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Barnes Begins 2nd Term as AGN-NA Board Chair

Denver, CO, Nov 12, 2015 –Warren Barnes, Managing Partner of Kernutt Stokes LLP, of Eugene, Oregon was elected Chair of *AGN International-North America, Inc.* (AGN-NA), at the North American Board of Directors meeting October 27, 2015 in Vancouver, BC., held in conjunction with the AGN International, Ltd. World Congress.

Barnes has served on the AGN-NA Executive Committee continuously since 2006, and previously chaired the Board in 2010. He is only the third Board member in AGN’s 40+year history to repeat at Board chair.

Barnes’ 2nd term occurs during an unprecedented time of change for AGN’s North American region.

“The association experienced a major transition in mid-2014 when Malcolm Ward was hired as the Global CEO; our long-time Executive Director, Rita Hood, has announced her retirement effective May 31, 2016,” Barnes said, adding that “I’m glad to be able to assist and support both these transitions to assure seamless member service and collaboration in the North American region of AGN.”

As AGN-NA Chair, Barnes will preside at meetings of the North American Region’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee beginning January 1, 2016. He succeeds Gary Katz, Managing Partner of Logan Katz LLP, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, who has served as chair for the last 12 months and will become Immediate Past Chair.

Also elected to AGN-NA’s 2016 Executive Committee are the following:

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- **Carl Coburn**, Vice Chair (Managing Partner, Clark Schaefer Hackett, Cincinnati, OH)
- **Carol Villemaire**, Treasurer (Managing Partner, James Moore & Co., P.L., Gainesville, FL)
- **Bradley P. Lusk**, Secretary (Managing Partner, Sisterson & Co. LLP, Pittsburgh, PA)

AGN-NA currently has 43 firms as members of the North American region, including 38 CPA firms in the US, 3 firms in Canada and one member firm in Mexico. It is part of AGN International, Ltd., which has 182 member firms in 87 countries, and is considered one of the leading associations of accounting firms in the world. World headquarters are in London, UK city center, and the North American headquarters are in Denver, CO.

Kernutt Stokes was founded in 1945 and joined AGN in 2004. The firm is currently one of Oregon's largest single-office accounting firms. Barnes joined the firm in 1992 after serving for five years at a national firm in its Washington, D.C. office. He holds a Bachelor and Masters degree from Brigham Young University.

In addition to his firm management responsibilities, Barnes leads the delivery of tax consulting, compliance and management advisory services to a number of Kernutt Stokes clients. He advises closely held corporations, partnerships and individuals on issues related to financial planning, estate and gift planning, federal and state tax compliance and tax consulting. While he has experience working with clients in a broad range of industries, he currently focuses on businesses in the transportation, retail, manufacturing, and professional services industries.

Barnes is active in his family, church, and community and also finds time to be an avid cyclist, swimmer and University of Oregon Ducks fan.

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