

# CSG NATIONAL & CSG WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 9 – 13, 2014 | Anchorage, Alaska



## CSG West WESTRENDS Board

Saturday, August 9

9:00 a.m. – Noon

K'enakatnu Boardroom, Second Floor, Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center

Chair, Representative Maxine Bell (ID)

### AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:10 a.m. Perspectives of State and Local Governments Role in Arctic Decision-Making & Policy Issues

*This panel will focus on the mission and efforts of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, which was established by the Alaska State Legislature, to develop an Arctic policy for the state and produce a strategy for its implementation. Speakers will also address how the Commission is working with a variety of stakeholders to shape federal Arctic policy.*

- Senator Lesil McGuire (AK)  
Co-Chair, Alaska Arctic Policy Commission
- Representative Bob Herron (AK)  
Co-Chair, Alaska Arctic Policy Commission

9:45 a.m.

## What Happens in the Arctic Doesn't Stay in the Arctic

*Alaska is the sole reason that the U.S. is an Arctic nation, a fact not always known. Yet this vast region located in the northernmost part of the Earth, which consists of the Arctic Ocean and parts of the U.S., Canada, Russia, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland, has attracted much interest in recent years. Significant changes in the Arctic, particularly environmental changes such as rapid loss of summer sea ice and melting permafrost, are affecting the region's inhabitants, health, economy and cultures. These impacts are not limited to the Arctic and will affect other parts of the World, including the Western U.S.*

- Dr. Scott Rupp  
Principal Investigator  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

10:30 a.m.

Break

10:40 a.m.

## Future of Energy Development in the West

*This panel will focus on recent trends in energy development in the Western U.S., including natural gas and hydraulic fracturing, and the opportunities and challenges they pose for the region. The panel will also discuss efforts in Canada and Mexico, including recent energy reforms adopted by Mexico's federal congress that may alter North America's energy supplies.*

- Erica Bowman  
Vice President of Research and Policy  
America's Natural Gas Alliance
- Jeffrey Phillips  
Project Director and Energy Lead  
Dawson Strategic

11:50 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Noon

Adjourn