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Short Form

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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form. The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2008 and ending JUN 30, 2009

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending.

C Name of organization: **The Writer's Center, Inc.**

D Employer identification number: **52-1079969**

E Telephone number: **(301) 654-8664**

F Group Exemption Number:

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: **4508 Walsh Street**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: **Bethesda, MD 20815**

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual Other (specify)

I Website: **www.writer.org**

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

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c)(3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ **\$ 886,483.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue			
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	236,440.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	559,658.
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	52,356.
4	Investment income	4	32,982.
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) (attach schedule)	5c	
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
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 See Statement 4)	8	5,047.
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	886,483.
Expenses			
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	410,714.
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	251,952.
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	103,590.
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	50,251.
16	Other expenses (describe See Statement 1)	16	110,379.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	926,886.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-40,403.
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	245,279.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	204,876.

Part II Balance Sheets. If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	51,989.	69,825.
23	Land and buildings	329,068.	353,094.
24	Other assets (describe See Statement 2)	63,991.	70,875.
25	Total assets	445,048.	493,794.
26	Total liabilities (describe See Statement 3)	199,769.	288,918.
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	245,279.	204,876.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	X	
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	X	
35b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	X	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions		
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 unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39a	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>0.</u> ; section 4912 <u>0.</u> ; section 4955 <u>0.</u>		
40b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
40c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
40d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
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>MD</u>		
42a	The books are in care of <u>The Organization</u> Telephone no. <u>301-654-8664</u> Located at <u>4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD</u> ZIP + 4 <u>20815</u>		
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: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____		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</u> N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

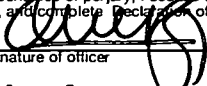
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
48	Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		
50	Complete this table for the 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 address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000				

51 Complete this table for the 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 address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000		

Under penalty 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:  Date: 1/19/10

Charles Jensen, Director
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature:  Date: 1/13/10

Check if self-employed:

Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.): P00501016

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: E. Cohen and Company, CPAs
One Research Court, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20850

EIN: 52-1754364
Phone no.: 301-917-6200

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Name of the organization The Writer's Center, Inc.	Employer identification number 52-1079969
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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 (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)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
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)

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.")						
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 - 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) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 IV)						
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 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. 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 - 2007. 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 - 2008. 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 IV 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 - 2007. 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 IV 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)

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.")	291,360.	233,516.	245,077.	237,470.	288,796.	1296219.
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	451,606.	478,293.	579,217.	559,719.	559,658.	2628493.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5	742,966.	711,809.	824,294.	797,189.	848,454.	3924712.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						3924712.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	742,966.	711,809.	824,294.	797,189.	848,454.	3924712.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	22,873.	34,013.	27,616.	39,872.	33,045.	157,419.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	22,873.	34,013.	27,616.	39,872.	33,045.	157,419.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	1,260.	500.		3,409.	4,984.	10,153.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						4092284.

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	95.91 %
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	98.77 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	3.85 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	1.09 %

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

Form 990-EZ	Other Expenses	Statement	1
<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
Advertising		21,658.	
Bank fees		18,071.	
Cost of books		7,750.	
Hospitality		4,296.	
Interest		400.	
Insurance		8,738.	
Payroll Taxes		28,253.	
Office expense and supplies		10,312.	
Travel		4,020.	
Professional development		5,401.	
Amortization		169.	
Miscellaneous		1,311.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16		110,379.	

Form 990-EZ	Other Assets	Statement	2
<u>Description</u>		<u>Beg. of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Accounts Receivable		2,250.	0.
Grants Receivable		53,824.	48,580.
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges		7,917.	22,295.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 24		63,991.	70,875.

Form 990-EZ	Other Liabilities	Statement	3
<u>Description</u>		<u>Beg. of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Deferred compensation		60,199.	44,570.
Deferred rent payable		40,566.	59,684.
Security deposit		600.	0.
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses		44,122.	60,283.
Deferred Revenue		54,282.	61,825.
Notes payable		0.	62,556.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 26		199,769.	288,918.

Form 990-EZ	Other Revenue	Statement	4
<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
Interest Income		63.	
Advertising income		4,984.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 8		5,047.	

Form 990-EZ	Occupancy, Rent, Utilities and Maintenance	Statement	5
<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
Depreciation		35,756.	
Other Expenses		67,834.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 14		103,590.	

Form 990-EZ	Rental Income	Statement	6
<u>Kind and Location of Property</u>	<u>Activity Number</u>	<u>Gross Rental Income</u>	
4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	1	32,982.	
Total included on Form 990-EZ, Part I, line 4		32,982.	

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Information Regarding Transfers
Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

Statement 7

A) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? [] Yes [X] No

B) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . [] Yes [X] No

Form 990-EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees Statement 8

Name and Address	Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk	Compen- sation	Employee Ben Plan Expense Contrib Account
Charles Jensen 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Executive Director 40.00	77,152.	4,784.
Charlotte Moser 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Chair 9.00	0.	0.
Neal P. Gillen 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Vice Chair 3.00	0.	0.
Les Hatley 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Treasurer 6.00	0.	0.
Barbara Esstman 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Secretary 6.00	7,288.	0.
Ken Ackerman 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
Margot Backas 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
Sandra Beasley 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	92.	0.
Ellen R. Braaf 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
Tim Crawford 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
Mark Cymrot 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
Sally Mott Freeman 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
John Hill 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.
Alice McDermott 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.

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Ann McLaughlin 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	1,035.	0.	
E. Ethelbert Miller 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	47.	0.	0.
Pamela Peabody 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.	
Joram Piatigorsky 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.	
Bill Reynolds 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.	
Rose Solari 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	4,595.	0.	0.
Linda Sullivan 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Mier Wolf 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Director 3.00	0.	0.	0.
Allan Lefcowitz 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815	Past Director 0.00	15,629.	0.	
Totals Included on Form 990-EZ, Part IV		105,838.	4,784.	0.

Workshops:

Presented classes and workshops for individuals on various aspects of creative writing, book and magazine production, related subjects, and skills.

Newsletter:

Publication of current news in the literary world and activities of our writing community distributed to members and other interested individuals and groups.

Poet Lore:

The nation's oldest, continuously-published poetry magazine, Poet Lore, prints contemporary poetry by both established writers and those just breaking into print. The magazine also contains reviews of new poetry books and books about poetry and poets. Poet Lore is published semi-annually.

The Writer's Center, Inc. was formed to cultivate the creation, publication, presentation, and dissemination of literary work.

Form 990-EZ, Other Program Services Statement 13

Description	Grants	Expenses
Book Gallery: The book gallery is a bookstore, specializing in the literary journals and books on writing, fiction, and poetry.	0.	19,396.
Reading and other programs	0.	49,771.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 31		69,167.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

▶ **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 and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization The Writer's Center, Inc.	Employer identification number 52-1079969
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 4508 Walsh Street	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Bethesda, MD 20815	

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

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|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input 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 checked="" 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 Organization

- The books are in the care of ▶ **4508 Walsh Street - Bethesda, MD 20815**
 Telephone No. ▶ **301-654-8664** 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 **February 15, 2010**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶ calendar year _____ or
- ▶ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**

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

3a 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.	3a	\$	
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	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. 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.	3c	\$	N/A

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.

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Form **8868** (Rev. 4-2009)

The Writer's Center Bylaws

ARTICLE 1. Name.

The name of the corporation is The Writer's Center, Inc. ("corporation").

ARTICLE II. Purpose of the Corporation.

Section 1. The corporation has been organized to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including but limited to:

- (1) Promoting improved writing in all genres and all aspects of production.
- (2) Serving as a center for the exchange of information between writers, editors, and the general public.
- (3) Edit and publish editions of the *Poet Lore*

Section 2. To accomplish these purposes, the corporation has as specific goals and activities:

- (1) To give courses and workshops in all aspects of writing, book and magazine production, and other relevant subjects and skills;
- (2) To provide opportunities for writers to do readings in all genres;
- (3) To provide space and equipment for writers and editors to work on projects;
- (4) To provide a newsletter on current activities in literature;
- (5) To provide technical services and information in support of writing and publishing, and
- (6) To conduct such other programs and activities as the Board of Directors deems appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE III. Offices and Registered Agent.

Section 1. The principal office of the corporation and such other offices as it may establish shall be located at such places within the State of Maryland as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The corporation shall continuously maintain within the State of Maryland a registered agent, which agent shall be designated by the Board of Directors. Any change in the registered office or registered agent shall be accomplished in compliance with the Maryland Corporation Law.

ARTICLE IV. Membership.

Section 1. The members of the Board of Directors of The Writer's Center shall be the members of the corporation.

ARTICLE V. Board of Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters of general policy, approve changes in the Bylaws, elect new members of the Board of Directors to carry out the purposes of the corporation and its policies, and such other matters as may be construed to affect major changes in the purposes for which the corporation is formed.

Section 2: General Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall manage, control, and direct the property of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall have, and may exercise all powers specified in the Articles of Incorporation and the Maryland General Corporation Law necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

Section 3: Composition of the Board of Directors.

- (a) The number of members constituting the entire Board of Directors shall be fixed at a maximum level of 25 and adjusted from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Except for current Board members, effective with the expiration of the terms ending in 2009, the members of the Board of Directors shall serve no more than two consecutive terms of three years. Upon the expiration of a Board member's second term, said member shall become eligible to become a member of an advisory committee, and shall be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors in one year. The term of any member of the Board of Directors may also expire by death, resignation, or by removal in accordance with these bylaws.
- (b) Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors arising from any cause, including the expiration of a member's term, and any membership to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of members may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the board constituting a quorum at a duly called meeting.
- (c) A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for failure to attend two consecutive meetings or for such other reason as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.
- (d) A member of the Board of Directors may resign from the Board of Directors at any time by giving notice in writing thereof to the Chair.
- (e) The Board of Directors, at its first regular meeting, or at such time when there shall be a vacancy, shall elect one of its members as Chair, and may elect one of its members as Vice Chair, each to serve for one year or until a successor is elected and qualified. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall perform such duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. The Vice Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Meetings of the Board of Directors.

- (a) Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least four times a year. Special meetings shall be called by the Chair at the request of the Executive Committee or one-half of the then members of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, shall be held upon such notice as is prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (c) The time and place of all meetings shall be designated by the Chair of the Board of Directors. The meetings may be held within or without the State of Maryland.
- (d) Not less than one-half of the then members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meetings of the Board of Directors.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, all matters shall be decided by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum exists. On the authorization of the Board of Directors, meetings can be conducted via telephonic or electronic conferencing, and members of the Board of Directors unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting may provide a proxy vote with the Chair in the form of an electronic message in advance of the meeting date, or the Board of Directors may vote as a whole via electronic message under circumstances when it is not possible to have a quorum present.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES.

Section 1: Executive Committee

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Corporation and such other members as the Board of Directors may designate from its members. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall also be Chair of the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may designate one or more of its members as alternate members of the Executive Committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the Committee.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors to conduct the day to day management of the corporation and such other business of the corporation and such other business of the corporation as the Board of Directors may authorize from time to time.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and shall report the same to the Board of Directors when required. Vacancies in the membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting.

Section 2: Nominating Committee.

- (a) No later than April 1 of each year, the Chair of the Board of Directors shall appoint from the Board a Nominating Committee and its Chair to consider candidates for election or reelection to the Board of Directors and to propose a slate of the officers of the Corporation designated in the bylaws for the coming year.
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall consist of members of the Board of Directors chosen by the Chair, however, officers or members of the Board of Directors with a term expiring that year shall not be eligible to serve.

Section 3: Other Committees. The Board of Directors may create such other committee or committees, which committees shall have authority as the Board of Directors may by law or these Bylaws direct.

ARTICLE VII. Officers.

Section 1. Election of Officers

- (a) The officers of the corporation shall be chosen by the affirmative vote of a majority of the then members of the Board of Directors, and shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors of the corporation. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- (b) The Board of Directors may choose Assistant Chair, Assistant Vice Chair, Assistant Secretaries, and Assistant Treasurers, and such other officers as it shall deem necessary; or may vest the power of appointment of any such Assistant Chair, Assistant Vice Chair, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers or other officers in such of the officers of the corporation as it deems appropriate, subject in all cases to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. An officer of the corporation shall hold office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected and qualified, and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. No Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Any Officer of the corporation may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the then members of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the corporation may be filled by the Board of Directors or otherwise as provided in this Article.

Section 4. The Chair, Vice Chair, and such officers as are authorized thereunto by resolution of the Board of Directors may execute bonds, mortgages, contracts, leases, agreements, and other instruments requiring a seal under the seal of the corporation, and may execute such documents where not requiring a seal; except where such documents are required by law to be otherwise signed and executed, and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be exclusively delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation.

Section 5. The duties and powers of the officers of the corporation shall be as provided in these Bylaws, or as provided pursuant to these Bylaws or (except to the extent they are inconsistent with these Bylaws or with any provision made pursuant hereto) shall be those customarily exercised by corporate officers holding such offices.

Section 6. The Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the chief operating officer of the corporation and subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall perform all duties customary to that office, and shall supervise and control all of the day to day affairs of the corporation in accordance with policies and directives approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall give or cause to be given all notices in accordance with these Bylaws or as required by law, and, in general, perform all duties customary to the office of secretary. The Secretary, or an assistant secretary, shall have custody of the corporate seal of the corporation, and shall have authority to affix the same to any instrument requiring it and, when so affixed, it may be attested by his or her signature or by the signature of such assistant secretary. The Board of Directors may give general authority to any officer to affix the seal of the corporation and to attest the affixing by his signature.

Section 8. The Treasurer.

- (a) The Treasurer shall perform all duties customary to that office, shall have the custody of and be responsible for all corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the books of the corporation. The Treasurer shall deposit or cause to be deposited all monies or other valuable effects in the name of the corporation in such depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the Executive Director and the Board of Directors at its regular meetings or when the Board of Directors so requires, an account of all his transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation.

Article VIII. Duality of Interest.

Any board member, officer, employee, or committee member having an interest in a contract or other transaction or determination presented to the Board of Directors or a committee of the Corporation for recommendation, authorization, approval or ratification shall give prompt, full and frank disclosure of his or her interest to the Board of Directors or committee prior to its acting on such contract or transaction. The body to which such disclosure is made shall thereupon determine, by majority vote, whether the disclosure shows that a conflict of interest exists or can reasonably be construed to exist. If a conflict is deemed to exist, such person shall not vote on, nor use his or her personal influence on, nor participate (other than to present factual information or to respond to questions) in the discussions or deliberations with respect to such contract, transaction or determination. Such person may not be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting where the contract, transaction, or determination is under discussion or is being voted upon. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect the disclosure made, the vote thereon and, where applicable the abstention from voting and participation, and whether a quorum was present.

Article IX. Indemnification.

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland statutory or decisional law, as amended or interpreted, including the advancement of related expenses, upon a determination by the Board of Directors or independent legal counsel appointed by the Board of Directors (who may be regular counsel for the corporation) made in accordance with applicable statutory standards; provided, however, such indemnification shall only be to the extent permitted of organizations which are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article X. Exoneration.

To the fullest extent permitted by Maryland statutory or decisional law, as amended or interpreted, no director or officer of this Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for money damages; provided, however, that the foregoing limitation of director and officer liability shall only be to the extent permitted of organizations which are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). No amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or repeal of any of its provisions shall limit or eliminate the benefits provided to directors and officers under this provision with respect to any act or omission which occurred prior to such amendment or repeal.

Article XI. Insurance.

The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or who, while a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation is or was serving any of the entity at the request of the Corporation, and in any capacity, against any liability, asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's position, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of the Article.

Article XII. Miscellaneous Provisions.

Except to the extent prohibited by law, the indemnification provided in Article IX, above, shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation, any bylaw, agreement, vote of disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in any other capacity while holding office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation and shall enure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators of such person.

Article XIII. Compensation.

The members of the Board of Directors and the elected officers of the Corporation shall serve without compensation for their services as board members or officers. Directors and officers may be reimbursed for all expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the corporation. In addition, nothing in this paragraph is intended to preclude a Director from receiving compensation for his/her service to the Corporation in some other capacity.

Article XIV. Inspection of Corporate Records.

These bylaws, the roster of Directors, the books of accounts and the minutes or proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Committees shall be open to inspection no later than 10 ten days after receipt of a written request, addressed to the Chair or the Secretary of the Corporation by a Member of the Corporation for any purpose reasonably related to his/her interests as a Member. Such records shall be made available for the same purpose at any Board of Directors meeting when requested by at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Inspection may be made in person or by an authorized agent or attorney and inspection includes the right to make extracts at the Member's expense.

Article XV. Non Discrimination.

The Corporation shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, sexual or affectional preference, disability, or political or religious opinion or affiliation in any of its policies, procedures or practices.

Article XVI. General Provisions.

Section 1. Checks. All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Auditing of Books. At least one month prior to each October meeting of the Board of Directors, except for the first such meeting, the Executive Director shall cause the accounts of the corporation to be audited by a certified public accountant, and a full statement of the finances shall be submitted to each member of the Board of Directors.

Article XVII. Amendments.

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted, at any meeting of the Board of The Writer's Center by a vote of two-thirds of the then members of the Board, either voting in person or by written proxy, if at least fourteen days' written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend or repeal, or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting.

Article XVIII. Procedures Governing.

The procedures for the conduct of the business of the corporation shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Adopted by the Board of Directors, as amended, May 17, 2009.