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Form **990**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2008**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUN 1, 2008** and ending **MAY 31, 2009****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Termination  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type  
See Specific Instructions**C** Name of organization**TEXAS INSTITUTE OF LETTERS**

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

**P.O. BOX 9032**

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

**WICHITA FALLS, TX 76308-9032****F** Name and address of principal officer **JAMES HOGGARD****111 PEMBROKE LANE, WICHITA FALLS, TX 76301****D** Employer identification number**23-7068846****E** Telephone number**940-397-4123****G** Gross receipts \$**380,766.****H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: ▶ **WWW.TEXASINSTITUTEOFLETTERS.ORG****K** Type of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☒ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: **1936** **M** State of legal domicile: **TX****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	<b>TO RECOGNIZE AND REWARD FINE WRITING IN TEXAS</b>		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets			
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	
	<b>5</b>	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
	Revenue	<b>7a</b>	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>b</b>		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>	
<b>8</b>		Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	
<b>9</b>		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>20,390.</b>	<b>25,285.</b>	
<b>10</b>		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7e)	<b>15,625.</b>		
<b>11</b>		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>43,302.</b>	<b>39,329.</b>	
<b>12</b>		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>79,317.</b>	<b>64,614.</b>	
<b>13</b>		Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3009)	<b>35,700.</b>	<b>44,750.</b>	
Expenses		<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
		<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶			
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>16,764.</b>	<b>10,154.</b>	
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>52,464.</b>	<b>54,904.</b>	
	<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>26,853.</b>	<b>9,710.</b>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>	
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>807,418.</b>	<b>817,128.</b>	
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>807,418.</b>	<b>817,128.</b>	

**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 *James Hoggard*Date *Dec. 14, 2009***JAMES HOGGARD, TREASURER**

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) address and ZIP + 4

**HUPP, BAUER, HANSON & LEWIS P.C.****719 SCOTT AVE., STE. 200****WICHITA FALLS, TX 76301-2606**

Date

*12/18/09*Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

EIN ▶

Phone no ▶ **940-322-3103**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO RECOGNIZE AND AWARD FINE WRITING IN TEXAS PER WEBSITE, THE TEXAS INSTITUTE OF LETTERS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN TEXAS LETTERS AND TO RECOGNIZE DISTINCTIVE LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT.

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 21,750. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENT WRITING PUBLISHED DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. WINNERS ARE CHOSEN THROUGH COMPETITION.

4b (Code ) (Expenses \$ 23,000. including grants of \$ 23,000. ) (Revenue \$ )  
 PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN FOR STIPENDS FOR TWO WRITERS CHOSEN THROUGH COMPETITION (PAISANO FELLOWSHIP)

4c (Code ) (Expenses \$ 7,216. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 AWARDS RECOGNITION BANQUET

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses \$ 51,966. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

**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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?		X
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 <b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		X
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	X	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		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? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to question 25		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 <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>28</b> During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
<b>a</b> Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	<b>28a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28c</b>	X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>29</b>	X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>30</b>	X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	<b>31</b>	X
<b>32</b> 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>	<b>32</b>	X
<b>33</b> 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>	<b>33</b>	X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	<b>34</b>	X
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	<b>35</b>	X
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	<b>36</b>	X
<b>37</b> 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>	<b>37</b>	X

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**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		X
<b>2a</b>	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.		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	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
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
<b>7h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
<b>8</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
<b>9</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter N/A		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter N/A		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year N/A		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.		
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	13	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	8	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990		X
11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

**Section B. Policies**

	Yes	No
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization?		X
Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: **NONE**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **JAMES HOGGARD - 940-397-4123**  
**111 PEMBROKE LANE, WICHITA FALLS, TX 76301**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**
**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

• 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
WILLIAM DAVIS PRESIDENT	3.00							0.	0.	0.
JOHN M MORRIS VICE PRESIDENT	3.00							0.	0.	0.
DARWIN PAYNE SECRETARY	3.00							0.	0.	0.
JAMES HOGGARD TREASURER	3.00							0.	0.	0.
BETTY WIESEPAPPE RECORDING SECRETARY	1.00							0.	0.	0.
TY CASHION COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
FRITZ LANHAM COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
FRANCES NEIDHARDT COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
JIM SANDERSON COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
JAN SEALE COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
W. K. STRATTON COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
ANDRES TIJERINA COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.
JANE ROBERTS WOOD COUNCILOR	1.00							0.	0.	0.





**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a	9,902.			
	b	Membership dues	1b	7,425.			
	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	7,958.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			25,285.		
Program Service Revenue				Business Code			
	2 a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			39,481.		39,481.
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6 a	Gross Rents					
	b	Less: rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory			316,000.		
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses			316,152.		
	c	Gain or (loss)			<152.>		
	d	Net gain or (loss)			<152.>	<152.>	
	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					
	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					
	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						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue				Business Code			
11 a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d						
12	<b>Total Revenue.</b> Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			64,614.	<152.>	0.	39,481.

**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	44,750.	44,750.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
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				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	675.		675.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	25.		25.	
14 Information technology				
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	7,216.	7,216.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a <b>COUNCIL EXPENSES</b>	1,137.		1,137.	
b <b>PRINTING &amp; POSTAGE</b>	602.		602.	
c <b>REFUNDS</b>	100.		100.	
d <b>BOX RENTAL</b>	70.		70.	
e <b>BANK CHARGES</b>	30.		30.	
f All other expenses	299.		299.	
25 <b>Total functional expenses</b> . Add lines 1 through 24f	54,904.	51,966.	2,938.	0.
26 <b>Joint Costs</b> . Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	66,241.	2	76,078.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment - cost basis	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b		10c
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	741,177.	11	741,050.
	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 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	807,418.	16	817,128.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 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		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	0.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	30	0.
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	31	0.
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	807,418.	32	817,128.
	33 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	807,418.	33	817,128.
	34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	807,418.	34	817,128.

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
c If "Yes" to lines 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?		
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?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

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## Public Charity Status and Public Support

**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.**

**▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Reason for Public Charity Status</b> (All organizations must complete this part ) (see instructions)
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The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization )

- 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)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)

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 the Part III)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)

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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I      b ☐ Type II      c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated      d ☐ Type III - Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f ☐ If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box \_\_\_\_\_

g ☐ Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h ☐ Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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**LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.**

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

**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)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	55,180.	402,770.	30,607.	36,015.	25,449.	550,021.
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 - 3	55,180.	402,770.	30,607.	36,015.	25,449.	550,021.
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 <b>Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						550,021.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	55,180.	402,770.	30,607.	36,015.	25,449.	550,021.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	18,381.	19,071.	37,793.	43,302.	39,166.	157,713.
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 IV.)						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						707,734.
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** ▶ ☐**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	77.72	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	85.83	%
16a <b>33 1/3% support test - 2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b <b>33 1/3% support test - 2007.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
b <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> 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.)**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6</b> Total. Add lines 1 - 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8</b> Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13</b> 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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>		%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>		%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>		%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>		%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** 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 - 2007.** 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 ☐

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(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS TO RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENTS IN WRITING SKILLS	13	21,750.	0.		
GRANT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF WRITING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES	1	23,000.	0.		

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ADMINISTERS AND MONITORS ITS GRANTS.

GENERALLY GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS ARE AWARDED BASED ON COMPETITIVE WRITTEN COMPOSITIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION. THREE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY JUDGE THE LETTERS RECEIVED AND DETERMINE WHO WILL RECEIVE THE GRANTS ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR EXEMPLARY WRITING SKILLS. THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT. A CHECK IS THEN BE GIVEN TO THE WINNER.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: AT THIS TIME THE ORGANIZATION'S  
GOVERNING BODY DOES NOT REVEIW FORM 990 PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: SEE A COPY OF THE CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST POLICY ATTACHED.

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

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY TEXAS INSTITUTE OF LETTERS, INC.**

#### **Article I Purpose**

The purpose of this Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect Texas Institute of Letters, Inc (the "**Organization**") interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible "excess benefit transaction" as such term is defined by the Internal Revenue Service. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

#### **Article II Definitions**

##### **1 Interested Person**

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with delegated powers from the board of Directors (the "**Board**"), who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

##### **2. Financial Interest**

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate Board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

#### **Article III Procedures**

##### **1. Duty to Disclose**

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with Board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

**2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists**

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the Board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists. The remaining Board or committee members may delay such decision for a reasonable period of time necessary for them to conduct any due diligence and/or retain professional advice regarding the matter.

**3 Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest**

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the Board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the Board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the Board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

**4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy**

- a. If the Board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

**Article IV  
Records of Proceedings**

The minutes of the Board and all committees with Board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the

financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

## **Article V**

### **Compensation**

- a. A voting member of the Board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the Board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation

## **Article VI**

### **Annual Statements**

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with Board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

## **Article VII**

### **Periodic Reviews**

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

**Article VIII**  
**Use of Outside Experts**

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the Board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted

**Application for Extension of Time To File an  
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► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒
  - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868**

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization <b>TEXAS INSTITUTE OF LETTERS</b>	Employer identification number <b>23 7068846</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions <b>PO Box 9032</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions <b>Wichita Falls, TX 76308</b>	

**Check type of return to be filed** (file a separate application for each return)

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|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of ► **James Hoggard, TIL Treasurer**

Telephone No. ► **(940) 761-5908**

FAX No. ► ( )

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

► ☐ calendar year 20\_\_\_\_\_ or

► ☒ tax year beginning **June 1**, 20**08**, and ending **May 31**, 20**09**

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	<b>3a</b>	\$
<b>b</b> If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$
<b>c Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.