

Trade Associations

Independent businesses in the following industries have begun to share information about these issues and discuss ways in which they might be of help to each other in pursuing their common goals. As of the beginning of 2005, there has been little progress. The list is provided as a clue to individual businesses "on the ground" of fellow local businesses who may already be aware of the issues and be ready allies in creating local independent business associations or conducting local campaigns.

Books—Oren Teicher, American Booksellers Association, Tarrytown, NY, www.bookweb.org

Toys—Kathleen McHugh, American Specialty Toy Retailing Association, Chicago, IL, www.astratoy.org

Restaurants—Sergio Abramoff, Council of Independent Restaurants, www.sergiosinthecircle.com
(Sergio: 1903 Ford Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44106; 216-231-1234; 216-231-5700, fax; 216-401-1933, cell; brasil357@aol.com)

Office Products—Jim McGarry, Independent Office Product and Furniture Dealers Association, Alexandria, VA, <http://www.iopfda.org/>

Florists—Tom Carlson, Independent Florists Association, <http://www.myifa.org/> (Tom: Fairview Mall and Mart, Inc.; 2100 E Milwaukee Street, Janesville, WI 53545; 608-755-7700; 608-755-7710-fax; florist@charterinternet.com)

Drug Stores—John Rector, National Community Pharmacy Association, Alexandria, VA, <http://www.ncpanet.org/>

Shoe Stores—Bill Boettge, National Shoe Dealers Association, Columbia, MD, <http://www.nsra.org/>

Opticians—Optician Association of America, Herndon, VA, <http://www.oaa.org/>

Bicycles—Fred Clements, Executive Director, National Bicycle Dealers Association, Costa Mesa, CA, <http://nbda.com/site/intro.com>

Appliances—Tom Drake, North America Retailers Dealers Association, Lombard, IL, <http://www.narda.com>

Garden, Landscape—American Nursery and Landscape Association, Washington, DC, www.anla.org

Hardware—John Hammond, National Retail Hardware Association, Indianapolis, IN, <http://www.nrha.org>

Paint/Decorating—Nick Cichiello, Paint and Decorating Retailers Association, St. Louis, MO, <http://www.pdra.org/>