Lunch and Arizona Presentation

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12.15 - 1.45 pm
Courtroom MN
Lunch and Arizona Presentation: Arizona’s Public Agenda Efforts

Solutions Through Higher Education is a campaign to make Arizona residents aware of the critical role higher education plays in ensuring economic prosperity for our country and our citizens. A quiet crisis is threatening the U.S.’s economic competitiveness. As a nation we are not producing enough educated, highly skilled workers to compete in global markets. This crisis is especially acute in Arizona, which lags the rest of the nation in college completion and other key measures of educational performance.

Recognizing the crisis facing our state and nation, a coalition of statewide community and business leaders, organizations, and concerned citizens has been formed. The Coalition for Solutions Through Higher Education is anchored in the belief that it is imperative to raise the educational level of Arizonans, especially the younger population, and to make citizens aware of the crucial role that higher education plays in ensuring the prosperity of our residents, as well as our state and local economies.

Speakers: Fred DuVal, regent, Arizona Board of Regents, and Joel Sideman, executive director, Arizona Board of Regents

Biographical Information on the Speakers
Fred DuVal is president of the consulting firm DuVal and Associates, which advises clients in Washington, as well as in state capitals across the country. He also serves on the Arizona Board of Regents and has been a regent since August 2006. He served as senior staff to former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, where his portfolio included the regents, and spent seven years in the Clinton Administration in Washington, D.C. DuVal authored a book entitled Calling Arizona Home, which examines what brought us all to Arizona and how we relate to this place we call home. He currently serves on the Children’s Action Alliance Board and previously served on the boards of Prescott College, Desert Botanical Garden, and Valley Big Brothers/Big Sisters. DuVal grew up in Tucson, attended the University of Arizona as an undergraduate, and secured his law degree at Arizona State University.

Joel Sideman was appointed to the position of executive director for the Arizona Board of Regents in July 2004. He previously served the board in a dual capacity: as deputy executive director (since 1995) and as chief legal advisor to the board (since 1991). Prior to coming to the Arizona Board of Regents, Sideman served as in-house legal counsel for the Roosevelt School District in Phoenix and as project director for the Arizona Statewide Legal Services Project. He received both his B.S. in business administration and his J.D. degree from Northwestern University.