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eNEWS Poll

Results of January's question:

"With Baby Boomers reaching 65 over the next 15 years, the Wall Street Journal reports 'actuary' is the number one career to have in 2010 and Investment News says 'retirement planning' is the number two career track of the new decade."

Do you agree?

- Yes (45% - 61 votes)
- No (55% - 75 votes)

February's question:

"How many pages are in all six volumes of [The ERISA Outline Book, 2010 Edition](#) by Sal M. Tripodi, J.D., L.L.M.?"

- 4,886
- 5,734
- 6,324
- 7,674

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- Mar 14-16 [The ASPPA 401\(k\) SUMMIT](#), Orlando, FL
May 13-14 [Benefits Conference of the South](#), Atlanta, GA
May 24-25 [Mid-Atlantic Benefits Conference](#), Philadelphia, PA
Jun 2-4 [Women Business Leaders Forum](#), San Antonio, TX
Jun 17-18 [ERPA Conference](#), Chicago, IL

Webcasts

- Feb 23 [We are Paid Tax-Preparers – Heightened Tax Preparer Liability](#)
Mar 2 [Overview of the QPFC Program — Free Informational Webcast](#)
Mar 18 [Dealing with Divorce in the Qualified Plan](#)
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The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT 2010



The ASPPA 401(k) SUMMIT will be bigger and better than ever in 2010!

Expect hundreds of attendees from throughout the retirement plan industry, 140 exciting exhibitors in the hall, dozens of top-notch workshop sessions 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](#)].

ASPPA and the College for Financial Planning (the College) have joined forces to offer advanced qualified retirement plan education to financial professionals. Beginning in March, the College will offer instructor-led courses online that lead to ASPPA's Qualified Plan Financial Consultant (QPFC) credential. Students will be able to sit for the QPFC exams and upon successful completion, apply for the QPFC credential with ASPPA. Read the press release [[here](#)].

To register for the course, which begins March 22, 2010, click [[here](#)].

[Learn All About ASPPA's QPFC Credential](#)

A FREE [Informational Webcast](#) on ASPPA's Qualified Plan Financial Consultant (QPFC) credential will be held March 2 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Learn how the QPFC program goes beyond the basics to educate advisors and sales/marketing support staff on the complex retirement plan issues of today. Learn more about ASPPA's partnership with CFFP and how it can benefit you.

[Register today](#) for the FREE webcast scheduled for March 2 at 2:00 p.m. ET.

[Education & Examinations](#)

Interested in obtaining the [QKA credential](#)? ASPPA is making it easier for you with a complete set of online webcourses. Train online at your convenience. Enhance your professionalism and advance your career as a Qualified 401(k) Administrator. [Register today](#).

Enrolled Actuary EA-2B Live Review Course is being offered April 9-12 in the Washington DC metro area. [Register by March 12 to receive the early registration fee](#).

CPC Volunteers Needed! If you have 5-10 hours available for a one-time review of ASPPA's Certified Pension Consultant program offerings, please download and complete the [ASPPA Volunteer Position Application](#) (check the Education & Examination box) prior to March 31, 2010 and submit to ASPPA at (703) 516-9308 (fax) or e-mail asppa@asppa.org. Earn valuable ASPPA CPE credit while supporting our educational mission!

[Government Affairs Update](#)

On February 3, 2010, ASPPA and NTSAA filed comments with the DOL requesting clarification of the application of the exemption from ERISA coverage for certain 403(b) arrangements using an "open architecture investment platform." [[Comment](#)]

On February 2, 2010, ASPPA filed a petition with the DOL regarding a potential problem with the sharing of signing credentials under the new EFAST2 Form 5500 filing system. Also included in the filing was a supplemental letter with a proposed solution to the problem. [[Comment](#)]

On January 22, 2010, ASPPA and ACOPA submitted comments to PBGC on the proposed rule relating to reportable events and other notice requirements. [[Comment](#)]

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 TPA firms—the ASPPA Plan Administrators Policy Alliance (APAPA).

Click [\[here\]](#) for more info or to join. The first APAPA conference call will take place on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

The ASPPA Journal

The Winter 2010 Issue of *The ASPPA Journal* is Now Available! Click [\[here\]](#) to access the most recent issue of *The ASPPA Journal* online.

Call for Nominations to the ASPPA Board of Directors

To be considered for the 2011 Board of Directors, each nomination must be submitted by August 18, 2010 by at least two ASPPA members with voting privileges.

Click [\[here\]](#) to access the nomination form.