SPEAKER PROFILE ~~ DAVID BUICK

David Buick has worked in state government for over twenty years. In his current position as Property services division administrator within the Michigan Department of Treasury’s Bureau of Local Government, he oversees the state’s tax forfeiture and foreclosure, property tax exemption and principal residence exemption programs.

Previous to his current assignment, Mr. Buick held administrative positions with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the operation services division and the Office of Land and Facilities.

In addition, Mr. Buick’s state service experience has also included assignments with the Michigan Department of Public Health in the division of occupational health. Prior to his career in state government, he was employed by Northern Michigan University where he managed the University Center and developed the housing program for the United States Olympic training center.

Mr. Buick holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology from Alma College and a Master of Arts in Administrative Services/public Administration from Northern Michigan University.
Howard Heideman Biography

Mr. Heideman has over 37 years experience in state/local tax policy and analysis. He served as staff to the Michigan Senate Finance Committee for nine years and in 1975 worked with county treasurers on tax foreclosure legislation. Howard has managed tax analysis in the Department of Treasury for the past 26 years. Howard has worked with county treasurers, local treasurers, and school districts to implement the Proposal A tax changes. Howard is part of the Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis, which is responsible for economic forecasting, revenue forecasting, revenue tracking, and revenue sharing payments. Howard is a graduate of the University of Michigan, while his wife of 38 years is an MSU graduate. It goes to show that mixed marriages can work.
Roxanne Nicholas is a Senior Auditor with the Michigan Department of Treasury, Local Audit and Finance Division, based out of Traverse City. Ms. Nicholas audits local units of government including counties, road commissions, townships, and villages. Ms. Nicholas has worked for the Department of Treasury for four years. Before that, she was with the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Audits, for seven years in Lansing. While with the Department of Education, she served as the Single Audit Coordinator and Pupil Membership Auditor. Ms. Nicholas received her Bachelors degree majoring in accounting and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration. She has been happily married for thirteen years and has two busy daughters.
Introductory Bio for Bradley Slagh

After obtaining an undergraduate degree from Hope College in Holland Michigan, Brad spent 18 years in financial services industry working for two banks in the Holland & Grand Rapids markets. In 2007, after twice being elected Supervisor of Zeeland Township, he was appointed County Treasurer, and then won election as Treasurer in 2008. Brad is a licensed real estate sales person and is the managing partner of a small property management business. As a 2007 graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program Brad believes there are real leaders that we need to elect into office to help move Michigan forward.
SPEAKER PROFILE ~~ KEVIN T. SMITH

Kevin Smith is a graduate of Northern Michigan University (BS, 1977) and the University of Michigan (JD, 1980) (MS, Natural Resources, 1982).

He has been employed since 1984 with the Michigan Department of Attorney General, since 1993 in the Revenue and Collections Division, where his primary focus has been foreclosure of delinquent real property taxes.

Kevin has authored several articles and is a frequent speaker and panelist on the topic of property tax foreclosures. His most recent publication is "An Update on Foreclosure of Real Property Tax Liens under Michigan's New Tax Foreclosure Process," 36 Mich Real Prop Rev 30 (Spring 2009).

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David Sowerby joined Loomis, Sayles & Company in 1998 and has 25 years of investment industry experience. During his tenure at Loomis Sayles, David has held a variety of senior positions including his current role as portfolio manager working directly with institutional clients and multi-product accounts. He draws upon his breadth of experience and intimate knowledge of Loomis Sayles product, process and discipline to widely communicate his current views on the equity and capital markets and provide updates on our capabilities and specific portfolios. As equity portfolio manager, David works with clients on asset allocation strategies across many Loomis Sayles institutional and mutual fund products.

Prior to Loomis Sayles, he served as a senior portfolio manager for Beacon Investment Management Company in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 1993-1998. He began his investment career in 1986 providing economic analysis and market strategy as an economist for Comerica Bank. David earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics from Wayne State University.

Appointed by the Governor of Michigan, David serves as chairman on the investment advisory committee for the state of Michigan’s $50 billion pension fund and is a member of the board of directors for the State of Michigan Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the investment committee for Beaumont Hospitals. As a tribute to his work, he was the 2002 recipient of Wayne State University’s distinguished corporate citizen award. In 2009, David was awarded an honorary doctorate from Cleary University. David is a regular contributor to the Blue Chip Financial Survey and a frequent guest on CNBC, Bloomberg television and other financial market programs.