

IZEA, Inc.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GARDNER LINDSAY A		(Month/Day/Year)	IZEA, Inc. [IZEA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/26/2016	
480 NORTH ORLANDO AVENUE,Â SUITE 200			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
WINTER PARK,Â FLÂ 32789			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	64,626	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	06/19/2018	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 5.8	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/10/2018	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 5.8	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	04/08/2025	Common Stock	1,154	\$ 7.7	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDNER LINDSAY A 480 NORTH ORLANDO AVENUE SUITE 200 WINTER PARK, FL 32789	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

By: /s/ LeAnn Hitchcock as attorney-in-fact for Lindsay A. Gardner 03/02/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These options to purchase shares were issued under the Issuer's May 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "May Plan") and vest in 48 equal installments monthly over the 48 months following the grant date, June 19, 2013. The number of shares and exercise price reflect the 1-for-20 reverse stock split that was effected on January 11, 2016.
- (2) These options to purchase shares were issued under the Issuer's August 2011 B Equity Plan and vested in 12 equal installments monthly over the 12 months following the grant date, December 10, 2013. The number of shares and exercise price reflect the 1-for-20 reverse stock split that was effected on January 11, 2016.
- (3) These options to purchase shares were issued under the May Plan and vest in 48 equal installments monthly over the 48 months following the grant date, April 8, 2015. The number of shares and exercise price reflect the 1-for-20 reverse stock split that was effected on January 11, 2016.

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