



Networking Resources

LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com)

Professional networking site. Join the Endicott College Networking Group, as well as other groups affiliated with your profession and interests.

WIND (Wednesday is Networking Day), <http://www.windnetworking.net/index.html>

Provides a regular forum for professionals in job transition in Massachusetts.

Downtown Women's Club (www.downtownwomensclub.com)

Chapters in Boston and surrounding suburbs; Worcester; Providence; New York City; Washington DC; Pittsburgh; Detroit; Los Angeles; and San Diego. Events are open to non-members.

Northshore Chamber of Commerce (www.northshorechamber.org)

This group has a Young Professionals Network that meets regularly. It also sponsors speed networking events, business expos, and other events that offer opportunities to network. Many events are open to non-members. *If you are not in the Northshore area, check your local chamber of commerce for similar programs* (www.chamberofcommerce.com).

Boston Young Professionals Association (www.bostonypa.com)

A networking group for professionals ages 21-45. Basic membership is free, but there is a fee for a premium membership that allows for free admission to some events as well as other perks. Events may be open to non-members. *If you are not in the Boston area, do a search for a young professionals association in your area.*

The Boston Women's Network (www.bostonwomensnetwork.org)

BWN is a women's organization with the goal of helping women in business achieve success. *If you are interested in this type of organization but you are not in the Boston area, you can check the National Association of Female Executives (NAFE) at www.nafe.com.* BWN is a local networking chapter of NAFE. NAFE has networking chapters in other states, which are listed on their website.

Meetup (www.meetup.com)

This site is a great resource for finding professional groups in your geographic area for networking.

Professional Women's Club of Chicago (www.pwcc.org)

A networking organization for professional women with a variety of business backgrounds and levels of experience. Some events are open to non-members.

The Riley Guide, Job-Hunt.org (www.rileyguide.com; www.job-hunt.org)

Both of these sites have comprehensive listings of networking and support groups, networking organizations (listed by geographic area on the Riley Guide), and more.

Professional Associations

Professional organizations and associations (national as well as local chapters) that are affiliated with your industry offer some of the best opportunities for networking. To find one, you can check the Job-Hunt.org site mentioned above, or ask one of your current networking contacts to recommend one. You can also find organizations related to a specific group (i.e., women, veterans, etc.). You can search for associations using the **ASAE Gateway to Associations Directory**, <http://www.asaecenter.org/directories/associationsearch.cfm>