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## **The National Grocers Association Elects New Board Members at the 2006 N.G.A. Annual Convention**

**ARLINGTON, VA**, -- The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) elected and appointed five new members to its Board of Directors at the association's 2006 Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Showcase, held February 7-10, at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Retail members newly elected to the board include **Mark Batenic**, Executive Vice President & COO, Clemens Family Markets, Kulpsville, PA, **James Brown**, President & CEO Doc's Food Stores, Inc., Bixby, OK, **Nicholas D'Agostino III**, President and COO, D'Agostino Supermarkets, Inc., Larchmont, NY, **Kevin Doris**, President, Gerland's Food Fair, Houston, TX, and **Ron Rehkopf**, President, Rehkopf's Enterprises, Inc., Texarkana, TX.

State Association Executive **Kathy Siefken**, Executive Director of the Nebraska Grocery Industry Association, Lincoln, NE was also elected to the Board of Directors.

Retailers re-elected to the Board of Directors were **Barry Breaux**, Sr., President, Breaux, Supermarkets, Inc., Metairie, LA, **Chris Coborn**, President, Coborn's, Inc., St. Cloud, MN and **Chuck Pilliter**, Senior Vice President of Operations, Trader Joe's Company, Inc., Monrovia, CA.

Wholesalers re-elected to the Board of Directors include **Michael Jackson**, President and COO, SUPERVALU, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **John Mills**, Chairman, President and CEO, Affiliated Foods Southwest, Little Rock, AK and **Phil Smith**, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing/Procurement of Unified Western Grocers, Inc., Commerce, CA.

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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 a variety of formats. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. Some are publicly traded but with controlling shares held by the family and others are employee owned. 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, state grocers associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers. For more information about N.G.A. and the independent sector of the industry, see the N.G.A. website: [www.NationalGrocers.org](http://www.NationalGrocers.org).