mark Calhoon, Department of Commerce

Panel #3: Transportation – Tolling, Initiative 1125 and New Revenue

Moderator: Michael Ennis, WPC

Speaker: Colin Hastings, Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Stan Vander Pol, Peninsula Trucking

Panel #4: Will Seattle's Mandatory Paid Sick Leave Law Go Statewide?

Moderator: Gary Smith, IBA

Speaker: George Allen, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Marcus Charles, owner, Crocodile Café

Speaker: Steve Neighbors, Terra Staffing Group

12:15 p.m.

Lunch Media Panel

Bill Virgin, *Seattle Business Magazine*

John McDonagh, *Vancouver Business Journal*

Kim Crompton, *Spokane Journal of Business*

Al Scott, *Puget Sound Business Journal*

1:20 p.m. Release of Conference Policy Recommendations

1:30 p.m. Adjourn