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Asset No.	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Conv	Line No.	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	Section 179 Expense	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Beginning Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179 Expense	Current Year Deduction	Ending Accumulated Depreciation
	LAND														
11	LAND-49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA	12/27/06	L				275,000.				275,000.			0.	
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - LAND						275,000.				275,000.	0.		0.	0.
	BUILDING														
7	BUILDING-49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA	12/27/06	SL	39.00		MM16	851,736.				851,736.	235,680.		21,839.	257,519.
8	STORAGE SHED	05/22/09	150DB	20.00		HY17	1,240.				1,240.	606.		55.	661.
9	RE-PAVING	08/30/12	150DB	15.00		HY17	5,800.				5,800.	2,547.		342.	2,889.
99	ROOF REPAIR	06/30/15	SL	39.00		MM16	3,220.				3,220.	187.		83.	270.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - BUILDING						861,996.				861,996.	239,020.		22,319.	261,339.
	EQUIPMENT														
26	(2) IR PHOTOMETERS	03/03/03	SL	5.00		16	5,475.				5,475.	5,475.		0.	5,475.
27	IR PHOTOMETER	09/18/03	SL	5.00		16	8,617.				8,617.	8,617.		0.	8,617.
32	(D)MINIDV CAMCORDER	04/19/05	SL	5.00		16	1,795.				1,795.	1,766.		0.	1,766.
37	(D)DATA PROJECTOR	10/14/05	SL	5.00		16	840.				840.	840.		0.	840.
39	(D)APPLE 20" MONITOR	11/16/05	SL	5.00		16	800.				800.	800.		0.	800.
40	WEB SERVER	01/13/06	SL	5.00		16	2,675.				2,675.	2,675.		0.	2,675.
41	(D)2 APPLE 20" MONITORS	02/04/06	SL	5.00		16	1,530.				1,530.	1,530.		0.	1,530.
42	(D)17" DELL MONITOR	03/10/06	SL	5.00		16	271.				271.	271.		0.	271.

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43	SEAGATE B/UP CAMERA FILTERS	03/15/06	SL	5.00		16	290.				290.	290.		0.	290.
48	(D)APPLE MAC MINI	06/07/06	SL	5.00		16	1,286.				1,286.	1,243.		0.	1,243.
63	(D)APPLE LAPTOP ELIZABETH	03/07/08	SL	5.00		16	1,191.				1,191.	1,191.		0.	1,191.
64	(D)UNSPEC EQUIPMENT	09/05/08	SL	5.00		16	2,393.				2,393.	2,393.		0.	2,393.
67	ASTROGRAPHS	03/09/09	SL	5.00		16	12,187.				12,187.	12,187.		0.	12,187.
68	DIRECT APPLE TOWER WORKSTATION	02/23/09	200DB	3.00		HY17	2,898.				2,898.	2,898.		0.	2,898.
69	SBIG HARDWARE	02/23/09	200DB	3.00		HY17	1,610.				1,610.	1,610.		0.	1,610.
70	(D)CAMERA & FILTER WHEELS	03/02/09	200DB	5.00		HY17	21,398.				21,398.	21,398.		0.	21,398.
72	CANON DIGITAL CAMERA IYA GRA	08/24/09	200DB	3.00		HY17	724.				724.	724.		0.	724.
73	CCD UPGRADE	11/13/02	200DB	3.00		HY17	1,575.				1,575.	1,575.		0.	1,575.
74	SKYLINE DISPLAY BOOTHS	06/11/09	200DB	3.00		HY17	2,178.				2,178.	2,178.		0.	2,178.
75	(D)OASYS MAX	04/04/10	200DB	3.00		HY17	2,295.				2,295.	2,295.		0.	2,295.
76	(D)PCS AND EQUIPMENT	01/20/10	200DB	3.00		HY17	13,915.				13,915.	13,915.		0.	13,915.
77	APOGEE INSTR	09/27/10	200DB	3.00		HY17	20,600.				20,600.	20,600.		0.	20,600.
78	(D)OTHER TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	03/31/10	200DB	3.00		HY17	15,113.				15,113.	15,113.		0.	15,113.
79	SPECTROGRAPHS	05/15/10	200DB	3.00		HY17	18,204.				18,204.	18,204.		0.	18,204.
80	TELESCOPE EQUIPMENT & SW AYERS	08/30/11	150DB	15.00		HY17	43,445.				43,445.	20,781.		2,666.	23,447.
81	TELESCOPE MOUNT PARAMOUNT	05/30/11	150DB	15.00		HY17	9,000.				9,000.	4,423.		538.	4,961.

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82	(D)CELESTRON & CGEM MOUNT	11/15/10	150DB	15.00	HY17	4,375.				4,375.	2,265.		124.	2,389.
83	(D)SERVOS & MAXDOME	12/15/10	200DB	5.00	HY17	3,086.				3,086.	3,086.		0.	3,086.
84	(D)PCS, MACS, IPADS	03/31/11	200DB	3.00	HY17	8,103.				8,103.	8,103.		0.	8,103.
85	ASTRO & SPECTRO GRAPHS	03/30/11	200DB	3.00	HY17	17,112.				17,112.	17,112.		0.	17,112.
86	CAMERA EQ BRY BRKT STN K35	12/01/10	200DB	5.00	HY17	15,734.				15,734.	15,734.		0.	15,734.
87	TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	02/01/12	200DB	5.00	HY17	25,228.				25,228.	25,228.		0.	25,228.
88	(D)PCS TABLETS	06/01/12	200DB	5.00	HY17	26,492.				26,492.	26,492.		0.	26,492.
89	(D)ALLSKY CAMERAS	12/11/12	200DB	5.00	HY17	1,861.				1,861.	1,754.		54.	1,808.
90	(D)PCS AND SOFTWARE	12/13/12	200DB	3.00	HY17	2,828.				2,828.	2,828.		0.	2,828.
91	(D)TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	02/04/13	200DB	5.00	HY17	7,360.				7,360.	6,936.		212.	7,148.
92	PARAMOUNT ME	03/04/13	200DB	5.00	HY17	9,500.				9,500.	8,953.		547.	9,500.
94	ASTOGRAPHS	01/29/14	200DB	3.00	HY17	2,753.				2,753.	2,753.		0.	2,753.
96	VIDEO EQUIPMENT	08/06/14	200DB	3.00	HY17	4,557.				4,557.	4,557.		0.	4,557.
100	ST10-XME CAMERA WITH CFW-10 FILTER	10/02/14	200DB	5.00	HY17	1,950.				1,950.	1,388.		225.	1,613.
101	ME RA WORM, ME DEC WORM, PARAMOUNT ME RA	10/21/14	200DB	5.00	HY17	1,448.				1,448.	1,031.		167.	1,198.
102	VENDOR OCEANSIDE PHOTO 5X LODE STAR	11/01/14	200DB	5.00	HY17	671.				671.	478.		77.	555.
103	AYERS VENDOR AND OR TECH 2 APLOOGEE UPGRADE	11/24/14	200DB	5.00	HY17	7,022.				7,022.	4,999.		809.	5,808.
104	GRANT BSM/POST 11/14/14 PAIR COST	12/15/14	200DB	5.00	HY17	623.				623.	444.		72.	516.

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105	VIDEO-2014 AAVSO CCD SCHOOL (AUGUST)	12/30/14	200DB	5.00		HY17	5,464.				5,464.	3,890.		630.	4,520.
106	APPLE COMPUTER-STELLA	01/17/15	200DB	5.00		HY17	1,342.				1,342.	956.		154.	1,110.
107	GRANT BSM/POST 11/14/14 MOONLITE	01/23/15	200DB	5.00		HY17	674.				674.	480.		78.	558.
108	VIDEO-2014 AAVSO CCD SCHOOL (AUGUST)	03/25/15	200DB	5.00		HY17	823.				823.	586.		95.	681.
109	2 PARTS ASPEN CG1 6M GRADE S REPAIRS	06/26/15	200DB	5.00		HY17	7,000.				7,000.	4,984.		806.	5,790.
110	(D)APPLE COMPUTER - FRONT DESK	07/26/15	200DB	5.00		HY17	530.				530.	378.		31.	409.
117	BLAKE ROAD PRODUCTION-AAVSO CCD	11/16/15	200DB	5.00		MQ17	284.				284.	173.		44.	217.
118	WATCHGUARD WTM 2 SERIES	12/04/15	200DB	5.00		MQ17	1,271.				1,271.	775.		198.	973.
119	GARY WALKER DONATED TAKAHASHI SKY 90 TELESCOPE	12/28/15	200DB	5.00		MQ17	1,500.				1,500.	915.		234.	1,149.
120	APPLE COMPUTER- FOR ELIZABETH	02/02/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	1,099.				1,099.	605.		198.	803.
121	STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY-PARAMOUNT ME MOUNT	02/18/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	9,000.				9,000.	4,950.		1,620.	6,570.
123	DELL MARKETING-COMPUTER FOR KATHY S	04/09/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	869.				869.	426.		177.	603.
124	APPLE COMPUTER-REPLACE REBECCA'S COMPUTER	07/18/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	2,001.				2,001.	860.		456.	1,316.
125	APPLE COMPUTER-FOR OWEN	07/23/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	869.				869.	373.		198.	571.
126	MOTHERBOARDS FOR APASS COMPUTER	10/25/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	2,340.				2,340.	819.		608.	1,427.
127	MAC COMPUTER	12/07/16	200DB	5.00		MQ17	1,199.				1,199.	420.		312.	732.
128	BERT'S COMPUTER	06/16/17	200DB	5.00		MQ17	2,847.				2,847.	427.		968.	1,395.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - EQUIPMENT						372,120.				372,120.	321,150.		12,298.	333,448.

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	FURNITURE & FIXTURES														
12	FOLDING CHAIRS	04/22/08	200DB	7.00		HY17	472.				472.	472.		0.	472.
13	OFFICE FURNITURE	06/15/11	200DB	5.00		HY17	623.				623.	623.		0.	623.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - FURNITURE & FIXTURES						1,095.				1,095.	1,095.		0.	1,095.
	COMPUTER SOFTWARE														
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - COMPUTER SOFTWARE						0.				0.	0.		0.	0.
	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS														
14	(D) CARPETING	01/30/07	SL	10.00		16	4,180.				4,180.	4,180.		0.	4,180.
15	WINDOWS	07/05/07	SL	39.00		MM16	11,941.				11,941.	3,124.		306.	3,430.
16	ZONING	04/01/07	SL	39.00		MM16	19,095.				19,095.	5,144.		490.	5,634.
17	RENOVATIONS	05/15/08	SL	39.00		MM16	325,241.				325,241.	78,839.		8,340.	87,179.
18	HOUSE RENOVATIONS	11/18/08	SL	3.00		16	254.				254.	254.		0.	254.
19	RENOVATIONS	04/04/10	150DB	15.00		HY17	3,075.				3,075.	1,695.		184.	1,879.
20	RENOVATIONS	07/28/10	150DB	15.00		HY17	63,182.				63,182.	34,101.		3,877.	37,978.
21	BUILDING RENOVATIONS	01/18/11	SL	27.50		MM16	47,702.				47,702.	11,636.		1,735.	13,371.
22	GAS FURNACE	12/08/10	SL	27.50		MM16	6,800.				6,800.	1,678.		247.	1,925.
23	FENCE	08/08/12	150DB	15.00		HY17	6,700.				6,700.	2,943.		395.	3,338.
111	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-REPLACE COMPUTE	10/22/15	150DB	15.00		MQ17	7,200.				7,200.	1,287.		591.	1,878.

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112	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-FIX PRESSURE SWITCH	02/25/16	150DB	15.00		MC17	610.				610.	95.		52.	147.
113	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-CHANGE FILTERS	06/27/16	150DB	15.00		MC17	850.				850.	114.		74.	188.
114	GILMAN GUIDELIU & BELLOW-MASONRY REPAIRS	07/18/16	150DB	15.00		MC17	18,011.				18,011.	2,004.		1,601.	3,605.
115	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-INSTALL NEW CAP	08/18/16	150DB	15.00		MC17	839.				839.	93.		75.	168.
116	THOMAS BLAKE	09/09/16	150DB	15.00		MC17	3,250.				3,250.	362.		289.	651.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS						518,930.				518,930.	147,549.		18,256.	165,805.
	* GRAND TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR						2,029,141.				2,029,141.	708,814.		52,873.	761,687.
	CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY														
	BEGINNING BALANCE						2,029,141.			0.	2,029,141.	708,814.			761,687.
	ACQUISITIONS						0.			0.	0.	0.			0.
	DISPOSITIONS						121,642.			0.	121,642.	118,777.			119,198.
	ENDING BALANCE						1,907,499.			0.	1,907,499.	590,037.			642,489.
	ENDING ACCUM DEPR LESS DISPOSITIONS											642,489.			
	ENDING BOOK VALUE											1,265,010.			

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	LAND											
11	LAND-49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA	122706	L			275,000.			275,000.			0.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - LAND					275,000.		0.	275,000.	0.		0.
	BUILDING											
7	BUILDING-49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE	122706	SL	39.00	16	851,736.			851,736.	235,680.		21,839.
8	STORAGE SHED	052209	150DB	20.00	17	1,240.			1,240.	606.		55.
9	RE-PAVING	083012	150DB	15.00	17	5,800.			5,800.	2,547.		342.
99	ROOF REPAIR	063015	SL	39.00	16	3,220.			3,220.	187.		83.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - BUILDING					861,996.		0.	861,996.	239,020.		22,319.
	EQUIPMENT											
26	(2) IR PHOTOMETERS	030303	SL	5.00	16	5,475.			5,475.	5,475.		0.
27	IR PHOTOMETER	091803	SL	5.00	16	8,617.			8,617.	8,617.		0.
32	(D)MINIDV CAMCORDER	041905	SL	5.00	16	1,795.			1,795.	1,766.		0.
37	(D)DATA PROJECTOR	101405	SL	5.00	16	840.			840.	840.		0.
39	(D)APPLE 20" MONITOR	111605	SL	5.00	16	800.			800.	800.		0.
40	WEB SERVER	011306	SL	5.00	16	2,675.			2,675.	2,675.		0.
41	(D)2 APPLE 20" MONITORS	020406	SL	5.00	16	1,530.			1,530.	1,530.		0.
42	(D)17" DELL MONITOR	031006	SL	5.00	16	271.			271.	271.		0.

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43	SEAGATE B/UP CAMERA FILTERS	031506	SL	5.00	16	290.			290.	290.		0.
48	(D)APPLE MAC MINI	060706	SL	5.00	16	1,286.			1,286.	1,243.		0.
63	(D)APPLE LAPTOP ELIZABETH	030708	SL	5.00	16	1,191.			1,191.	1,191.		0.
64	(D)UNSPEC EQUIPMENT	090508	SL	5.00	16	2,393.			2,393.	2,393.		0.
67	ASTROGRAPHS	030909	SL	5.00	16	12,187.			12,187.	12,187.		0.
68	DIRECT APPLE TOWER WORKSTATION	022309	200DB	3.00	17	2,898.			2,898.	2,898.		0.
69	SBIG HARDWARE	022309	200DB	3.00	17	1,610.			1,610.	1,610.		0.
70	(D)CAMERA & FILTER WHEELS	030209	200DB	5.00	17	21,398.			21,398.	21,398.		0.
72	CANON DIGITAL CAMERA IYA GRA	082409	200DB	3.00	17	724.			724.	724.		0.
73	CCD UPGRADE	111302	200DB	3.00	17	1,575.			1,575.	1,575.		0.
74	SKYLINE DISPLAY BOOTHS	061109	200DB	3.00	17	2,178.			2,178.	2,178.		0.
75	(D)OASYS MAX	040410	200DB	3.00	17	2,295.			2,295.	2,295.		0.
76	(D)PCS AND EQUIPMENT	012010	200DB	3.00	17	13,915.			13,915.	13,915.		0.
77	APOGEE INSTR	092710	200DB	3.00	17	20,600.			20,600.	20,600.		0.
78	(D)OTHER TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	033110	200DB	3.00	17	15,113.			15,113.	15,113.		0.
79	SPECTOGRAPHS	051510	200DB	3.00	17	18,204.			18,204.	18,204.		0.
80	TELESCOPE EQUIPMENT & SW AYERS	083011	150DB	15.00	17	43,445.			43,445.	20,781.		2,666.
81	TELESCOPE MOUNT PARAMOUNT	053011	150DB	15.00	17	9,000.			9,000.	4,423.		538.

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Asset No.	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No.	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Current Year Deduction
82	(D)CELESTRON & CGEM MOUNT	111510	150DB	15.00	17	4,375.			4,375.	2,265.		124.
83	(D)SERVOS & MAXDOME	121510	200DB	5.00	17	3,086.			3,086.	3,086.		0.
84	(D)PCS, MACS, IPADS	033111	200DB	3.00	17	8,103.			8,103.	8,103.		0.
85	ASTRO & SPECTRO GRAPHS	033011	200DB	3.00	17	17,112.			17,112.	17,112.		0.
86	CAMERA EQ BRY BRKT STN K35	120110	200DB	5.00	17	15,734.			15,734.	15,734.		0.
87	TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	020112	200DB	5.00	17	25,228.			25,228.	25,228.		0.
88	(D)PCS TABLETS	060112	200DB	5.00	17	26,492.			26,492.	26,492.		0.
89	(D)ALLSKY CAMERAS	121112	200DB	5.00	17	1,861.			1,861.	1,754.		54.
90	(D)PCS AND SOFTWARE	121312	200DB	3.00	17	2,828.			2,828.	2,828.		0.
91	(D)TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	020413	200DB	5.00	17	7,360.			7,360.	6,936.		212.
92	PARAMOUNT ME	030413	200DB	5.00	17	9,500.			9,500.	8,953.		547.
94	ASTOGRAPHYS	012914	200DB	3.00	17	2,753.			2,753.	2,753.		0.
96	VIDEO EQUIPMENT	080614	200DB	3.00	17	4,557.			4,557.	4,557.		0.
100	ST10-XME CAMERA WITH CFW-10 FILTER	100214	200DB	5.00	17	1,950.			1,950.	1,388.		225.
101	ME RA WORM, ME DEC WORM, PARAMOUNT ME	102114	200DB	5.00	17	1,448.			1,448.	1,031.		167.
102	VENDOR OCEANSIDE PHOTO 5X LODE STAR	110114	200DB	5.00	17	671.			671.	478.		77.
103	AYERS VENDOR AND OR TECH 2 APLOOGEE UP	112414	200DB	5.00	17	7,022.			7,022.	4,999.		809.
104	GRANT BSM/POST 11/14/14 PAIR COST	121514	200DB	5.00	17	623.			623.	444.		72.

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105	VIDEO-2014 AAVSO CCD SCHOOL (AUGUST)	123014	200DB	5.00	17	5,464.			5,464.	3,890.		630.
106	APPLE COMPUTER-STELLA	011715	200DB	5.00	17	1,342.			1,342.	956.		154.
107	GRANT BSM/POST 11/14/14 MOONLITE	012315	200DB	5.00	17	674.			674.	480.		78.
108	VIDEO-2014 AAVSO CCD SCHOOL (AUGUST)	032515	200DB	5.00	17	823.			823.	586.		95.
109	2 PARTS ASPEN CG1 6M GRADE S REPAIRS	062615	200DB	5.00	17	7,000.			7,000.	4,984.		806.
110	(D)APPLE COMPUTER - FRONT DESK	072615	200DB	5.00	17	530.			530.	378.		31.
117	BLAKE ROAD PRODUCTION-AAVSO CC	111615	200DB	5.00	17	284.			284.	173.		44.
118	WATCHGUARD WTM 2 SERIES	120415	200DB	5.00	17	1,271.			1,271.	775.		198.
119	GARY WALKER DONATED TAKAHASHI SKY 90 T	122815	200DB	5.00	17	1,500.			1,500.	915.		234.
120	APPLE COMPUTER- FOR ELIZABETH	020216	200DB	5.00	17	1,099.			1,099.	605.		198.
121	STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY-PARAMOUNT	021816	200DB	5.00	17	9,000.			9,000.	4,950.		1,620.
123	DELL MARKETING-COMPUTER	040916	200DB	5.00	17	869.			869.	426.		177.
124	APPLE COMPUTER-REPLACE RE	071816	200DB	5.00	17	2,001.			2,001.	860.		456.
125	APPLE COMPUTER-FOR OWEN	072316	200DB	5.00	17	869.			869.	373.		198.
126	MOTHERBOARDS FOR APASS COMPUTER	102516	200DB	5.00	17	2,340.			2,340.	819.		608.
127	MAC COMPUTER	120716	200DB	5.00	17	1,199.			1,199.	420.		312.
128	BERT'S COMPUTER	061617	200DB	5.00	17	2,847.			2,847.	427.		968.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - EQUIPMENT					372,120.		0.	372,120.	321,150.		12,298.

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	FURNITURE & FIXTURES											
12	FOLDING CHAIRS	042208	200DB	7.00	17	472.			472.	472.		0.
13	OFFICE FURNITURE	061511	200DB	5.00	17	623.			623.	623.		0.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - FURNITURE & FIXT					1,095.		0.	1,095.	1,095.		0.
	COMPUTER SOFTWARE											
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - COMPUTER SOFTWARE					0.		0.	0.	0.		0.
	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS											
14	(D) CARPETING	013007	SL	10.00	16	4,180.			4,180.	4,180.		0.
15	WINDOWS	070507	SL	39.00	16	11,941.			11,941.	3,124.		306.
16	ZONING	040107	SL	39.00	16	19,095.			19,095.	5,144.		490.
17	RENOVATIONS	051508	SL	39.00	16	325,241.			325,241.	78,839.		8,340.
18	HOUSE RENOVATIONS	111808	SL	3.00	16	254.			254.	254.		0.
19	RENOVATIONS	040410	150DB	15.00	17	3,075.			3,075.	1,695.		184.
20	RENOVATIONS	072810	150DB	15.00	17	63,182.			63,182.	34,101.		3,877.
21	BUILDING RENOVATIONS	011811	SL	27.50	16	47,702.			47,702.	11,636.		1,735.
22	GAS FURNACE	120810	SL	27.50	16	6,800.			6,800.	1,678.		247.
23	FENCE	080812	150DB	15.00	17	6,700.			6,700.	2,943.		395.
111	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-REPLAC	102215	150DB	15.00	17	7,200.			7,200.	1,287.		591.

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112	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-FIX PR	022516	150DB	15.00	17	610.			610.	95.		52.
113	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-CHANGE	062716	150DB	15.00	17	850.			850.	114.		74.
114	GILMAN GUIDELIU & BELLOW-MASONRY REPA	071816	150DB	15.00	17	18,011.			18,011.	2,004.		1,601.
115	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-INSTAL	081816	150DB	15.00	17	839.			839.	93.		75.
116	THOMAS BLAKE	090916	150DB	15.00	17	3,250.			3,250.	362.		289.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - BUILDING IMPROVE					518,930.		0.	518,930.	147,549.		18,256.
	* GRAND TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR					2029141.		0.	2029141.	708,814.		52,873.
	CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY											
	BEGINNING BALANCE					2029141.		0.	2029141.	708,814.		
	ACQUISITIONS					0.		0.	0.	0.		
	DISPOSITIONS					121,642.		0.	121,642.	118,777.		
	ENDING BALANCE					1907499.		0.	1907499.	590,037.		

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	LAND								
11	LAND-49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA	122706	L		275,000.		275,000.		0.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - LAND				275,000.		275,000.	0.	0.
	BUILDING								
7	BUILDING-49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA	122706	SL	39.00	851,736.		851,736.	257,519.	21,839.
8	STORAGE SHED	052209	150DB	20.00	1,240.		1,240.	661.	55.
9	RE-PAVING	083012	150DB	15.00	5,800.		5,800.	2,889.	342.
99	ROOF REPAIR	063015	SL	39.00	3,220.		3,220.	270.	83.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - BUILDING				861,996.		861,996.	261,339.	22,319.
	EQUIPMENT								
26	(2) IR PHOTOMETERS	030303	SL	5.00	5,475.		5,475.	5,475.	0.
27	IR PHOTOMETER	091803	SL	5.00	8,617.		8,617.	8,617.	0.
40	WEB SERVER	011306	SL	5.00	2,675.		2,675.	2,675.	0.
43	SEAGATE B/UP CAMERA FILTERS	031506	SL	5.00	290.		290.	290.	0.
67	ASTROGRAPHS	030909	SL	5.00	12,187.		12,187.	12,187.	0.
68	DIRECT APPLE TOWER WORKSTATION	022309	200DB	3.00	2,898.		2,898.	2,898.	0.
69	SBIG HARDWARE	022309	200DB	3.00	1,610.		1,610.	1,610.	0.
72	CANON DIGITAL CAMERA IYA GRA	082409	200DB	3.00	724.		724.	724.	0.
73	CCD UPGRADE	111302	200DB	3.00	1,575.		1,575.	1,575.	0.
74	SKYLINE DISPLAY BOOTHS	061109	200DB	3.00	2,178.		2,178.	2,178.	0.
77	APOGEE INSTR	092710	200DB	3.00	20,600.		20,600.	20,600.	0.
79	SPECTOGRAPHS	051510	200DB	3.00	18,204.		18,204.	18,204.	0.
80	TELESCOPE EQUIPMENT & SW AYERS	083011	150DB	15.00	43,445.		43,445.	23,447.	2,666.
81	TELESCOPE MOUNT PARAMOUNT	053011	150DB	15.00	9,000.		9,000.	4,961.	539.
85	ASTRO & SPECTRO GRAPHS	033011	200DB	3.00	17,112.		17,112.	17,112.	0.
86	CAMERA EQ BRY BRKT STN K35	120110	200DB	5.00	15,734.		15,734.	15,734.	0.
87	TELESCOPIC EQUIPMENT	020112	200DB	5.00	25,228.		25,228.	25,228.	0.
92	PARAMOUNT ME	030413	200DB	5.00	9,500.		9,500.	9,500.	0.
94	ASTOGRAPHS	012914	200DB	3.00	2,753.		2,753.	2,753.	0.
96	VIDEO EQUIPMENT	080614	200DB	3.00	4,557.		4,557.	4,557.	0.
100	ST10-XME CAMERA WITH CFW-10 FILTER	100214	200DB	5.00	1,950.		1,950.	1,613.	225.
101	ME RA WORM, ME DEC WORM, PARAMOUNT								
101	ME RA	102114	200DB	5.00	1,448.		1,448.	1,198.	167.

(D) - Asset disposed

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102	VENDOR OCEANSIDE PHOTO 5X LODE STAR AYERS VENDOR AND OR TECH 2 APLOOGEE	110114	200DB	5.00	671.		671.	555.	77.
103	UPGRADE	112414	200DB	5.00	7,022.		7,022.	5,808.	809.
104	GRANT BSM/POST 11/14/14 PAIR COST	121514	200DB	5.00	623.		623.	516.	71.
105	VIDEO-2014 AAVSO CCD SCHOOL (AUGUST)	123014	200DB	5.00	5,464.		5,464.	4,520.	629.
106	APPLE COMPUTER-STELLA	011715	200DB	5.00	1,342.		1,342.	1,110.	155.
107	GRANT BSM/POST 11/14/14 MOONLITE	012315	200DB	5.00	674.		674.	558.	77.
108	VIDEO-2014 AAVSO CCD SCHOOL (AUGUST)	032515	200DB	5.00	823.		823.	681.	95.
109	2 PARTS ASPEN CG1 6M GRADE S REPAIRS	062615	200DB	5.00	7,000.		7,000.	5,790.	807.
117	BLAKE ROAD PRODUCTION-AAVSO CCD	111615	200DB	5.00	284.		284.	217.	32.
118	WATCHGUARD WTM 2 SERIES GARY WALKER DONATED TAKAHASHI SKY 90	120415	200DB	5.00	1,271.		1,271.	973.	140.
119	TELESCOPE	122815	200DB	5.00	1,500.		1,500.	1,149.	165.
120	APPLE COMPUTER- FOR ELIZABETH STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY-PARAMOUNT ME	020216	200DB	5.00	1,099.		1,099.	803.	125.
121	MOUNT	021816	200DB	5.00	9,000.		9,000.	6,570.	1,023.
123	DELL MARKETING-COMPUTER FOR KATHY S APPLE COMPUTER-REPLACE REBECCA'S	040916	200DB	5.00	869.		869.	603.	106.
124	COMPUTER	071816	200DB	5.00	2,001.		2,001.	1,316.	274.
125	APPLE COMPUTER-FOR OWEN	072316	200DB	5.00	869.		869.	571.	119.
126	MOTHERBOARDS FOR APASS COMPUTER	102516	200DB	5.00	2,340.		2,340.	1,427.	365.
127	MAC COMPUTER	120716	200DB	5.00	1,199.		1,199.	732.	187.
128	BERT'S COMPUTER	061617	200DB	5.00	2,847.		2,847.	1,395.	581.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - EQUIPMENT				254,658.		254,658.	218,430.	9,434.
	FURNITURE & FIXTURES								
12	FOLDING CHAIRS	042208	200DB	7.00	472.		472.	472.	0.
13	OFFICE FURNITURE	061511	200DB	5.00	623.		623.	623.	0.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - FURNITURE & FIXTURES				1,095.		1,095.	1,095.	0.
	COMPUTER SOFTWARE								
	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS								
15	WINDOWS	070507	SL	39.00	11,941.		11,941.	3,430.	306.
16	ZONING	040107	SL	39.00	19,095.		19,095.	5,634.	490.
17	RENOVATIONS	051508	SL	39.00	325,241.		325,241.	87,179.	8,340.

(D) - Asset disposed

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18	HOUSE RENOVATIONS	111808	SL	3.00	254.		254.	254.	0.
19	RENOVATIONS	040410	150DB	15.00	3,075.		3,075.	1,879.	184.
20	RENOVATIONS	072810	150DB	15.00	63,182.		63,182.	37,978.	3,878.
21	BUILDING RENOVATIONS	011811	SL	27.50	47,702.		47,702.	13,371.	1,735.
22	GAS FURNACE	120810	SL	27.50	6,800.		6,800.	1,925.	247.
23	FENCE	080812	150DB	15.00	6,700.		6,700.	3,338.	396.
	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-REPLACE								
111	COMPUTER ROOM A/C	102215	150DB	15.00	7,200.		7,200.	1,878.	532.
	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-FIX PRESSURE								
112	SWITCH	022516	150DB	15.00	610.		610.	147.	46.
	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-CHANGE								
113	FILTERS	062716	150DB	15.00	850.		850.	188.	66.
	GILMAN GUIDELIU & BELLOW-MASONRY								
114	REPAIRS	071816	150DB	15.00	18,011.		18,011.	3,605.	1,441.
	METRO AIR COND/HEATING-INSTALL NEW								
115	CAPACITOR & MISC	081816	150DB	15.00	839.		839.	168.	67.
116	THOMAS BLAKE	090916	150DB	15.00	3,250.		3,250.	651.	260.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL - BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS				514,750.		514,750.	161,625.	17,988.
	* GRAND TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR				1907499.		1907499.	642,489.	49,741.

(D) - Asset disposed

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Form **8879-EO**

IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2017, or fiscal year beginning OCT 1, 2017, and ending SEP 30, 2018

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Name of exempt organization

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VARIABLE STAR OBSERVERS

Employer identification number

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Name and title of officer

**STELLA KAFKA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a**, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b <u>1,949,464.</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b _____
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2017 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize R. J. GOLD COMPANY, P.C. to enter my PIN 02138
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2017 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2017 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

04514116012
Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2017 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2017** and ending **SEP 30, 2018**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VARIABLE STAR OBSERVERS Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 49 BAY STATE ROAD City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	D Employer identification number ** - ***** E Telephone number 617-354-0484
F Name and address of principal officer: STELLA KAFKA 49 BAY STATE ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138		G Gross receipts \$ 12,015,952. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ▶ WWW.AAVSO.ORG K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶
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Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROMOTE, COLLABORATE IN AND FACILITATE THE SHARING OF INFORMATION RELATING TO VARIABLE TYPE STAR 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 15 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 15 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) 5 9 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 1100 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 50,000. 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0.																									
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Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer STELLA KAFKA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ROBERT J. GOLD, CPA	Preparer's signature ROBERT J. GOLD, CPA	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00094413
Firm's name ▶ R.J. GOLD & COMPANY, P.C.		Firm's EIN ▶ ** - *****			
Firm's address ▶ ONE WALL STREET BURLINGTON, MA 01803		Phone no. 781.272.2283			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
**TO PROMOTE, COLLABORATE IN AND, FACILITATE THE SHARING OF INFORMATION
RELATING TO VARIABLE TYPE STAR ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION, RESEARCH AND
DATA COLLECTION**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the
prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and
revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 587,487. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 209,407.)
**RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, DATA BASE ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE, DATA
COLLECTION, ARCHIVE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE**

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 38,106. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 22,149.)
MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIUMS

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,754. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 9,941.)
RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND NEWSLETTERS

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **630,347.**

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?</i>	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?		
Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) KRISTINE M. LARSEN PRESIDENT	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) WILLIAM STEIN 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) GARY WALKER SECRETARY	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) ROBERT STEPHENS TREASURER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) DR. KATRIEN KOLENBERG COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) STYLIANI KAFKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	35.00	X					110,006.	0.	0.	
(7) KEVIN B. MARVEL 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) JOYCE A. GUZIK COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) ELIZABETH WAAGEN CLERK	35.00	X					57,680.	0.	0.	
(10) MICHAEL JONER COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) RICHARD BERRY COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) THOMAS CALDERWOOD COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) GREGORY SIVAKOFF COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) ARLO LANDOLT COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(15) GORDON MYERS COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) MICHAEL COOK COUNCIL MEMBER	0.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b 76,649.				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 209,407.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		286,056.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIUM	Business Code 541700	22,149.	22,149.	
b PUBLICATIONS AND SUPPLIES		541700	9,941.	9,941.		
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			32,090.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,238,213.		1,238,213.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	50,000.			
		(ii) Personal	0.			
		b Less: rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)		50,000.			
	d Net rental income or (loss)		50,000.		50,000.	
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	10,409,593.			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		10,066,488.		
		c Gain or (loss)		343,105.		
	d Net gain or (loss)		343,105.	343,105.		
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b Less: direct expenses	b			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a						
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		1,949,464.	375,195.	50,000.	1,238,213.	

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	110,006.	66,004.	38,502.	5,500.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	267,835.	166,411.	95,738.	5,686.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	98,999.	53,069.	43,320.	2,610.
10 Payroll taxes	35,924.	21,914.	12,932.	1,078.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	58,936.	35,951.	21,217.	1,768.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	117,260.	3,503.	111,610.	2,147.
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	11,251.	6,863.	4,050.	338.
14 Information technology	10,570.	6,448.	3,805.	317.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	63,510.	38,106.	25,404.	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	52,873.	32,253.	19,034.	1,586.
23 Insurance	12,987.	7,922.	4,675.	390.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CONTRACT SERVICES	137,703.	135,240.	2,366.	97.
b REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	24,703.	15,069.	8,893.	741.
c TELESCOPE RENTAL & SUPP	20,571.	20,571.		
d TELEPHONE & UTILITIES	13,367.	8,154.	4,812.	401.
e All other expenses	20,649.	12,869.	7,181.	599.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,057,144.	630,347.	403,539.	23,258.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	564,624.	1	798,883.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4		
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L			6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	7,646.	9	5,223.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,907,498.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 642,489.	1,320,326.	10c	1,265,009.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	13,066,896.	11	12,903,911.	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	14,959,492.	16	14,973,026.		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,613.	17	45,759.	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue	27,342.	19	53,299.	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	8,332.	25	8,332.	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	62,287.	26	107,390.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	11,319,002.	27	11,296,460.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	212,159.	28	201,382.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	3,366,044.	29	3,367,794.	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	14,897,205.	33	14,865,636.	
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	14,959,492.	34	14,973,026.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,949,464.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,057,144.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	892,320.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	14,897,205.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-923,889.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	14,865,636.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	3b	

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	706,561.	586,286.	371,253.	263,737.	284,306.	2212143.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	706,561.	586,286.	371,253.	263,737.	284,306.	2212143.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2212143.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	706,561.	586,286.	371,253.	263,737.	284,306.	2212143.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	896,219.	284,266.	244,680.	205,308.	1288213.	2918686.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						5130829.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	43.11 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	55.62 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
1		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
2a			
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
2b			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.			
3a			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
3b			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI.) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
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Name of the organization

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VARIABLE STAR OBSERVERS

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	GORDON MYERS 5 INVERNESS WAY HILLSBOROUGH, CA 94010	\$ 6,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	RICHARD BERRY 22614 NORTH SANTIAM HIGHWAY LYONS , OR 97358	\$ 6,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ _____
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) SECURITY DEPOSIT AND LAST MONTHS	
(3) RENT	8,332.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	8,332.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,949,464.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,949,464.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,949,464.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,057,144.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,057,144.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,057,144.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4 INTENDED USES OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

TERM ENDOWMENTS OR TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS ARE RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC PURPOSE, GENERALLY RESEARCH AND RESEARCH GRANTS. THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE INCOME STREAM FROM ITS INVESTMENT FOR THE USE OF THE ORGANIZATION IN ITS USUAL OPERATIONS.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef) |

- b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain **1b** Yes No
- 2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a? **2** Yes No

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? **4a** Yes No
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? **4b** Yes No
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? **4c** Yes No
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? **5a** Yes No
- b** Any related organization? **5b** Yes No
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? **6a** Yes No
- b** Any related organization? **6b** Yes No
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III **7** Yes No

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III **8** Yes No

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? **9** Yes No

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 1A:

FACILITIES INCLUDE A RESIDENCE AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THE DIRECTOR AND
GUEST QUARTERS FOR VISITORS

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION, RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE TREASURER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEFORE
IT IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSED AND DISCUSSED AT REGULAR MEETINGS OR
WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE COUNCIL REVIEWS SALARIES AS NEEDED BASED ON CURRENT MARKET DATA ON
COMPARABLE POSITIONS

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Office Use Only: Fiscal Year

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS/PUBLIC CHARITIES DIVISION
ONE ASHBURTON PLACE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108

(617) 727-2200, ext. 2101
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Form PC

Report for the Fiscal Period: 10/01/17 to 09/30/18

Attorney General's Account #: 035856

Federal ID #: ** - * * * * *

Electronic Payment Confirmation #: _____

When did the organization first engage in charitable work in Massachusetts? 11/01/1911

Has the organization applied for or been granted IRS tax exempt status? [X] Yes [] No

If yes, date of application OR date of determination letter: _____

IRS Exemption under 501(c): 3

If exempt under 501(c), are contributions to the organization tax deductible as charitable contributions? [X] Yes [] No

- Check all items attached (if applicable)
[X] Filing Fee or Printout of Electronic Payment Confirmation
[X] Copy of IRS Return
[X] Audited Financial Statements/Review
[] Amended Articles/By-Laws
[X] Schedule A-1
[X] Schedule A-2
[] Schedule RO
[] Schedule VCO
[] Probate Account

Organization Data

Name: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VARIABLE STAR OBSERVERS

Mailing Address: 49 BAY STATE ROAD

City: CAMBRIDGE State: MA ZIP: 02138

Phone Number: 617-354-0484 Fax Number: 617-654-0665

Email: AAVSO@AAVSO.ORG Website: WWW.AAVSO.ORG

In the table below, please enter the appropriate codes from the corresponding tables found in the instructions. Enter up to 2 codes from Table 3 for your organization's main purpose(s)

Table with 4 columns: Category, Code, Category, Code. Rows include County (Table 1) with code 9, Type of Organization (Table 2) with code 21, Organization Purpose Code 1 with code 59, and Organization Purpose Code 2 with code 8.

Please check box if final return prior to dissolution: []

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OBSERVERS**

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All questions must be completed in their entirety whether or not similar questions are answered in an attached federal form. See instructions and definition section for guidance.

- On what date was the organization created? 11/01/1911
- Where was the organization created? MASSACHUSETTS
- What is the form of organization? (check one)

Corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Testamentary Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unincorporated Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inter Vivos Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please describe): _____

- Was your organization related to any other organization(s) during the reporting year (see definition of "Related Organization")? If yes, please complete the Schedule RO on pages 13 and 14. Yes No
- Enter your summary of financial data:

Financial Data		Amounts
A.	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	286,056.
B.	Gross support and revenue	1,606,359.
C.	Program services and similar amounts paid out	630,347.
D.	Fundraising expenses	23,258.
E.	Management and general expenses	403,539.
F.	Payments to affiliates	0.
G.	Total expenses	1,057,144.
H.	Net assets or fund balances at the end of the year	14,865,636.

- List the total compensation you provided to your five highest paid employees:

	Name/Title	Hrs/Week	Salary and Other Income	Benefit Plans	Other Compensation
1.	STELLA KAFKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	35.00	110,006.	16,556.	0.
2.	HERBERT PABLO STAFF ASTRONOMER	35.00	70,417.	13,116.	0.
3.	ELIZABETH WAAGEN SENIOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	35.00	57,680.	12,987.	0.
4.	KATHLEEN SPIRER OPERATIONS MANAGER	35.00	56,500.	12,851.	0.
5.	SARA BECK TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	30.00	46,243.	11,728.	0.

- Was any compensation provided to any of the individuals listed in question 6 above which was not quantified in your response to 6? If yes, please provide explanation (attach separate sheet). Yes No

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8. List the name, amount of compensation paid, and the nature of services rendered by each of the organization's five highest paid consultants providing professional services (e.g. attorneys, architects, accountants, management companies, investment advisors, professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsel).

	Name/Title	Amount of Compensation	Type(s) of Service
1.	SEBASTIAN OTERO	21,600.	SCIENCE TEAM WORK
2.	FROGMOUTH	18,758.	WEBSITE UPDATES
3.	MICHAEL SALADYGA	17,920.	JOURNAL
4.	BENNET GROUP	12,565.	MARKET STRATEGY
5.	AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY	12,250.	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

9. Bank(s) in which the organization's funds are deposited (include bank addresses and phone number):

Bank	Address	Phone Number
CAMBRIDGE TRUST	1336 MASS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	617-876-5000
MORGAN STANLEY	28 STATE ST, BOSTON, MA 02116	617-856-8777

10. What is the organization's accounting method? Cash Accrual
 Other (specify): _____

11. If organization's mailing address is a P.O. Box, list the organization's full street address:
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

12. Contact Person Name: STELLA KAFKA
Street Address: 49 BAY STATE ROAD
City: CAMBRIDGE State: MA ZIP Code: 02138
Phone Number: 617-354-0484

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13. During the fiscal year reported here, did your organization solicit contributions or have funds solicited on its behalf? Yes No

14. At any time during the fiscal year following the year reported here, will your organization, or others acting on its behalf, solicit contributions? Yes No

If you answered yes to Question 13 or 14, you must complete Schedule A-1 and/or Schedule A-2 unless you are exempt from the solicitation certificate requirement.

15. If you are claiming an exemption from the solicitation certificate requirement, please indicate by checking the box to the right to identify which exemption applies to your organization.

a religious organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
an organization which: (a) does not raise more than \$5,000 during a calendar year Or does not receive contributions from more than ten persons during a calendar year; AND (b) carries out all of its activities, including fundraising, through unpaid volunteers. (The conditions at both (a) and (b) must be met for your organization to qualify for this exemption.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Attach a list of names, addresses (street and/or mailing), and telephone numbers of other offices/chapters/branches/affiliates.

17. Attach a list of names, titles, and addresses (street and/or mailing) of officers, directors, trustees, and the principal salaried executives of organization.

STATEMENT 1

18. Attach a list of names, titles, and addresses (street and/or mailing) of any individual(s) authorized to sign checks, and any individual(s) responsible for: custody of funds; distribution of funds; fundraising; and custody of financial records.

19. Has this organization or any of its officers, directors, employees or fundraisers solicited funds in any other state? Yes No

If you attach list of states where solicitation was conducted, including registered agency, dates of registration, registration numbers, any other names under which the organization was/is registered, and the dates and type (mail, telephone, door to door, special events, etc.) of the solicitation conducted.

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20. Has this organization or any of its officers, directors, or employees:

If yes, please attach an explanation.

- (a) Been enjoined or otherwise prohibited by a government agency/court from operating or soliciting contributions? Yes No
- (b) Ever been refused registration or had its registration or tax exemption denied, suspended, modified or revoked by a governmental agency? Yes No
- (c) Been the subject of a proceeding regarding any solicitation or registration? Yes No
- (d) Entered into a voluntary agreement of compliance or consent judgment with any government agency or in a case before a court or administrative agency? Yes No

21. Have any restrictions been removed during the year from donor-restricted funds?

If yes, please attach an explanation.

Yes No

STATEMENT 2

22. Have donor-restricted funds been loaned to unrestricted funds?

If yes, please attach an explanation.

Yes No

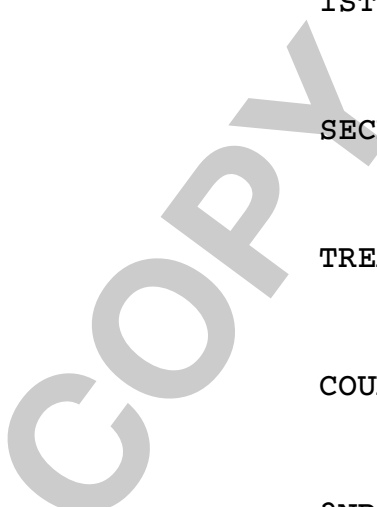
23. This question involves "Termination of Employment or Changes of Control Compensatory Arrangements" with certain "Related Parties" (see *instructions and definition sections*). Report only if payments made or promised to any individual are in excess of four months salary or \$100,000, whichever dollar amount is less.

- (a) Did you make actual payments or otherwise transfer value under such an arrangement to any individual described in Related Party definition, sections (a) or (b), which payments are not reported in Question 6 or 7 above? Yes No
- (b) Do you have an agreement with any individual described in Related Party definition, sections (a) or (b), containing such an agreement? Yes No

*If you answered **yes** for Question 23(a) or 23(b) above, please attach an explanation identifying the individual(s) involved, stating the amount of any payments made or value transferred, and describing the terms of each agreement.*

FORM PC OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVES STATEMENT 1

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE
STYLIANI KAFKA 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ELIZABETH WAAGEN 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	CLERK
KRISTINE M. LARSEN 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	PRESIDENT
WILLIAM STEIN 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	1ST VICE PRESIDENT
GARY WALKER 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	SECRETARY
ROBERT STEPHENS 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	TREASURER
DR. KATRIEN KOLENBERG 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	COUNCIL MEMBER
KEVIN B. MARVEL 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	2ND VICE PRESIDENT
JOYCE A. GUZIK 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	COUNCIL MEMBER
MICHAEL JONER 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	COUNCIL MEMBER
RICHARD BERRY 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	COUNCIL MEMBER
THOMAS CALDERWOOD 49 BAY STATE ROAD CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	COUNCIL MEMBER



GREGORY SIVAKOFF
49 BAY STATE ROAD
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

COUNCIL MEMBER

ARLO LANDOLT
49 BAY STATE ROAD
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

COUNCIL MEMBER

GORDON MYERS
49 BAY STATE ROAD
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

COUNCIL MEMBER

MICHAEL COOK
49 BAY STATE ROAD
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

COUNCIL MEMBER

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EXPLANATION FOR PAGE 5, LINE 21

STATEMENT 2

RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO PURPOSE OF GRANTS REGULARLY BECOME SATISFIED
OVER THE COURSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR

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24. This question applies to related party transactions, which include transactions with officers, directors, trustees, certain employees, relative, and organizations they own or control. Please consult the instructions and definition sections for the definition of a "Related Party" and "Indebtedness" before answering. Note that transactions involving related parties must be reported even when there is no accounting recognition (e.g. in-kind gifts, waiver of interest not otherwise reported).

If the answer to any part of Question 24 is yes, attach a schedule stating the name and address of the related party, the nature of the transaction, the value or the amounts involved in the transaction, and the procedure followed in authorizing the transaction.

During the year:		
A.	Has your organization sold or transferred assets to or purchased assets from or exchanged assets with a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
B.	Has your organization leased assets to or leased assets from a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
C.	Has your organization been indebted to a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
D.	Has your organization allowed a related party to be indebted to it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
E.	Has your organization made or held an investment in a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
F.	Has your organization furnished goods, services, or facilities to a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
G.	Has your organization acquired goods, services, or facilities from a related party who received compensation or other value in return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
H.	Has your organization paid or became obligated to pay wages, salary, or other compensation to a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
I.	Has your organization transferred income or assets to or for use by a related party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
J.	Was your organization a party to any transaction in which any of its officers, directors, or trustees has a material financial interest, or did any officer, director or trustee receive anything of value not reported as compensation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
K.	Has your organization invested in any corporate stock of a company in which any officer, director, or trustee owns more than 10% of the outstanding shares?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
L.	Is any property of the organization held in the name of or commingled with the property of any other person or organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
M.	Did your organization make a grant award or contribution to any other organization in which any of this organization's officers, directors or trustees has a relationship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Signature Required

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the information furnished in this report, including all attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: STELLA KAFKA

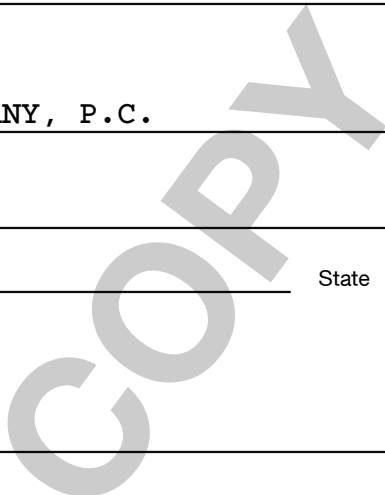
Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Name of Preparer: R.J. GOLD & COMPANY, P.C.

Address ONE WALL STREET

City BURLINGTON State MA ZIP Code 01803

Phone Number 781.272.2283



**Schedule A-1
Solicitation Activities During Fiscal Year Covered By This Report**

List any names which will be used by the organization in connection with the solicitation of funds, other than the official name which appears on page 1.

Types of solicitation activities in which you expect to engage (check all that apply):

Mass Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via the Internet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Door-to-door	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle, beano, bingo or gaming event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sale of goods other than by telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing without sale of goods or ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Mailings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing with sale of goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate solicitations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing with sale of ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			

Identify the method or methods you expect to use for the fundraising (check all that apply):

Professional solicitor*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional fundraising counsel*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial co-venturer*	<input type="checkbox"/>		

* Provide applicable names and addresses:

Professional Solicitor Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Professional Fundraising Counsel Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Commercial Co-Venturer Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Schedule A-1 ctd.
Solicitation Activities During Fiscal Year Covered By This Report

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's custody of contributions:

STELLA KAFKA

Name and Title: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Address **49 BAY STATE ROAD**

City **CAMBRIDGE**

State **MA**

ZIP Code **02138**

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's distribution of contributions:

STELLA KAFKA

Name and Title: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Address **49 BAY STATE ROAD**

City **CAMBRIDGE**

State **MA**

ZIP Code **02138**

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Schedule A-2
Solicitation Activities Planned for Fiscal Year Which Follows the Reporting Year

List any names which will be used by the organization in connection with the solicitation of funds, other than the official name which appears on page 1.

Types of solicitation activities in which you expect to engage (check all that apply):

Mass Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via the Internet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Door-to-door	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle, beano, bingo or gaming event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sale of goods other than by telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing without sale of goods or ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Mailings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing with sale of goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate solicitations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telemarketing with sale of ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			

Identify the method or methods you expect to use for the fundraising (check all that apply):

Professional solicitor*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional fundraising counsel*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial co-venturer*	<input type="checkbox"/>		

* Provide applicable names and addresses:

Professional Solicitor Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Professional Fundraising Counsel Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Commercial Co-Venturer Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Schedule A-2 ctd.
Solicitation Activities Planned for Fiscal Year Which Follows the Reporting Year

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's custody of contributions:

STELLA KAFKA

Name and Title: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Address **49 BAY STATE ROAD**

City **CAMBRIDGE**

State **MA**

ZIP Code **02138**

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Identify the individuals who will have final responsibility for the charity's distribution of contributions:

STELLA KAFKA

Name and Title: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Address **49 BAY STATE ROAD**

City **CAMBRIDGE**

State **MA**

ZIP Code **02138**

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Name and Title: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Certification by Organization

Two different signatures required. Signers must be organization president or other authorized officer or trustee.

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that the information furnished in this report, including all attachments, is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: STELLA KAFKA

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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Schedule RO

1. Please read the instructions and definition of "Related Organization" carefully before completing this section. (If you have more than five Related Organizations, please attach a list.)

Name:		Primary purpose or activity:		
FYE	A. Donor restricted funds (-) liabilities	B. 3rd party restricted funds (-) liabilities	C. Unrestricted funds (-) liabilities	D. Total net assets (A+B+C)

Name:		Primary purpose or activity:		
FYE	A. Donor restricted funds (-) liabilities	B. 3rd party restricted funds (-) liabilities	C. Unrestricted funds (-) liabilities	D. Total net assets (A+B+C)

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FYE	A. Donor restricted funds (-) liabilities	B. 3rd party restricted funds (-) liabilities	C. Unrestricted funds (-) liabilities	D. Total net assets (A+B+C)

Schedule RO ctd.

2. List the total compensation paid by your organization and/or any other related organization to your chief executive (e.g., executive director) and to the four other current or former directors, trustees, officers, or employees within the system of related organizations identified at question 1, on page 13, receiving the highest aggregate compensation (*see instructions*). Use additional lines below to itemize by compensation source.

Name:		Title:	
Income Source:	Salary and Other Income:	Benefits Plan:	Other Compensation:

Name:		Title:	
Income Source:	Salary and Other Income:	Benefits Plan:	Other Compensation:

Name:		Title:	
Income Source:	Salary and Other Income:	Benefits Plan:	Other Compensation:

Name:		Title:	
Income Source:	Salary and Other Income:	Benefits Plan:	Other Compensation:

Name:		Title:	
Income Source:	Salary and Other Income:	Benefits Plan:	Other Compensation:

3. Is asset and/or compensation information for religious organizations and/or certain non-charitable entities related to foundations excluded pursuant to instructions? Yes No