



# The ESOP Association

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## 2009 ESOP Award Winners Announced at 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Banquet in Washington, DC

### Employee Owner of the Year

**Patrick Petro** of Worm's Way, Inc. Named 2009 Employee Owner of the Year

### ESOP Company of the Year

**KAPCO** Named 2009 ESOP Company of the Year by The ESOP Association

### ESOP Chapter of the Year

**California/Western States Chapter** Named Chapter of the Year by The ESOP Association

### Chapter Officer of the Year

**Tony Lessmeister** of Forsythe Technology, Inc. Named Chapter Officer of the Year by The ESOP Association

### Employee Ownership Month Poster Contest Winner

**Herff Jones** Named 2009 Employee Ownership Month Poster Contest Winner

### Membership Recruitment

**Sandra Paavola** of Enterprise Services, Inc. Received Membership Recruitment Award from The ESOP Association

### Outstanding Board of Governors Member

**Michael O. Festge** of Amerequip Named 2009 Outstanding Board of Governors Member by The ESOP Association

### Outstanding Chapter Membership Development

**California/Western States Chapter** Recognized for Outstanding Membership Development by The ESOP Association

### Outstanding Chapter Membership Recruitment

**Ohio/Kentucky Chapter** of The ESOP Association Recognized for Outstanding Membership Recruitment for the Second Year

For more information, please call The ESOP Association at 202/293-2971 or email [media@esopassociation.org](mailto:media@esopassociation.org).

Did you know...

- An estimated 7,000 of the 11,500 companies have ESOPs that are large enough to be a major factor in the corporation's strategy and culture.
- Approximately 4,000 ESOP companies are majority-owned by the ESOP.
- A majority of ESOP companies have other retirement plans, such as defined benefit pension plans or 401(k) plans, to supplement their ESOP.

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On the calendar...

### July 23 & 24, 2009

ESOP Sustainability Seminar

Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel  
Schaumburg, IL

Contact: 866/366-3832 or

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### September 29 & 30, 2009

The Drake Hotel  
Chicago, IL

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For a complete list of conferences and events, please visit The ESOP Association's website at [www.esopassociation.org](http://www.esopassociation.org).