

2023 OCIA AGMM Annual General Membership Meeting

January 19th, 2023

Ames, Iowa

**Please note the January 6th deadline for the enclosed
Registration Form and Voting Proxy Form**



**Organic Crop Improvement Association
International, Inc.**

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Paper copies of this AGMM packet and past AGMM minutes are available upon request.

Proposed 2023 AGMM Agenda – Ames, IA

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023: OCIA Board Meeting & Welcome Reception

8AM-5PM International Board of Directors Meeting, ***Radisson Boardroom***

5PM-7PM Registration/Welcome Reception, ***Inland Room***

Thursday, January 19th, 2023: OCIA AGMM General Session, ***Heartland Room***

7:30 AM Registration Continues

8AM-9AM Welcome & Call AGMM to Order

Establishment of Quorum/Election Committee

Explanation of Minute Keeping Process & Referee Duties

Approval of Minute Keeping Process

Selection of Referees for Minutes (2)

Approval of Recording the Meeting

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Approval of 2022 AGMM Minutes

Election of 2023 Election Committee

Reports: President, ED, Secretary, Treasurer, IRC, External & Internal Committees

Presentation of 2023 Budget

9AM-10AM Budget Discussion Workshop

Presentation of Board Candidates, Ballot Explanation/Election

10-10:20 AM Break

10:20-11:30 R&E Presentation: Micro Grant & Scholarship Recipients, Farmer of the Year, R&E Budget

11:30 AM Visit R&E Auction and Break

Noon Lunch, ***Inland Room***

1:00 PM Presentation of any Bylaw/Standard Changes

2:00 PM Budget Discussion & Approval

AGMM Policy Amendments & Unfinished Business

Announcements of New Board Members

Presentation of 2024 AGMM

Adjournment of 2023 AGMM

4:00 PM International Board Meeting/Election of Officers

5:30 PM Cash Bar Opens

6:00 PM AGMM Closing Banquet / R&E Auction, ***Inland Room***

Fri/Sat, January 20-21, 2023:

Practical Farmers of Iowa Conference



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2023 Annual General Membership Meeting Notification

In accordance with Article 6.1 of the OCIA International Bylaws, OCIA International will convene the 2023 Annual General Membership Meeting at the Radisson Ames Conference Center at ISU in Ames, IA on January 19th, 2023.

General information, a preliminary meeting agenda, proposed bylaw changes, official voting proxy forms and a Board of Director nomination form will be a part of the AGMM packet and distributed to members early December, 2022.

If you are unable to attend this 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,

Leslie Dul, Secretary
OCIA International, Inc

Please Return this form to the International office with payment

AGMM Registration – Ames, Iowa Radisson Hotel Ames Conference Center at ISU January 19th, 2023

Main Contact Name _____

Membership Type ☐ Direct Associate ☐ Chapter ☐ Supporting

Contact's Mailing Address _____

Town/City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name and information of attendees. If membership fee has been paid, then any/all of the attendees listed below will have the right to use voting paddles associated with this registration.

Name _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee for Entire AGMM: (includes welcome reception, all meals and breaks)

Attendees # _____ \$ _____ USD (\$100 USD)

Dietary Restrictions: To help us plan accordingly, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions: gluten-free _____ vegan _____ other _____

For headcount purposes, please register by January 6th, 2023. Checks may be made payable to OCIA International and sent to:

OCIA International
Attn: Deana McKinstry
1340 N. Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, Nebraska 68505
USA

Total \$ _____ (USD)



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2023 OCIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (AGMM)
VOTING PROXY FORM

This proxy form is only valid for the 2023 Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM). Only a designated delegate of a member (Chapter, Processor/Handler, Producer-at-Large, Community Grower Group, General Member) may hold a proxy. **A voting member** (Chapter, Processor/Handler, Producer-at-Large, Community Grower Group, General Member) **may hold a maximum of two (2) proxies, plus their own vote.** (See OCIA Bylaw 7.5.) All proxy forms must be signed and dated by 1) the person assigning proxy rights and 2) the delegate receiving proxy rights.

You are encouraged to provide designated proxy holders with instructions on how you want to vote. **Proxied voting rights must be registered prior to the Call to Order of the AGMM.** (See Bylaw 7.5.1.) You may register your proxy by faxing a copy of the signed and dated proxy to the International office. To assist the Election Committee in assuring the establishment of a quorum so that transaction of AGMM business may begin on schedule, please register your proxy by **January 6th, 2023**. If submitting proxy form by fax or scanned e-mail, the transmitted document must bear a header line indicating the date of transmission. The proxy assignor and the delegate receiving proxy should retain copies of the signed proxy form. However, if, for some reason, you do not wish your proxy voted, you may designate the Election Committee as your designated proxy holder and your vote will then be used solely for establishment of quorum.

Please note the record date for determining members entitled to vote shall be thirty days before the start of the Annual General Membership Meeting (See OCIA Bylaw 7.1). **To participate as a member in the 2023 AGMM, dues must be paid by January 1st, 2023.**

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY

I, _____ of _____, _____
Name of Member Assigning Proxy Rights *Name of Entity Assigning Proxy Rights* *Country of Entity*

hereby designate _____, representing _____, _____
Name of Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights *Name of Entity Receiving Proxy Rights* *Country of Entity*

a member of OCIA International, to hold my proxy vote for the 2023 AGMM.

Signature of Person Assigning Proxy Rights: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Designated Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights: _____

Date: _____

Send to: OCIA International
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Phone: (402) 477-2323 Fax: (402) 477-4325

***** (BELOW) FOR SECRETARY, ELECTION COMMITTEE & OFFICE USE ONLY *****

Received: _____ Proxy Assignor's Category of Affiliation _____

Number of Proxy Votes Entitled _____ Validated by Election Committee Member _____

Membership Dues Paid _____



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OCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

All board nominations must be in compliance with the following OCIA International Bylaws:

8.3 NOMINATIONS OF ELECTED POSITIONS: The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Association at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

8.3.1 Qualifications: Only OCIA Members (of Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processors/Handlers, and Producers At Large) may be nominated. Nominees must forward to the Chair of the Nominating Committee a written petition signed by at least 7 OCIA Members (of Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processor/Handlers, Producers At Large and General Members) prior to the closing of the nominating period. Each entity (Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processor/Handlers, Producers At Large and General Members) may have one nominee for the Board of Directors. If two or more people wish to be nominees and are Members of different entities but are also Members of the same entity, only one of them may be nominated.

8.3.2 Any Member (of Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processor/Handlers, Producers At Large and General Members) may be nominated for an elected position. Member may be nominated by:

- a. The Nominating Committee;
- b. Any directly certified Member (of Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processor/Handlers, Producers At Large and General Members) of the Association may nominate any other qualified (of Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processor/Handlers, Producers At Large and General Members);
- c. Any directly certified Member (of Chapters, Community Grower Groups, Processor/Handlers, Producers At Large and General Members) may nominate by petition himself/herself

Please Print Legibly!

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Member Type: (check the box applicable to Nominee)

☐ Chapter ☐ Community Grower Group ☐ Processor/Handler ☐ Producer-at-Large ☐ General Member

Mailing Address:

Rural Route #: _____ Box: _____ Post Office Box Number: _____

Street: _____

Town/City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone (include country, city, & area codes when applicable): _____

Fax (include country, city, & area codes when applicable): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Submit a brief biography (maximum of one page) including your qualifications and previous/current involvement with OCIA International and state the reason why you chose/agreed to become a candidate. This information will be provided to the voting membership prior to the election.

Biography attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominator: Any one of the categories as listed in 8.3.2. a-c of the Bylaws.

Nominator's Name: _____

Affiliation: _____
(Chapter, Community Grower Group, Processor/Handler, Producer-at-Large, General Member)

I agree to be a candidate for the OCIA International Board of Directors election and will notify OCIA International in writing if I withdraw my candidacy.

Nominee's Signature: _____

Date: _____
(Month Day Year)

SIGNATURES OF SEVEN OCIA MEMBERS (Petitioners) AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ENTITY

Name (please print)	Signature	Respective Entity
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

Send the completed form to:
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2023 R&E Annual General Membership Meeting Notification

In accordance with Article 6.1 of the OCIA Research and Education Bylaws, OCIA Research and Education will convene the 2023 Annual General Membership Meeting on January 19th, 2023.

General meeting information, a preliminary meeting agenda, proposed bylaw changes, official voting proxy form and Board of Directors nomination is included in this packet.

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 Research and Education Bylaws, Article 6.5.

6.5 PROXIES: Every member holding voting rights shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of OCIA Research and Education 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.

6.5.1 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,

Jackie Keller, Secretary
OCIA Research & Education

OCIA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (AGMM)
VOTING PROXY FORM

This proxy form is only valid for the 2023 Research and Education, Inc Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM). Every entity holding voting rights shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of OCIA Research and Education, Inc. by proxy. This proxy must be assigned to a specific member or his/her delegate. No member is allowed to hold a total of more than two (2) proxies. All proxies shall be in writing and signed and dated. Proxies are validated by the Election Committee for one meeting only.

You are encouraged to provide designated proxy holders with instructions on how you want to vote. To establish quorum, proxy forms shall be mailed to the membership 45 days prior to the AGMM. Members are encouraged to delegate proxies with specific voting instructions. Proxies may be:

- a. assigned directly to another members to be voted on the floor, or;
- b. assigned to the Secretary to be held by the elections committee solely for the purpose of establishing quorum

You may register your proxy by faxing a copy of the signed and dated proxy to the International office. If submitting proxy form by fax or scanned e-mail, the transmitted document must bear a header line indicating the date of transmission. The proxy assignor and the delegate receiving proxy should retain copies of the signed proxy form.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY

I, _____ of _____, _____
Name of R &E Member Assigning Proxy Rights Name of Entity Assigning Proxy Rights Country of Entity

hereby designate _____, representing _____,
Name of R &E Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights Name of Entity Receiving Proxy Rights Country of Entity

a member of OCIA Research & Education Inc, to hold my proxy vote for the 2023 AGMM.

Signature of Person Assigning Proxy Rights: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Designated Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights: _____

Date: _____

Send to: OCIA Research and Education, Inc
Attn: Angie Tunink
1340 N. Cotner Blvd.; Lincoln, NE 68505 USA
Phone: (402) 477-2323 Fax: (402) 477-4325 E-mail: atunink@ocia.org

***** (BELOW) FOR SECRETARY, ELECTION COMMITTEE & OFFICE USE ONLY *****

Received: _____ Proxy Assignor's Category of Affiliation _____

Number of Proxy Votes Entitled _____ Validated by Election Committee Member _____

Membership Dues Paid _____



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OCIA Research and Education, Inc
BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

All board nominations must be in compliance with the following OCIA Research and Education, Inc Bylaws:

- 7.2 NOMINATING PROCESS: The Nominating Committee may receive names from any member.
- 7.3 NOMINATIONS OF ELECTED POSITIONS: The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Association at the Annual General Membership Meeting.
- 7.3.1 Qualifications: Only members of OCIA Research and Education, Inc. may be nominated. Nominees must forward to the Chair of the Nominating Committee a written petition signed by at least 7 members prior to the closing of the nominating period.
- 7.3.2 Any member may be nominated for an elected position. A member may be nominated by:
- a. The Nominating Committee
 - b. Any member;
 - c. Any member may nominate by petition himself/herself
-

Please Print Legibly!

OCIA Research and Education Inc, Nominee's Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Rural Route #: _____ Box: _____ Post Office Box Number: _____

Street: _____

Town/City: _____ State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone (include country, city, & area codes when applicable): _____

Fax (include country, city, & area codes when applicable): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Submit a brief biography (maximum of one page) including your qualifications and previous/current involvement with OCIA International and state the reason why you chose/agreed to become a candidate. This information will be provided to the voting membership prior to the election.

Biography attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No, reason why not _____

Nominator: Any one of three parties as listed in 7.3.2. of the OCIA Research And Education, Inc Bylaws.

Nominator's Name: _____

***I agree to be a candidate for the OCIA Research and Education, Inc, Board of Directors election and will
notify OCIA Research and Education, Inc in writing if I withdraw my candidacy.***

Nominee's Signature: _____

Date: _____
(Month Day Year)

SIGNATURES OF SEVEN MEMBERS (Petitioners) AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ENTITY

Name (please print)	Signature	Respective Entity
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

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INDEX TABLE FOR 2023 AGMM BYLAWS PROPOSALS

2023 AGMM BYLAWS PROPOSALS

No.	OCIA Bylaw	Submission Type	Author	Description
B-1	9.4	Proposal	Board of Directors	Proposed change to limitation of service to allow a Board member to serve up to three consecutive terms, and no more than nine years consecutively.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Section 1.

Name of Proposer: OCIA International Board of Directors

Date: November 8, 2022

Section 2. Statement of Proposal

The following is a proposed amendment to Section 9.4 of the 2022 OCIA International Bylaws. ***Italicized and bold text*** reflects changes or additions to the existing Bylaws, and deletion of words is represented by ~~strikeout~~ or underline of existing Bylaws text.

Article: 9 Board of Directors

Section: 9.4

9.4 LIMITATION OF SERVICE: In no event shall a Director serve more than ~~six~~ ***nine*** years consecutively. Election by the membership shall be limited to ~~two~~ ***three*** consecutive terms.

Section 3. Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is:

- To extend the term limits for Board of Directors members to nine years, enabling greater consistency in the Board and maintaining the organizational history of OCIA Intl.
- To preserve the contribution of long-term service and knowledge of OCIA Intl, adding valuable stability to the organization and providing essential training to new Board members.

Section 4. History

OCIA transitioned from a large Board of Directors to a smaller one to increase organizational nimbleness. However, it becomes problematic when multiple Board members “term-out” or decline to run for reelection. Finding candidates to run for election has been difficult and it takes time to learn the intricacies of OCIA Intl. and the Board responsibilities. A maximum of two terms (six years) may contribute to a lack of stability and deep understanding in the Board when there is frequent Board member turnover. This is especially true when a new Board member joins mid-term, shortening their maximum service length even further.

Section 5. Related Effect of proposed bylaw amendment to other OCIA Bylaw Sections

No other Bylaw sections will be affected by the proposed change to Section 9.4.

Section 6. Miscellaneous

None

Section 7. Summary Argument

Extending the term limits for Board of Directors members to nine years will enable greater consistency in the Board and maintain the organizational history of OCIA Intl. A longer service term will preserve the contribution of long-term service and knowledge, add valuable stability to the organization and ensure that new Board members will be adequately trained by more seasoned members.

Election Q&A and Zoom Etiquette

Who are Voting Members

Voting members are associates who have paid their dues according to their membership category as defined in article 4 of the OCIA Bylaws and have voting privileges as defined in articles 7.4.1-5. Voting members include: Certified Producers at Large, Certified Processor/Handlers, Community Grower Groups, Cooperatives & Chapters **who have paid their membership dues**

How many votes do the different members get?

If membership dues are paid, Processors/ Handlers, Producers at Large & Cooperatives have one vote per member. Community Grower Groups are entitled 5 votes. Community Grower Groups or Cooperatives who are members of a chapter count only as a single member towards the chapters voting rights.

Chapters: Ten votes for the first 10 Members, 2 votes for each additional 10 certified Members, and Chapter CGGs will be counted as 1 vote for each 3 Chapter CGGs.

Who can be a Voting Delegate

Delegates are individuals who are from within the member organization: for chapters and CGG's this implies that a delegate will be a member of the chapter or of the collective. For Processor/Handlers or Producers at Large; a delegate is an individual who has a structural link with the member such as an employee, share holder, marketing agent, or a consultant under contract or retainer.

If a Member has more than one vote, can the votes be split up between delegates?

At an in-person meeting, voting paddles can be divided between chapter delegates at the registration table. During a virtual meeting, only one person will be able to hold the votes and voting will be done by verbal roll-call and not paddles.

What if a member can't attend the AGMM, can they still vote?

Yes. Every member holding voting rights is entitled to vote at the AGMM by proxy. The member must find a delegate that would be willing to carry their proxy and vote according to their wishes. Remember, Voting members can only carry two proxies in addition to their own votes. This means that a chapter can only carry two proxies and not each delegate of the chapter. Proxies must be fully completed and emailed to OCIA by January 6th.

How can I learn more about Zoom before the annual meeting?

Zoom.com has several tutorials on their website. Just contact OCIA staff if you would like a one-on-one run through, to make sure everything is working on your computer before the meeting.

What is meant by Zoom etiquette?

Not all attendees will have audio and video capabilities during the AGMM webinar – only the panelists (board, voting delegates, staff and election committee). If you do have audio capabilities, please stay on 'mute' until you speak, in order to eliminate background noise and know that everyone will be able to see your surroundings when your camera is on. For attendees who do not have audio/video, questions can still be asked by typing in the chat box area (visible to all) or the Q&A area (visible only to the moderator).

Organic Crop Improvement Association International, Inc.

AGMM Policies

As of February 22, 2022



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Environmental stewardship through ethical partnership with nature**

1989 AGMM Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico – February 16 - 20

- 89AGM006** While OCIA supports farmers in transition, especially at the chapter level, OCIA will not be involved in any labeling or oral representation of transitional products.

1997 AGMM Cedar Rapids, Iowa – March 11 -15

- 97AGMM-01** That reciprocity should be expanded to recognize other certifying organizations. And to expand mutual recognition to other certifying organizations that are determined as equivalent through accreditation, with final approval by the Board.
- 97AGMM38** That the OCIA International Board of Directors as one body shall be required to attach their recommendation to all Bylaw amendment proposals when presented at the AGMM's.

2000 AGMM Antigua, Guatemala – February 29 – March 4

- 00AGMM-04** It shall be the goal of OCIA to render a decision of Certification by OCIA International, after approval of the applicants certification file by the CDT and no later than thirty days after the applicant's certification file arrived at the office of OCIA International for review. Any certification file that requires more information from the applicant or is incomplete will not be subject to this policy.

2003 AGMM Oaxaca, Mexico – February 21 – March 1

- 03AGMM-01** It shall be the policy of OCIA that the "policy manual" as referred to in the Bylaws shall have two parts; Board policy and policy passed by the AGMM. AGMM policy can be passed, changed or revoked only by the AGMM.

2004 AGMM – Lincoln, Nebraska – February 10 - 13

- 04AGMM-01** Each year The Board of Directors shall maintain involvement in the development of the AGMM packet/mail out and shall specially review the Standard amendments proposals to ensure their appropriateness.

2005 AGMM – San Jose, Costa Rica – March 07- 11

- 05AGMM-01** Certification complaints shall not be entertained on the floor of the AGMM.

2006 AGMM – LaCrosse, Wisconsin Feb. 20 - 23

- 06AGMM-03** The BoD annually at their November meeting evaluate the activity of Standing Committees, evaluate the needs of OCIA and the financial ability of the organization to determine which chairs and/or committee members receive financial reimbursement to attend the AGMM.
- 06AGMM-05** All policy amendments have to be written in a hard copy and handed in to the secretary and chair prior to being introduced to the floor.
- 06AGMM-07** It shall be the policy of OCIA that in the future, when the BoD and Finance Committee present the budget proposal for the current year that they also present a 1 year financial plan.

2007 AGMM Lincoln, Nebraska – March 1-3

- 07AGMM-01** All AGMM policies passed at an AGMM shall be published once in the next publication of the “Communicator”.
- 07AGMM-02** At the discretion of each year’s Board, a committee of the Board shall review the AGMM packet information for correctness prior to its printing.
- 07AGMM-03** Requests for Proposals for the location of the AGMM following the current year shall be solicited immediately following the AGMM with a closing date for consideration of July 1st of each year. Subsequently, the Board of Directors shall make a determination of the location and with the assistance of the AGMM committee office liaison make the appropriate arrangements.
- 07AGMM-04** A certified chapter associate shall pay User Fees at the current set rate for all products sold that were certified through OCIA to any of the certification/verification programs offered by OCIA International. (JAS Certification being exempt due to MAFF regulations).
This includes:
Transaction Certificate sales and non Transaction Certificate sales.
A certified chapter associate does not have to pay User Fees to OCIA International when:
1. Any product is sold to the conventional (non organic) market or fed to the producer’s own livestock.

2008 AGMM Huatulco, Mexico – February 28-March 1

- 08AGMM-05** Direct the Board to construct the committee mandates in a way that will allow the committee members to understand that OCIA is governed by its Bylaws and that committee actions may not exceed the limitations of the Bylaws.”
- 08AGMM-07** Regionally specific approved product lists, if approved by the Certification Specialists and filed annually at the International office, will be allowed. If an input is re-evaluated and approval is removed, chapter administrators, regional offices and approved inspectors will be notified.

2009 AGMM Lincoln, Nebraska – February 7-9

- 09AGMM-04** It shall be the policy of OCIA Intl that Spanish translations of Standards, Bylaws, and AGMM Packets are completed and distributed with the timeline that is designated by our Standards and Bylaws for the original English documents.
- 09AGMM-04** It shall be the policy of OCIA INTL that simultaneous translation for all members be provided for the entirety of OCIA INTL AGMMs.
- 09AGMM-06** All AGMM meals to be organic when possible and to include as many local food sources as possible. OCIA R&E will facilitate in writing guidelines to work with local chefs to source and use local and organic foods.

2012 AGMM LaCrosse, Wisconsin – February 20-22

- 12AGMM-02** Move to make AGMM Policy, during budget discussion, when an additional expenditure or a decrease to income is proposed, it has to be offset by additional income or a reduction in an expense item. This will ultimately result in no negative effect in the bottom line.

2013 AGMM Lincoln, Nebraska – February 13-15

- 13AGMM-03** This AGMM requests that it is policy that OCIA’s board policy of no net loss of income stemming from a budgetary change be sent out with the AGMM materials to the full membership.

- 13AGMM-04** Policy that the accounting department invoices producers on the highest value crop in multiple cropping situations. The accounting department will track the funds collected and report this information at the 2014 AGMM.

2014 AGMM San Antonio, Texas – February 5-7

- 14AGMM-01** Directs the OCIA International Board of Directors to look into how to and to start collecting sales figures from chapter processors. Then use the information to develop and present at the 2015 AGMM, a tiered fee schedule to possibly replace the current sales based user fees.
- 14AGMM-03** The OCIA Board of Directors and Staff continue to work with the world organic community to support the rejection and/or control of GMO technology and its adoption.
- 14AGMM-04** The AGMM minutes shall be available by request both electronically or in hardcopy once refereed within 60 days of the close of the AGMM.

2017 AGMM Council Bluffs, Iowa – February 8-9

- 17AGMM-01** Whereas checkoffs have historically been damaging to small and medium sized farmers; Whereas the organic checkoff proposal was made with very little input from farmers; Whereas organic farmers are innovative and creative and have a history of finding solid solutions to the community's problems, we can do better at organic research and promotion than a mandatory adoption of a failed federal program. Resolution: The members of the Organic Crop Improvement Association oppose the creation of an organic checkoff.

2019 AGMM Dubuque, Iowa – February 6-7

- 19AGMM-01** As livestock producing members of OCIA, we must revise and/or simplify the organic system plan (OSP) so as to make effective organic livestock policies which in effect will strengthen all of organic agriculture. The current overly complex application process is vulnerable to industrial agricultural dominance.

2021 AGMM Online – February 9

- 21AGMM-01** Have a virtual option for AGMM, for those who cannot be there in person, including participation but not voting.
- 21AGMM-02** Re-evaluate initiating the Rainforest Alliance application based on a cost-benefit analysis.

2022 AGMM Online – February 22

- 22AGMM-01** At least one board member attend at least one meeting sponsored by an organic regulator a year to gather information, network and represent OCIA members' policy perspectives. The attendee would report back on activities to the following year's AGMM.