

Committee on Economic Development, Tourism & Arctic Policy

12.9.15 Meeting – Alaska’s Economic Outlook

Presenter Bios

Mary Ann Pease

Mary Ann Pease is the President of the Board of Directors for Commonwealth North and has served as the Chair of Commonwealth North’s Energy Action Coalition for seven years.

She is the owner of MAP Consulting, focusing on business strategies, energy, oil, and gas consulting services, as well as strategically placed outreach and P/R Consulting; and the Alaska Vice President and General Manager of Resources Energy, Inc. She served as Vice President, Corporate Communications, Alaska Communications Systems; Vice President of Aurora Power Resources; Chief Fiscal Officer for Municipal Light & Power; and has developed expertise in financial management, and legislative and regulatory affairs in her nearly 30 years of experience in the utility, power, and technology industries.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the all-women Albertus Magnus College and an MBA in Finance from Bridgeport University.

Cheryl Frasca

Cheryl Frasca is the President-Elect (incoming 2016 President) of the Board of Directors for Commonwealth North and has served as a Co-Chair of the Commonwealth North Fiscal Action Coalition for seven years. Cheryl Frasca has been involved in Alaska fiscal policy issues for over 30 years, which includes working as staff for 12 years for Alaska legislative leaders and director of the Office of Management and Budget for two governors and two Anchorage mayors. She was also appointed to the Anchorage Assembly in 2013. She is currently the Executive Director of Education Matters, Inc.

Cheryl has received several awards including the National Governors’ Association’s “Distinguished Service to State Government” recognition and the Ernest Gruening Award for “Outstanding Graduate Student” by the University of Alaska Southeast. She has a Master of Public Administration degree and a B.A. degree in Political Science.

OLIVER SCOTT GOLDSMITH

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Professor Goldsmith was a faculty member of the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) from 1975 to 2013 and Institute Director from 2001 to 2005. ISER is a public policy research institute within the College of Business and Public Policy of the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Professor Goldsmith's research interests include regional economics, Alaska fiscal policy, and energy demand. He has constructed several Alaska economic models which are regularly used at the Institute for a variety of policy analyses and projections. He currently directs the ongoing research program *Investing for Alaska's Future*, funded by a generous grant from Northrim Bank, which studies the implications of the dominance of petroleum for Alaska's economic future. Professor Goldsmith contributes the results of his research regularly to academic journals as well as to a more general audience through Institute publications and frequent speaking engagements.

Professor Goldsmith has been active in professional service to Alaska and the nation, having recently served on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. He was formerly chairman of the Anchorage Municipal Budget Advisory Commission, and served as a member of the Alaska Bypass Mail Post Office Task Force and the Child Support Enforcement Task Force.

In 2006 he was the recipient of the prestigious Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence, presented annually by the University of Alaska Foundation.

Professor Goldsmith is a native of Chicago, graduated from Princeton, and earned a PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison after serving for 2 years in the Peace Corps in Borneo. He is married and has two grown daughters who live in Alaska.

Now that he is "semi-retired", he hopes to spend more time on his bicycle, both in Alaska and in other exotic locales.

NEAL D. FRIED

EMPLOYMENT

Economist, State of Alaska, Department of Labor, Research & Analysis Section, 1978—Present.

His primary duty is to produce economic data and analysis on a variety of economic issues facing the Alaska.

A primary author of articles appearing in the monthly magazine *Alaska Economic Trends*, published by the Alaska Department of Labor. This publication is distributed to over 5,000 subscribers. His articles cover a wide variety of the State's economic issues. Some of the topics on which he has performed economic analysis and written articles include: annual economic forecasts, the cost of living, beer and coffee, construction, income and wage trends, the military, the health care industry, transportation, oil industry issues, labor needs, rural economic trends, economic impact of the Prince William Sound oil spill, the MatSu Valley's economy and other issues.

Served on the Governors Oil and Gas Policy Task Force, Anchorage Economic Development Committee, the Governors Technology Task Force, King Career Center's Business Industries Advisory Committee and others. Was on the Pacific Northwest Economic Conference board.

Her currently serves on the Alaska Public Media Board and the King Career Business Advisory Committee.

Governors Denali Peak Performance award.

Supervisor of Anchorage office (2 people, including myself), Department of Labor Research & Analysis Section

EDUCATION

Economics Degree,

University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1978

PERSONAL

Born Washington, D.C., 1954

Raised in Vienna, Austria

Married, 2 children

Martin Cary

Vice President and General Manager, Managed Broadband Services, GCI

Martin Cary is responsible for all of GCI's telehealth and educational initiatives that are delivered over a broadband satellite and terrestrial infrastructure. He also manages GCI's strategic initiatives in Alaska, Washington, and New Mexico, including corporate mergers and acquisitions, and leads initiatives to evolve GCI's delivery infrastructure to optimally deliver education and health applications. Before joining GCI, Martin was Senior Partner of Astrolabe Systems, Inc., a technology-management consulting firm acquired by GCI in 1995, where he developed SchoolAccess. Prior to Astrolabe Systems, Martin served as the Director of Information Technology for the North Slope Borough School District for nearly a decade.