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AUBER Conference Recap

by Julie Ehlers

The 64th annual Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER) conference was held in Charleston, West Virginia, October 16-19, 2010 and was hosted by the West Virginia University Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

More than 100 people from economic research bureaus and universities throughout the country attended the conference. Keynote speakers included Ed Spar, Executive Director on the Council of Professional Association on Federal Statistics, Scott Rotruck, Vice President of Corporate Development and State Government Relations with Chesapeake Energy Corporation. The economic outlook



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News from the President

AUBER is finishing 2010 and starting 2011 in good shape. We've helped organize two sessions at the NABE spring policy conference. One of the sessions focuses on pension reform and the other on fiscal conditions at the state level. We have several top notch speakers joining us from a variety of organizations and have enjoyed good support from NABE in developing the sessions. Thanks to the board members who make up the spring conference planning committee!

It also looks like the University Economic Development Association (UEDA) will be having their 2011 conference in Indianapolis at the same time as our conference. We're working to have a few sessions and perhaps a plenary event open to both groups. Eric Thompson and I attended part of their fall conference

this year. We enjoyed the sessions we attended and look forward to continued dialogue with the individuals we met. We are excited about the networking opportunities in Indianapolis and stronger relationships between the organizations in the future.



Hart Hodges
2010-2011
AUBER President

Break out your swim trunks and sun tan lotion (in 3 oz containers or smaller unless you check your luggage). We're now planning for AUBER in Hawaii in 2012. You'll be receiving more details soon.

In addition to our regular board meetings at the fall conference and NABE spring conference, your board also meets regularly via conference call. Let us know if you have comments, questions, or concerns.

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presentation was provided by Dr. John Silvia, the Managing Director and Chief Economist at Wells Fargo. Participants also had the opportunity to learn from 18 concurrent sessions regarding Bureau management, forecasting techniques, as well as technology and marketing tools.

The traditional AUBER Monday afternoon/evening field trip featured all the best that West Virginia has to offer. Participants travelled by motor coach from Charleston to the New River Gorge where they enjoyed a beautiful stop at the bridge to learn more about the area and enjoy the fall foliage at its peak. From there, participants travelled to Beckley,

West Virginia where they toured a traditional coal camp and had an opportunity to travel underground and view a coal mine. The tour ended with a trip to Tamarack tamarackwv.com, which featured the best of West Virginia artisans and where attendees were treated to a reception, dinner, and some bluegrass music by the Hillybilly Gypsies.

Spring NABE Conference

Early-Bird Registration Now Available for the 2011 NABE Economic Policy Conference

The 27th Annual [NABE Economic Policy Conference](#) will convene **March 6-8, 2011** at the Key Bridge Marriott just outside **Washington, DC**. The conference theme is “Balancing Austerity and Growth: Delivering Policies That Work.” Among the dozens of confirmed speakers are: **Douglas Elmendorf, Michael Mussa, and Zhu Min**. Register by the early-bird deadline of January 30 and save \$150 from the onsite rate. For more information and to register, consult the [conference Web site](#).

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