

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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} Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
} Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

B Check if applicable:

<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	C Name of organization ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LITERATURE & ENVIRONMENT	D Employer identification number 54-1640944	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)	E Telephone number 603-357-7411
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		Room/suite	F Group Exemption Number u
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		PO BOX 502	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		KEENE NH 03431	

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) **u** _____

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: **u WWW.ASLE.ORG**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c)() (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ **u** \$ **139,609**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)		Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	67,848
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	59,975
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	11,611
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	175	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	139,609	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	15,450
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	55,316
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	3,433
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	430
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	13,715
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	54,418
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	142,762
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-3,153
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	225,724
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	-6,519
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	216,052

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	225,724	22	216,052
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	225,724	25	216,052
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	225,724	27	216,052

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 SEE SCHEDULE O			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	u	28a	18,742
29 SEE SCHEDULE O			
(Grants \$ 4,250) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	u	29a	50,096
30 SEE SCHEDULE O			
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	u	30a	31,192
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)			
(Grants \$ 11,200) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	u	31a	15,835
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	u	32	115,865

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
AMY MCINTYRE MANAGING DIRECTOR	25.00	51,385	0	0
ANTHONY LIOI CO-PRESIDENT	8.00	0	0	0
CHRISTOPH IRMSCHER CO-PRESIDENT	8.00	0	0	0
SARAH JAQUETTE RAY VICE PRESIDENT	3.00	0	0	0
CATE SANDILANDS IMMED PAST PRESIDENT	1.00	0	0	0
JANET FISKIO EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	1.00	0	0	0
GREG GARRARD EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	1.00	0	0	0
STEPHEN RUST EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	1.00	0	0	0
HEATHER HOUSER EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	1.00	0	0	0
BYRON CAMINERO-SANTANGELO EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	1.00	0	0	0
ELIZABETH DODD EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	1.00	0	0	0
KARLA ARMBRUSTER EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
35b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions u 37a		
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 u ; section 4912 u ; section 4955 u		
40b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
40c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 u		
40d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization u		
40e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed u NONE		
42a	The organization's books are in care of u AMY MCINTYRE Telephone no. u 603-357-7411 26 BARKER STREET Located at u KEENE NH ZIP + 4 u 03431		
42b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: u		X
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: u		X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year u 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
44b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
44d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		X

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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 Date

ANTHONY LIOI **CO-PRESIDENT**

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **LYNN C. RUST, CPA** Preparer's signature: Date: **08/30/17** Check if self-employed PTIN: **P00153797**

Firm's name: **LYNN C RUST CPA PC** Firm's EIN: **02-0476947**

Firm's address: **217R OLD HOMESTEAD HWY SWANZEY, NH 03446-2121** Phone no.: **603-358-6565**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
u Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

**ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF
LITERATURE & ENVIRONMENT**

Employer identification number

54-1640944

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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) u	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
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.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
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						
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 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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 type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. 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—2015. 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—2014. 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 9 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) u	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	64,418	61,867	85,473	55,918	67,848	335,524
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	211,201		173,050	6,541	66,645	457,437
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	275	175	270	150	175	1,045
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	275,894	62,042	258,793	62,609	134,668	794,006
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	2,956	1,376	2,831	1,445	2,282	10,890
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	2,956	1,376	2,831	1,445	2,282	10,890
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						783,116

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	275,894	62,042	258,793	62,609	134,668	794,006
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,325	1,637	559	3,385	5,116	13,022
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	2,325	1,637	559	3,385	5,116	13,022
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.)	278,219	63,679	259,352	65,994	139,784	807,028
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	97.04 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	97.22 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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—2014. 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 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d 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? 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.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
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)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
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)? 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.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? 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).		
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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 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?
 - b** A family member of a person described in (a) above?
 - 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**.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 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.
- 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.

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 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).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 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?
- 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).
- 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.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
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** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
 - b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
 - c** 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.**

- 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.
 - 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.
- 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**.
 - 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.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
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. 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 2015 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-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8 - OTHER REVENUE

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
LIST RENTALS	\$ 175
TOTAL	\$ 175

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS/SIMILAR AMTS PAID TO INDIVIDUALS

RELATIONSHIP TO ORG	CLASS OF ACTIVITY	DATE OF GIFT	DESC. OF PROPERTY
CASH CONTRIB.	NONCASH CONTRIB.	BOOK VALUE	BV EXPL. FMV EXPL.
\$ 11,200	\$ 0	\$ 0	0

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EXPENSES	
POSTAGE	\$ 320
PRINTING/COPYING	\$ 131
NEWSLETTER	\$ 336
SUPPLIES	\$ 521
CREDIT CARD/BANKING FEES	\$ 2,958
WEBSITE/COMPUTER DESIGN	\$ 14,683
TRAVEL/MEETING EXPENSES	\$ 993
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	\$ 30,846
INSURANCE	\$ 2,330
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 200
WRITING AWARDS	\$ 1,100

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TOTAL \$ 54,418

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
UNREALIZED LOSS	\$ -6,519

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

ASLE SEEKS TO INSPIRE AND PROMOTE INTELLECTUAL WORK IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES AND ARTS. OUR VISION IS AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHOSE MEMBERS ARE COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION, LITERATURE, ART AND SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28 - FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT

MEMBERSHIP: ASLE ACTIVITIES SERVE THE PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF MEMBERS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE FIELD. THE APPROXIMATELY 1500 PEOPLE WHO WERE MEMBERS IN 2015 RECEIVE THE EDITED SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ISLE, THE ASSOCIATION E-NEWSLETTER, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES YEARLY. THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE, SERVE IN APPOINTED COORDINATOR ROLES, AND SERVE ON ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES. MEMBERS CAN ATTEND THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OR AFFILIATED INTERNATIONAL GROUP CONFERENCES TO SHARE THEIR WORK AND RESEARCH WITH OTHERS IN THE FIELD, ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT THEIR WORK FOR ASLE WRITING AWARDS, AND ABLE TO APPLY FOR ASLE GRANTS. STUDENT MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM. MEMBERS OFTEN JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND DISCUSSION LISTS TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES, PEDAGOGY, PUBLISHING, CONFERENCES, ETC.

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29 - SECOND ACCOMPLISHMENT

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE:

PARTICIPANTS COME TOGETHER TO HEAR A RANGE OF PLENARY SPEAKERS, ON TOPICS SUCH AS ANIMAL STUDIES, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREATIVE WRITING. THE CONFERENCE PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESENT THEIR OWN WORK, DISCUSS THEIR TEACHING, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ISSUES, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND FIELD EXPERIENCES. THIS PAST YEAR IT WAS HELD JUNE 23-27, 2015 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO; MORE THAN 850 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE. TRAVEL GRANTS OF \$250 AND \$500 WERE GIVEN TO STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS, AND INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 30 - THIRD ACCOMPLISHMENT

ISLE JOURNAL: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN LITERATURE AND ENVIRONMENT IS A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF ASLE, AND IS DISTRIBUTED TO ASLE MEMBERS (APPROXIMATELY 1500) AND INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIBERS (APPROXIMATELY 1500 ACCESS POINTS, INCLUDING ONLINE). IT CONSISTS OF HIGH QUALITY JURIED CONTENT, WHICH INCLUDE BOTH SCHOLARLY ARTICLES IN ECOCRITICISM AND CREATIVE WORKS OF NONFICTION AND POETRY. THE PUBLISHER ALSO MAKES THE JOURNAL AVAILABLE ONLINE GRATIS TO A NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

ASLE NEWS: THE ASSOCIATION PRODUCES A QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF ASLE. THE NEWSLETTER IS SENT TO MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS (APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TOTAL) BY EMAIL; STORIES ARE POSTED AT THE WEBSITE ON THE ASLE NEWS TAB:
[HTTP://WWW.ASLE.ORG/STAY-INFORMED/ASLE-NEWS/](http://www.asle.org/stay-informed/asle-news/).

ASLE WEBSITE: THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE SERVES AS A RICH RESOURCE IN THE

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BURGEONING FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES. THERE ARE ARTICLES ON INNOVATIVE TEACHING MODELS, MEMBER PROFILES ON PROJECTS OR IDEAS ACROSS A BROAD RANGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, SAMPLE SYLLABI FROM COURSES, LINKS AND CONNECTIONS TO VARIOUS ONLINE JOURNALS AND PORTALS, AND INTRODUCTORY ARTICLES AND MATERIALS ON THE FIELD. MEMBER BOOKS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE LISTED ON A SECTION OF THE SITE AS WELL.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 31 - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT GRANTS: ASLE HAS CONTINUED TO OFFER AND INSTITUTED A NUMBER OF GRANTS TO ASSIST OUR MEMBERS WITH FUNDING FOR THEIR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS. TRANSLATION GRANTS SUPPORT WORK IN ECOCRITICISM FROM INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS AND TO EXPAND EXCHANGES ACROSS CULTURES AND CONTINENTS. SUBVENTION GRANTS SUPPORT INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN ECOCRITICISM AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES. COMMUNITY GRANTS SUPPORT PROJECTS THAT WILL HELP BUILD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES AND PLACE-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY. WE ALSO OFFER INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP GRANTS, WHICH GIVE FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR TWO YEARS TO SCHOLARS OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA WITHOUT ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING.

WRITING AWARDS: ASLE GIVES OUT AWARDS AT THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE TO HONOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING. THIS YEAR, TWO AWARDS WERE GIVEN FOR BOOKS (ONE SCHOLARLY WORK AND ONE CREATIVE WORK), AND ONE FOR GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE. THESE AWARDS WERE ESTABLISHED TO ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD.