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**2016 Annual General Membership Meeting Notification**

In accordance with Article 6.1 of the OCIA International Bylaws, OCIA International will convene the 2016 Annual General Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn Bloomington I-35 in Bloomington, Minnesota, February 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The packet of general information, a preliminary meeting agenda, proposed bylaw changes, official voting proxy form and Board of Directors nomination form will be mailed with the AGMM packets in mid-December, 2015.

If you are unable to attend this very important event, please contact a delegate who will be attending and assign your proxy voting rights with clear instructions on your voting intentions as stated in the OCIA International Bylaws, Article 7.5.

**7.5 PROXIES:** Every member holding voting rights shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of OCIA International by proxy. This proxy must be assigned to a specific member (Chapter, Community Grower Group, Processor/Handler, or Producer At Large) or his/her delegate. No one is allowed to hold the proxied voting rights of more than two other members. A voting member (Chapter, Community Grower Group, Processor/Handler, or Producer At Large) may hold a maximum of two (2) proxies, plus their own vote. All proxies shall be in writing and signed and dated. Proxies are validated by the Election Committee for one meeting only.

**7.5.1 Proxy Assignment:** To establish quorum, proxy forms shall be mailed 45 days prior to AGMM. Members are encouraged to delegate proxies with specific voting instructions. All proxied voting rights not specifically registered with the Secretary or assigned prior to the call of the AGMM shall revert to the Election Committee solely for establishment of quorum.

The proxy form is to be completed and sent to the OCIA International office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Demetria Stephens".

Demetria Stephens  
Secretary  
OCIA International, Inc