General Business

**American Business Women's Association (ABWA):** Founded in 1949 by Hilary A. Bufton Jr., a Kansas City, Mo., businessman, ABWA has thousands of members in chapters and Express Networks nationwide. The organization provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds.

**Business Professionals of America:** The leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.

**National Business Association:** The National Business Association (NBA) is a not for profit association, specifically designed and actively managed to assist the Self-Employed and Small Business Community in achieving their professional goals.

Accounting

**The Professional Accounting Society of America (PASA):** Since 2005, PASA, a professional accounting society, focuses on entry-level and mid-level associates working at accounting firms across America.

**The Association of Professional Accounting & Tax Consultants:** Formed in 1981, The Association of Professional Accounting and Tax Consultants Inc., consists of self-employed individuals whose focus is to assist their clients.

**The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance:** The Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance (formerly American Society of Women Accountants) promotes the professional growth of women in all facets of accounting and finance.

**International Federation of Accountants (IFAC):** IFAC is a global organization, representing 2.5 million Accountants employed.

**National Association of Black Accountants:** Since 1969, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc., focuses on promoting and developing minority professionals in the fields of accounting and finance.

Computer Information Systems

**Association for Computing Machinery (ACM):** Delivers resources that advance computing as a science and a profession. ACM provides the computing field's premier Digital Library and serves its members and the computing profession with the leading-edge publications, conferences and career resources.

**The Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP):** Offers opportunities for Information Technology (IT) leadership and education through partnerships with industry, government and academia.

**The Data Management Association International (DAMA):** An international not-for-profit association of data resource management professionals with chapters and Members-At-Large around the world. Data Resource Management is the development and execution of architectures, policies, practices and procedures that properly manage the full data lifecycle needs of an enterprise

**Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA):** A leading information technology organization representing more than 65,000 individual members in more than 140 countries. Membership is comprised of all levels of IT professionals—executives, management and practitioners—all of whom are dedicated to the promotion of advanced IT governance, control and assurance practices.
The Information Systems Security Association (ISSA®): A not-for-profit, international organization of information security professionals and practitioners. It provides educational forums, publications and peer interaction opportunities that enhance the knowledge, skill and professional growth of its members.


Consulting

Society of Professional Consultants (SPC): The Society of Professional Consultants is a non-profit, New England-based resource organization for consultants who represent diverse disciplines and work in multiple industries. The Society was established in 1986 by consultants for consultants to create a dynamic peer network.

Professional Consultants Association (PCA): An association of consultants, for consultants, by consultants. We believe that both newer and experienced consultants can benefit from the right group.

Association of Management Consulting Firms (AMCF): The Association of Management Consulting Firms (AMCF) is the premier international association of firms engaged in the practice of management consulting. Founded in 1929 as AMCE, the Association of Management Consulting Engineers, AMCF today remains in the forefront of promoting excellence and integrity in the profession.

Finance

The American Finance Association (AFA): The purpose of The American Finance Association is to promote the knowledge of financial economics.

American Bankers Association (ABA): Founded in 1875, the American Bankers Association represents banks of all sizes, supporting the nation’s banking industry and employees.

Association for Financial Professionals, Inc. (AFP): The Association for Financial Professionals (AFP) serves treasury and finance professionals.

The Financial Planning Association (FPA): Connects those who need, support and deliver financial planning. FPA’s primary aim is to be the community that fosters the value of financial planning and advances the financial planning profession.

The Financial Management Association International (FMA): Established in 1970 and has become the global leader in developing and disseminating knowledge about financial decision making. FMA’s members include academicians and practitioners across the world.

The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA): The nation’s voice for community banks, represents 5,000 community banks of all sizes and charter types throughout the United States and is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and the communities and customers served.
Marketing

**American Marketing Association (AMA)**: The American Marketing Association (AMA) is the largest marketing association in North America and is the source that Marketers utilize daily.

**Sales & Marketing Executives International (SMEI)**: Sales & Marketing Executives International (SMEI) is the worldwide organization dedicated to connecting individuals in the sales and marketing arenas.

**eMarketing Association (eMA)**: The eMarketing Association (eMA) is the world's largest international association of eMarketing professionals, providing resources and services to the marketing community.

**Word of Mouth Marketing Association (WOMMA)**: WOMMA is the the official trade association dedicated to word of mouth and social media marketing. WOMMA’s membership is made up of the most innovative companies committed to progressing the word of mouth marketing industry through advocacy, education, and ethics.

**The National Association of Sales Professionals (NASP)**: Since 1991, The National Association of Sales Professionals (NASP), has been committed to developing Sales professionals to become leaders, enhancing visibility, in the quick-changing sales world.

**The American Advertising Federation (AAF)**: The American Advertising Federation (AAF), the nation’s oldest national advertising trade association, and the only association representing all facets of the advertising industry. The AAF’s membership is comprised of nearly 100 blue chip corporate members comprising the nation’s leading advertisers, advertising agencies, and media companies; a national network of nearly 200 local federations, representing 40,000 advertising professionals, located in ad communities across the country; and more than 200 AAF college chapters, with over 6,500 student members.

Management

**American Management Association (AMA)**: The AMA provides trainings and valuable resources to ensure Business professionals stay knowledgeable in the competitive business world.

**Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO)**: The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO), a global network, enhances Entrepreneurs' to be successful, by learning and growing from each other’s knowledge and experience.

**The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)**: SHRM is the world’s largest association, dedicated to serving the needs of Human Resource Management Professionals.

**National Human Resources Association (NHRA)**: Established in 1951, the National Human Resources Association (NHRA) supports the professional development of human resource professionals.

**Professionals in Human Resources Association (PIHRA)**: Professionals In Human Resources Association, founded in 1944, provides Human Resources professionals the opportunity to collaborate and enhance the profession.

**The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)**: Founded in 1942, the International Association of Administrative Professionals provides Administrative professionals opportunities for growth, networking, education, and development.
**Real Estate**

**National Association of Realtors:** America’s largest trade association, representing over 1 million members involved in the residential and commercial real estate industries. With offices in Chicago and Washington, DC, NAR is strategically poised to work on behalf of America's property owners providing a facility for professional development, research and exchange of information among its members and to the public and government for the purpose of preserving the free enterprise system, and the right to own, use, and transfer real property.

**Real Estate Professional Society (REPS):** Dedicated to provide excellent professional service to their clients in the real estate industry and recognizing the changing business expertise required of real estate professionals in the changing home buying and selling industry.

**Resource:**
[http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/business/blog/top-professional-associations-for-businessstudents/](http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/business/blog/top-professional-associations-for-businessstudents/)