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N.G.A. Announces New Board of Directors Member at Executive Management Conference

ARLINGTON, Virginia (November 1, 2002) — The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) appointed a new member to its board of directors at its Executive Management Conference, which was held October 12-15, in Scottsdale, AZ.

The newly elected retail member is Richard H. Niemann, Jr., President and COO, Niemann Foods, Inc., a family owned retail grocery business that currently operates 47 stores in four states consisting of Niemann Foods Conventional Supermarkets, County market Discount Superstores, Cub Foods, Save-A-Lots, and Mini-Mart Convenience Stores.

Niemann worked in the family company through high school and joined the company following graduation, serving as the Development Projects Coordinator. In 1980, he became General Manager and was responsible for all retail operations. In 1990, Niemann was named President and Chief Operating Officer. Niemann and his wife, Susie, have five children.

N.G.A. is the national trade association representing the retail and wholesale grocers that comprise the independent sector of the food distribution industry. An independent retailer is a privately owned or controlled food retail company operating in a variety of formats. Some are publicly traded but with controlling shares held by the family and others are employee owned. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. Independents are the true “entrepreneurs” of the grocery industry and dedicated to their customers, associates, and communities. N.G.A. members include retail and wholesale grocers and their state associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers.