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Happy Holidays from your
ASPPA family!



eNEWS Poll

Results of the November Question:

"With recent Republican victories in Virginia and New Jersey, what are the implications for the 2010 mid-term elections?"

- Enormous, the GOP will succeed as voters reject Obama — 59% (137 votes)
- Insignificant, power will remain in favor of the Democrats — 31% (73 votes)
- I don't know — 10% (23 votes)

December Question:

"Scottrade says 47% of registered investment advisers (RIAs) reported gaining clients and improving client satisfaction during the downturn last year. Is the economy picking up — did

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Register by
January 5

your business grow in 2009?

- Yes
- No

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Conferences

Jan 20-22, 2010	Los Angeles Benefits Conference , Los Angeles, CA
Jan 27-30, 2010	NTSAA National Conference , Indian Wells, CA
Mar 14-16, 2010	The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT , Orlando, FL
May 13-14, 2010	Benefits Conference of the South , Atlanta, GA
May 24-25, 2010	Mid-Atlantic Benefits Conference , Philadelphia, PA

Webcasts

December 15	IRC §430/436 Regulations: FT, TNC and COB/PFB Issues
January 19	Creative 401(k) Testing Techniques

Education & Examinations (E&E)

It's not too late to obtain your Retirement Plan Fundamentals or Tax-Exempt & Governmental Plan Administration certifications in 2009! The 2009 [RPF-1](#), [RPF-2](#) and [TGPC-1](#) examination deadline is just a few days away. Register and complete online by midnight, Eastern Time, Tuesday, December 15.

ASPPA's Education & Examination (E&E) Committee seeks an Enrolled Actuary to serve as a [Technical Education Consultant \(TEC\)](#) for ASPPA's [Defined Benefit \(DB\) program](#). E&E is requesting proposals from qualified members with experience in defined benefit plan administration who are interested in quarter time contract work, approximately 1-2 weeks per month. If interested please [submit a proposal](#) by December 15, 2009.



The Morningstar-ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award

Give your peers the ultimate recognition for their industry contributions. Nominate an advisor for the prestigious *Morningstar-ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award*, exemplifying innovation, industry expertise, client service and mentorship.

HOW do I nominate myself or a colleague? Use the [Online Nomination Form](#) or submit a [hard copy](#) via USPS or fax to 703.516.9308. Complete and submit all nominations by January 22, 2010. Some Terms & Conditions may apply.

The Morningstar-ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award will be presented at the ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT 2010 in Orlando, FL at the Orlando World Marriott Center on Monday, March 15, 2010.

The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT

The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT is bigger and better than ever in 2010! Expect 140 exciting exhibits in the hall, dozens of top-notch workshop sessions like "Plan Designs for the Age of Obama," and the presentation of the prestigious *Morningstar-ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award*. The SUMMIT offers 14 hours of ASPPA Continuing Education (CE) credit and is designed to comply with various CE programs, including ERPA CPE.

What: *The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT*

When: *March 14 – 16, 2010*

Where: *Orlando World Center Marriott Resort*

For more information and to register, click [\[HERE\]](#).



Business Owners Unite! As ASPPA founders and core members, you're responsible for our influence and prominence in the retirement plan industry today. As ASPPA has grown, so has the need for TPA firms to organize, share common concerns and become more politically involved. In response, ASPPA has formed a new membership division exclusively for you—the *ASPPA Plan Administrators Policy Alliance (APAPA)*.

Click [\[HERE\]](#) for more info or to join.

NTSAA Combines Operations with ASPPA

This week, by an overwhelming majority vote, NTSAA members approved combining their operations with ASPPA. While this agreement won't take effect until January, the benefits to you will be significant:

- New opportunities to network and gain valuable knowledge about 403(b) and 457 plans
- Discounts to NTSAA National Conference
- Access to NTSAA's newsletter, online bulletin board and Web site for a one-time fee (not an annual fee) of \$50

This partnership is an exciting development! By bringing NTSAA under the ASPPA umbrella, we'll increase the breadth and depth of our resources to better serve you and strengthen our industry.

Membership

Being a member of ASPPA, you're committed to advancing your career while protecting and enhancing the retirement plan industry. Change is in the air and that means your ASPPA membership is more important than ever. Renew now to stay at the top of your game.

From education to advocacy, ASPPA delivers best-in-class resources to enhance your credibility and provide unique opportunities for growth and leadership. You can count on ASPPA — it's the place to be for all retirement plan professionals.

Click [HERE](#) to renew your membership for 2010! Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

2009 Annual Conference Photos

There's still time to purchase prints from the ASPPA Annual. Click the photo below to preview and purchase from hundreds of pictures from the Conference. Preserve your memories and share them with friends and colleagues.



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