



OCIA

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 7-8, 2024

Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar

Council Bluffs, Iowa



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2024 Annual General Membership Meeting Notification

In accordance with Article 6.1 of the OCIA International Bylaws, OCIA International will convene the 2024 Annual General Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn and Suites at Ameristar in Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 7th-8th, 2024.

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 mid-December 2023.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Lane".

Carolyn Lane
Secretary
OCIA International, Inc

General Information



DATE: February 7-8, 2024
LOCATION: Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar
2202 River Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
PHONE: 1-712-322-5050
GROUP NAME: Organic Crop Improvement
Association

Hotel + Airport Information

\$105 USD/night

Room rate and availability cannot be guaranteed after Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Airport shuttle from OMA available. Call hotel when flight arrives. Free on-site parking.

Registration

Registration for the Annual Membership Meeting is now open. Please mail in the registration form (located at the back of this packet) to reserve your seat.

Please Note: Accommodations at the Holiday Inn and Suites at Ameristar must be reserved

OCIA International kindly requests all registrations be submitted by January 7, 2024.

Cost of attendance: \$100

Registrations received after January 7 will be subject to a \$50 late fee per attendee.

Registration Form

Complete the below registration form, and then mail with payment to OCIA International's Lincoln, NE office.

Main Contact Name: _____

Membership Type Direct Associate Chapter Supporting

Contact Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Below, record the name and information of all attendees. If membership fee has been paid, any/all attendees listed below will have the right to use voting paddles during the general membership meeting.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Dietary Restrictions: 100% of food served will be organic. If you require a special meal, please check below:

- Gluten Free
- Vegan
- Other: _____

Registration fee for Annual General Membership Meeting (includes all meals, breaks, speakers, tours):

Number of attendees _____ X fee (\$100 before Jan. 7; \$150 after Jan. 7) _____ = _____

Make checks payable to OCIA International, and send to:

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, February 7

OCIA Board Meetings & Welcome Reception

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	International Board of Directors Meeting	General Dodge
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Registration	Outside Lewis & Clark

THURSDAY, February 8

OCIA AGMM General Session

7:30 AM	Registration	Heartland 2 & 3
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	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	
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Budget Discussion & Workshop Presentation of Board of Candidates, Ballot Explanation/Election	
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Break	
10:20 AM - 12:00 PM	R&E Presentation: Micro Grant & Scholarship Recipients, Farmer of the Year, R&E Budget, Visit R&E Auction	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lewis & Clark
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Presentation of Bylaws/Standards Changes	Heartland 2 & 3
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Budget Discussion & Approval AGMM Policy Amendments & Unfinished Business Announcements of New Board Members Presentation of 2025 AGMM Adjournment of 2024 AGMM	
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	International Board Meeting/Election of Officers	
5:30 PM	Cash Bar Opens	Lewis & Clark
6:00 PM	AGMM Closing Banquet / R&E Auction	



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Voting by Proxy

This proxy form is only valid for the 2024 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 18th, 2024. Bring the signed proxy form with you to the AGMM. 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 2024 AGMM, dues must be paid by January 1st, 2024.

Please PRINT the following information completely and legibly.

I, _____ of _____, _____ hereby designate
Name of Member Assigning Proxy Rights Name of Entity Assigning Proxy Rights Country of Entity

_____, representing _____, _____ a member of OCIA
Name of Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights Name of Entity Receiving Proxy Rights Country of Entity

International, to hold my proxy vote for the 2024 AGMM.

Signature of Person Assigning Proxy Rights: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Designated Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights: _____ Date: _____

Send Completed to OCIA International Office:

OCIA International
1340 N. Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68505

**** BELOW FOR SECRETARY, ELECTION COMMITTEE, AND OFFICE USE ONLY ****

Received: _____ Proxy Assignor's Category of Affiliation: _____

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

Membership Dues Paid: _____

Bylaws Amendment Proposal

2024 AGMM B-1

Section 1.

Name: Chris Jaworski on behalf of OCIA Board of Directors
Address: 7899 Regal Lane, Pulaski, WI 54162
Phone/Fax: 920-660-0236
Email: jaws8753radtke@gmail.com

Section 2. Statement of Proposal

The following is a proposed amendment to Section 5.1 AFFILIATION of the 2024 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: 5 Categories of Affiliation, Association Privileges and Responsibilities

Section: 5.1.1.1 Producer: A person whose activity consists of the production (including on-farm processing) and sales of food, feed, livestock, or fiber grown on his/her farm may apply for certification through an OCIA chapter unless he/she falls under one of the exceptions to this Article. Chapter Producers' voting privileges within the Association are through the relevant chapter as described in Article 7.4.1.

a. Total annual certified acres shall not exceed 10,000.

Section 3. Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of the proposal is to change the affiliating category from chapter to direct associate for those who exceed the total annual certified acres of 10,000 or above, as the cost of certifying producers with acreage of this amount are significantly higher.

Section 4. History

Historically OCIA has not addressed this in the bylaws.

Section 5. Related Effect of Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Other OCIA Bylaw Sections

None.

Section 6. Miscellaneous

None.

Section 7. Summary Argument

None.

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Article: 5 Categories of Affiliation, Association Privileges and Responsibilities

Section: 5.1.1.3 **Chapter Processor/Handler:** A processor/handler may apply for certification through the local chapter **if the following condition applies:**

a. Total annual OCIA certified revenues for processing services and/or products do not exceed US \$150,000.

Section 3. Purpose of Proposal

The purpose of the proposal is to change the affiliating category from chapter to direct associate for those who exceed \$150,000 in sales as a cost recovery measure.

Section 4. History

Prior to 2008, By-laws 5.1.1.3 and 5.1.1.2 indicated the need to change affiliation if a sales cap was met. 5.1.1.3 indicated total revenue for processing services and/or products could not exceed \$150,000, whereas 5.1.1.2 indicated sales of product sourced off-farm could not exceed \$100,000. Both references were removed at the 2008 AGMM, because it had been challenging to apply the restrictions and the different indicated sales limit.

Section 5. Related Effect of Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Other OCIA Bylaw Sections

None.

Section 6. Miscellaneous

None.

Section 7. Summary Argument

None.

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 Nomination/Nominators: 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.

Send Completed to OCIA International Office:

OCIA International
1340 N. Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68505

Please print legibly.

Nominee's Name: _____

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

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

Contact Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please submit a **brief biography** (maximum of one page) including your qualifications and previous/current involvement with OCIA International and state the reason why you decided to become a candidate. Your biography will be provided to voting members before the election.

Biography Attached? Yes No

Nominator designation based on Bylaw 8.3.2 A B C

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's 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:** _____

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

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



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2024 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 2024 Annual General Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn and Suites at Ameristar in Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 7th-8th, 2024.

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 December 2023.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Michelle Carkner

Michelle Carkner

Secretary

OCIA Research & Education



Voting by Proxy

This proxy form is only valid for the 2024 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. Bring the original with you to the AGMM. 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 _____, _____ hereby designate
Name of R&E Member Assigning Proxy Rights Name of Entity Assigning Proxy Rights Country of Entity

_____, representing _____, _____ a member of OCIA
Name of R&E Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights Name of Entity Receiving Proxy Rights Country of Entity

Research and Education, to hold my proxy vote for the 2024 AGMM.

Signature of Person Assigning Proxy Rights: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Designated Delegate Receiving Proxy Rights: _____ Date: _____

Send Completed to OCIA International Office:

OCIA Research and Education
1340 N. Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68505

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

Membership Dues Paid: _____

2024 OCIA RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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 Nominators: 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

Send Completed to OCIA International Office:

OCIA Research & Education
1340 N. Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68505

Please print legibly.

OCIA Research & Education Nominee's Name: _____

Contact Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please submit a ***brief biography*** (maximum of one page) including your qualifications and previous/current involvement with OCIA International and state the reason why you decided to become a candidate. Your biography will be provided to voting members before the election.

Biography Attached? Yes No + Reason: _____

Nominator designation based on Bylaw 7.3.2 A B C

Nominator's Name: _____

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: _____

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

In a nutshell voting members are; 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 CCGs will be counted as 1 vote for each 3 Chapter CCGs.

Who can be a Voting Delegate?

Delegates are individuals who are from within the member organization: for chapters and CCG'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. Members can send as many Delegates as they wish. Chapter voting rights/paddles may be held by one or more delegate.

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

Yes. At the time of registration, voting paddles can be divided between chapter delegates.

What if a delegate loses their voting paddle at the AGMM?

The voting paddles are a representation of the members vote. Each paddle will have the members name, and an Election Committee Members signature on it. If a voting paddle is lost, another delegate will not be able to use it for their votes, however, it will not be replaced.

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

Yes. Every member holding voting rights are entitled to vote at the AGMM by proxy. The member must find a delegate of a member 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 presented at AGMM Registration.

Meeting Policies

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.

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 7-11

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

2006 AGMM - LaCrosse, Wisconsin - February 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 polices 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 hard copy 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.