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## Summer Issue

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### Latest News and Information

- The Health Care Savings Plan survey will remain open through the summer. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by going to the CAPA Web site. <<http://capa.umn.edu>>
- The Benefits and Compensation Committee reported that the University is anticipating an 8% increase in health care costs with 2% of this increase being passed on to employees. Nothing has officially been decided upon, however, and the committee meets again in August when the official rates will be released.
- CAPA is in recess until September, when it will return with a new board and many new representatives.

### Featured Article

#### **Congratulations to 2009 Outstanding Unit Award Winner: Labor Education Service**

The Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators is honored to announce Labor Education Service (LES) as the winner of the 2009 CAPA Outstanding Unit Award.

The CAPA Outstanding Unit Award annually recognizes a unit within the University of Minnesota that is exemplary in its support of Professional and Administrative (P&A) staff, as well as P&A staff members within the unit who have made distinguished contributions to the mission of their unit and the University. LES will receive \$1,000 for a unit-centered professional development activity focusing on leadership and governance.

LES won this year's award thanks to its outstanding support for employee career enhancement and engagement of staff in unit decision-making. Randy Croce, who nominated LES for the award, wrote: "All LES P&A staff are committed to the goals of the labor movement and strive to put them into practice in our department." LES encourages its staff to develop their unique skills and further their education, and supports staff in attending conferences and media production. LES also engages its staff in leadership and governance issues: their unit constitution and bylaws give staff from every classification a vote in matters concerning the unit, and participation in governance is considered in performance evaluations.

CAPA would also like to acknowledge The Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport and the Office of the Vice-President for Research as honorable mentions for this year's award. All nominations can be viewed on the CAPA Web site <<http://capa.umn.edu>> .

### Resources and Professional Development Opportunities

#### **UPerks: Minnesota Centennial Showboat**

Opened as part of the State of Minnesota's Centennial Celebration in 1958, this year marks the 51st year of the U of M Showboat Players' summertime productions. Tickets for the summer production, "Is There a Doctor in the House?" can be purchased here <<http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/benefits/uperks/>>

**Special offers for U of M Faculty & Staff from the Minnesota Orchestra**

Music with the Irvin Mayfield Quintet (July 23), the Midsummer Mendelssohn (July 31), and more! Additional information and discount code can be found here <[http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org/boxoffice/UofM\\_Offers.cfm](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org/boxoffice/UofM_Offers.cfm)> .

**P & A Audio Spotlight**

**Jason Weidemann, University of Minnesota Press editor**

Between books on native literature and Japanese animation, University Press editor Jason Weidemann is always working on something to satisfy his hungry curiosity.

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