

Florida CFO Alex Sink headlines event hosted by Community Advocacy Network



Donna Berger, left, Alex Sink, Charlotte Greenberg and Barbara Zee

Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink was the keynote speaker for a special dinner and panel discussion hosted by the Community Advocacy Network (CAN), one of Florida's leading voices for common interest ownership communities. CAN hosted the event on Jan. 18 at the Signature Grand in Davie on behalf of the Broward Coalition, the county's largest and most powerful coalition of condominium and homeowner associations. More than 175 CAN members, association presidents and representatives, affinity partners, and other community leaders attended the event.

Sink gave her address on "The State of the State's Economy," which included pending legislation affecting common interest ownership communities. CAN Executive Director Donna DiMaggio Berger, also a partner with the law firm of

Katzman & Korr, talked about what association leaders can do to be better advocates for their communities. In addition, several experts addressed issues that affect Florida communities: Leo Delgado, president of CSI Associates talked about the digital age and FCC rulings; Corey Hayes of MASTEC/DIRECT PLUS spoke about telecommunications for community associations; Monte Kane of Kane & Company P.A. discussed fiscal responsibilities of board members; and attorney Alan Garfinkel of the Garfinkel Trial Group addressed insurance issues affecting associations.

"We were pleased to be able to bring together all of these experts under one roof to discuss important topics that affect associations and the dedicated volunteer directors who lead them," said DiMaggio Berger.

The CAN initiative focuses

on education, outreach and advocacy services for all community associations including condominiums, cooperatives, homeowners' associations, mobile home communities, and timeshares in the state. CAN works on behalf of these groups to promote positive legislation and policies at the local, state and federal levels.

Through its interactive Web site platform, CAN informs its members of pending legislation and provides them with the tools necessary to play a vital part in the political processes, which impact their communities. The "Capitol Connection" e-mail feature enables members to quickly and easily correspond directly with members of the Florida Legislature, Senate and House Committees, City and County Commissions as well as local media outlets.

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