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ASPPA Annual Awardees Announced

Arlington, Va. – Sep. 08, 2008 – The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) announced that **Thomas J. Finnegan** is the recipient of the prestigious Educator's Award for 2008. Additionally, ASPPA will bestow the Martin Rosenberg Academic Achievement Award to four individuals for their scholastic excellence in 2008.

ASPPA presents the Educator's Award to an outstanding ASPPA member who has made a significant contribution to the pension education field. ASPPA will present the award to Finnegan on Monday, October 20, 2008, during the luncheon at the upcoming ASPPA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The ASPPA board of directors, the chairperson, and vice-chairperson of the Education and Examination Committee selected Finnegan to recognize his superior and dedicated commitment to education. Finnegan is principal of The Savitz Organization, in Philadelphia, Pa., and is an actuary with more than 20 years of experience working with qualified and non-qualified retirement plans. Prior to joining Savitz, he served as a senior actuary for a major employee benefits consulting firm, and the director of retirement plan services for a mid-sized regional consulting firm.

A member of the ASPPA board of directors, Finnegan serves as the chairperson of the Defined Benefit Subcommittee of the ASPPA Government Affairs Committee. In addition to his activities at ASPPA, he is a fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Finnegan taught both semester-long enrolled actuary examination preparatory classes at Temple University, and ASPPA exam courses. A frequent speaker at regional and national benefit and actuarial conferences, Finnegan has written articles for national actuarial publications and regional newsletters.

The Martin Rosenberg Academic Achievement Award honors its namesake, the late Martin Rosenberg, a fellow of ASPPA. Rosenberg served as an Education and Examination Committee member from 1979 to 1985 and its general chairperson from 1985 until his death in 1987. The award annually recognizes top performing ASPPA examination candidates. ASPPA will recognize recipients of the Martin Rosenberg Academic Achievement Award for 2008 also at the annual conference luncheon next month. The 2008 awardees are the following:

Jacob Dumke, of Green Bay, Wis., is the recipient for the fall 2007 Defined Contribution

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Administrative Issues – Compliance Issues (DC-2) examination. Dumke is a plan administrator for defined contribution plans with Pension Consultants Co., Inc. He currently is pursuing his Qualified Pension Administrator (QPA) credential with ASPPA.

Kevin E. Boercker, of Tallahassee, Fla., is the recipient for the spring 2008 Defined Contribution Administrative Issues - Advanced Topics (DC-3) examination. He is a consultant at Spectrum Pension Consultants, Inc., specializing in qualified plan design and implementation.

Laura S. Guin, QKA, QPA, QPC, of Brentwood, Tenn., is the recipient for the spring 2008 Financial and Fiduciary Aspects of Qualified Plans (C-3) examination. She leads research initiatives, such as the BPS&M annual plan sponsor survey and the Wells Fargo Total Plan Index annual benchmarking study.

Melissa Bunk, of Johnstown, Pa., is the recipient for the spring 2008 Defined Contribution Administrative Issues - Compliance Issues (DC-2) examination. She currently serves as an assistant vice president and client services officer for First National Trust Company. She recently completed the series of exams to earn the Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA) designation through ASPPA.

The **ASPPA Annual Conference** is the most widely attended national event of the organization. This year, the nation's notable political consulting power couple, **James Carville** and **Mary Matalin** will be featured speakers just two weeks before the historic 2008 election. The conference encompasses all of the issues about retirement. To learn more about the conference, click [ASPPA 2008 Annual Conference](#) or go to www.asppa.org.



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