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### **IGA AND NWRA DIRECTORS MEET TO DISCUSS AREAS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION**

The boards of directors of the Independent Glass Association (IGA) and the National Windshield Repair Association (NWRA) met together during IGA's 2009 Independents' Days Conference. The two boards discussed issues of mutual concern and agreed to wide-ranging cooperation between both groups.

Among the many agreements that came out of the meeting the biggest was the decision to co-locate their educational conferences and automotive glass trade show in Spring 2010 at a yet to be determined location.

"We really appreciated the IGA's invitation for us to join their annual conference and trade show," stated NWRA president Mike Boyle. "We were able to agree to plans that will benefit both memberships, and, I believe, the entire auto glass industry."

The two groups also agreed to create package educational programs at their respective auto glass week events in Las Vegas this November. This means that both memberships will have access to this November's NWRA Annual Conference and IGA Marketing Conference in Las Vegas at reduced member registration fees. A reduced "combination" registration also is being developed, should an IGA or NWRA member wish to attend both events.

"It just makes sense," commented IGA president Dave Zoldowski. "Both associations have benefits that the other would gain from and neither group has an exclusive attitude, so all we had to do was agree to share benefits and pool resources."

NWRA and IGA also resolved to give the other association's membership access to training and certification programs at reduced membership fees. IGA members now have access to the NWRA's Repair of Laminated Glass certification program at NWRA member rates. In return, NWRA members have been extended access to the IGA's Auto Glass Technician certification program at IGA member rates.

The IGA is the only association dedicated to the needs of the independent glass companies in North America. Its members are also dedicated to the professional and ethical installation of glass in a safe and proper manner. IGA members are located in all 50 states and ten countries.

The NWRA is a not-for-profit trade association organized in 1994 to promote the legitimacy of the windshield repair industry. The NWRA provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between its members and provides the public, industry and government with a reliable source of information regarding windshield repair. The NWRA also organizes, at a grass-roots level, campaigns to influence the governmental agencies responsible for establishing regulations for the windshield repair industry.