

2016-17 & 2017-18 - CAC SHIPPER NOMINATION MEETINGS

**1:15 pm on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Main Conference Room, USDA Horticultural Research Laboratory,
2001 South Rock Road, Ft. Pierce, FL**

- ❖ **Beginning with the 2016-17 season the term of office for shipper members and their alternates will be two seasons and a member may serve two consecutive terms before rotating as an alternate or off the committee. This change was one of the amendments to Marketing Order #905 approved in 2015 by the growers of fresh Florida citrus.**
- Eight shipper members/alternates will be nominated for the 2016-17 & 2017-18 seasons.
- At least two of the eight shipper members/alternates must be cooperative members.
- Shippers may vote by proxy or in person.
- Each shipper may vote their volume of their regulated shipments for the 2015-16 season through February 29, 2016.

Current Shipper Members/Alternates

All current shipper members are eligible to serve as the member or alternate for this nomination cycle.

- Melanie Ressler, member - alternate Larry Black – Independent
 - Gee Roe, member – alternate Alex Heller – Independent
 - Lee Bouldin, member – alternate Rusty Varn - Independent
 - Paul Genke, member – alternate Trey Smith – Independent
 - Tom Mitchell, member – alternate Dan Richey – Independent
 - George F. Hamner, Jr., member – alternate Lynn Shelfer
 - Darrell Congdon, member – alternate Al Finch
 - Frank M Hunt, III, member – alternate Steven Callaham
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- ❖ The Florida Citrus Administrative Committee (CAC), which administers Florida’s fresh citrus marketing order, is actively seeking new committee members. The CAC, with USDA oversight, assures orderly marketing of fresh fruit by setting minimum grades and size standards for Florida citrus. In addition to new members, the CAC seeks to increase the level of diversity on the Committee. The CAC aims to be representative of the industry and strongly encourages women and minorities to apply to serve on the Committee. Just as importantly, the CAC encourages participation from industry members who have not previously served on the Committee. USDA is especially interested in getting input from small business and organic growers, so that the Committee might represent all interests in the Florida citrus industry..
 - ❖ **Contact** Duke Chadwell, CAC Manager for directions or additional information concerning the nomination meetings at 863-670-0278 or dukechadwell@gmail.com