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DC Influencers Gather in Lower Manhattan

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([401kWire](http://401kWire.com)) - Some of the most influential people in defined contribution met this week at *The 401kWire's* second annual DC Influencers' Summit at the Battery Park Ritz-Carlton in New York City this week. Editor-in-chief **Sean Hanna** honored the winners of the 100 Most Influential People In Defined Contribution list at a reception Tuesday evening, recognizing retirement leaders like **Great-West** head **Charlie Nelson** (number 5), **Bob Guillocheau**, president of **Ascensus** (number 9) and **NRP** CEO **Bill Chetney** (number 16).

The 401kWire's **Neil Anderson** also unveiled the top four DC advisors during an invitation-only reception at The Ritz's Rise Bar.

As the grand-finale of the Top 300 Advisors list, **Jason Chepenik** from **Chepenik Financial** was handed the prize for the mid-plan market, **Jim Sampson** from **Cornerstone Retirement Advisors** took home the award for his work in the micro-plan market, **Michael Kozemchak** from **Institutional Investment Consulting** was named the top advisor in the large-plan market, and **Mike Montgomery** from **Montgomery Retirement Plan Advisors** won in the small-plan space.

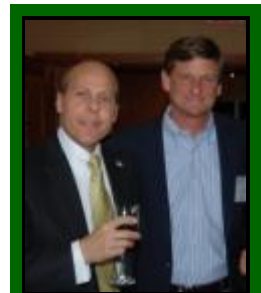


Sean Hanna

Over lunch on Wednesday **Andy Sieg**, **Bank of America Merrill Lynch's** head of retirement and philanthropic services, gave his keynote address, covering topics such as fiduciary responsibility, post-merger integration and increasing plan sales.

The conference was also the coming-out party for a new industry trade group, the **Defined Contribution Institutional Investment Association (DCIIA)**. DCIIA chief **Lew Minsky** and several founding members presented their organization on a panel.

Other influencers in attendance included Transamerica Retirement Services' president **Stig Nybo** and head of distribution **Lou Bachetti**. **Don Trone** from Strategic Ethos, Pimco's **Stacy Schaus** and JPMorgan's **Dave Musto** were three of the many influencers who were both honorees and panelists.



Michael Kozemchak and Bill Chetney

BrightScope brothers **Mike** and **Ryan Alfred** also made their presence known at the conference, along with NextStep's **Jerry Bramlett** and Matrix's **Cliff D'Amato** and **John Moody**, among others.

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