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

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable
- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
29 NORTH MARKET STREET

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801

D Employer identification number
56-1422691

E Telephone number
(828) 258-8737

G Gross receipts $ 323,163

F Name and address of principal officer
THEODORE PRITCHETT
29 NORTH MARKET ST
ASHEVILLE,NC 28801

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 wnca org

K Form of organization ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶ | **L** Year of formation 1984 | **M** State of legal domicile NC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
The mission of Western North Carolina Alliance (WNCA) is to empower citizens to be advocates for livable communities and the natural environment of Western North Carolina

2 Check this box ▶☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	13
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	13
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	6
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	42
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

			Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	266,854	303,799
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	12,595	9,293
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	866	233
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,094	2,285
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	281,409	315,610
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	150,866	124,035
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶11,042		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	165,956	146,798
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	316,822	270,833
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-35,413	44,777

			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	82,378	116,497
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	16,604	10,510
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	65,774	105,987

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

****** | 2010-05-12
Signature of officer | Date

THEODORE PRITCHETT TREASURER
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ STEPHEN C CORLISS	Date 2010-08-10	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ CORLISS & SOLOMON PLLC 242 CHARLOTTE STREET SUITE 1 ASHEVILLE, NC 28801			EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ (828) 236-0206

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

The mission of Western North Carolina Alliance (WNCA) is to

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 $ 218,165 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 9,293)

WNCA'S FOUR CORE PROGRAMS ARE CITIZEN EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND ORGANIZING, LEADING CITIZEN ADVOCACY AROUND GROWTH MANAGEMENT, INVOLVING CITIZENS IN PUBLIC LANDS PROTECTION, AND EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY TO PROTECT WNC'S WATER SUPPLY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, ADVOCACY, AND PROJECTS ARE A FIFTH PRIORITY HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THE FULL RANGE OF WORK WE DID IN 2009 (1) ORGANIZED RESIDENTS IN OPPOSITION TO A CONCRETE PLANT, WHICH REJUVENATED THE MADISON COUNTY CHAPTER, (2) RE-ENERGIZED OUR JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER, WHICH HELD SEVERAL PUBLIC FORUMS AND MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON LAND USE ISSUES, (3) HELPED OUR BUNCOMBE COUNTY CHAPTER HOLD A WILDLY SUCCESSFUL ASHEVILLE 350 EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION IN OCTOBER, (4) HELD TWO NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION FORUMS ABOUT THE INTERSTATE 26 CONNECTOR PROJECT IN ASHEVILLE AND CONTINUED TO ORGANIZE NEIGHBORHOOD

4b (Code) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

ADVOCATES INTO THE I-26 CONNECTUS PROJECT, AND (5) DEVELOPED AND HELD A FULL DAY OF ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN AUGUST ON LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES, WE (1) SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED PASSAGE OF THE MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING ACT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (2) LAUNCHED BLUE RIDGE BLUEPRINTS, WHICH HELPS COMMUNITIES VISION AND PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE, AND BEGAN PROJECTS IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S BIG IVY COMMUNITY AND ASHEVILLE'S BURTON STREE

4c (Code) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

IN THE PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTRY ARENA, WE (1) WON APPEALS OF TWO TIMBER SALES, SENDING THEM BACK TO THE FOREST SERVICE FOR REVISION, (2) LED CITIZEN ADVOCACY AROUND A PROPOSED TIMBER SALE IN PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST IN HENDERSON COUNTY, (3) HELPED GENERATE PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND COMMENTS AT THE CORRIDOR K PUBLIC HEARING, AND (4) WERE AWARDED A THREE-YEAR FEDERAL STIMULUS GRANT THAT PUT 12 PEOPLE TO WORK FOR SIX WEEKS THIS YEAR, CONTROLLING EXOTIC INVASIVE PLANTS ALONG THE CHEOAH RIVER IN GRAHAM C

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶$ 218,165

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*	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	Yes	
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*	3		No
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4	Yes	
5	**Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.** Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or 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*	6		No
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*	7	Yes	
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		No
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*	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent,or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		No
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? *If so,complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.*	11	Yes	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.*			
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.*			
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.*			
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII*	12	Yes	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional* — 12A Yes: ; No: No			
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I*	14b		No
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 U S ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II*	15		No
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 U S ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III*	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I*	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23		No
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 line 25*	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		No
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*	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35		No
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

					Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, *Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable*	**1a**	3			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a *Enter -0-* if not applicable	**1b**	0			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			**1c**		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, *Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements* filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	**2a**	6			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note:** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)			**2b**	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?			**3a**		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*			**3b**		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			**4a**		No
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					
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			**5a**		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			**5b**		No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?			**5c**		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?			**6a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			**6b**		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**					
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			**7a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			**7b**		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			**7c**		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	**7d**				
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			**7e**		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			**7f**		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			**7g**		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			**7h**		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			**8**		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**					
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			**9a**		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			**9b**		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	**10a**				
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	**10b**				
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter					
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	**11a**				
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	**11b**				
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			**12a**		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	**12b**				

Part VI **Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . **1a** 13			
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . **1b** 13			
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?	**2**		No
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?	**3**		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	**4**	Yes	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	**5**		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	**6**	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	**7a**	Yes	
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	**7b**		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	**8a**	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	**8b**	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, 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	**9**		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	**10a**	Yes	
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?	**10b**	Yes	
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	**11**	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	**12a**	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	**12b**	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	**12c**	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	**13**		No
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	**14**		No
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	**15a**	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	**15b**	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line a or b, 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?	**16a**		No
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?	**16b**		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶NC

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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 See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶

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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 Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year 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 all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or 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 current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply) Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
JULIE MAYFIELD Executive Director	40 00			X				38,532	0	3,827
DJ GERKEN Chair	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
PHILLIP GIBSON Vice Chair	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
ALEXANDRA MEYER 2nd Vice Chair	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN BAKER Secretary	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
NANCY THOMPSON Treasurer	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
BILL CRAWFORD Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
JANET COLE Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
LYNN JEFFERYS Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
JULIE WHITE Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
TIM MALONE Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
GREGG KIDD Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
AURELIA STONE Board	1 00	X						0	0	0
LINDA TATSAPAUGH Board	1 00	X						0	0	0

Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply): Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
1b Total . . . . ▶								38,532		3,827

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	3		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	4		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶

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	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b 16,575				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations . . .	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 26,895				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 260,329				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $ 4,725					
	h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f . . . . ▶		303,799			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a Facility Usage Fee	532,000	9,293	9,293		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f . . . . ▶		9,293			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		233			233
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5 Royalties . . . . ▶					
		(i) Real / (ii) Personal				
	6a Gross Rents					
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss) . . . . ▶					
		(i) Securities / (ii) Other				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss) . . . . ▶					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 7,284 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a				
	b Less direct expenses . . .	b 7,553				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶		-269			-269
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a				
	b Less direct expenses . . .	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .	a				
	b Less cost of goods sold . .	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶					
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
	11a Miscellaneous	999,999	2,554			2,554
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e **Total.** Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . . ▶		2,554			
	12 **Total revenue.** See Instructions . . . ▶		315,610	9,293		2,518

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				
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	42,527	32,899	5,800	3,828
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	68,165	56,477	5,987	5,701
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	227	182	27	18
9 Other employee benefits	7,130	5,747	784	599
10 Payroll taxes	5,986	4,833	639	514
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	8,856	0	8,856	0
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising *See Part IV, line 17*				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	20,063	18,850	1,213	0
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	12,391	8,303	3,706	382
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	31,534	25,227	6,307	0
17 Travel	10,791	8,633	2,158	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,699	3,900	799	0
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,017	1,614	403	0
23 Insurance	2,451	1,961	490	0
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 Chapters-Conservation Projects	42,477	42,477	0	0
b Chapters-Other	1,708	1,708	0	0
c Chapters-Program Events	500	500	0	0
d Chapters-Supplies	233	233	0	0
e Chapters-contract Services	215	215	0	0
f All other expenses	8,863	4,406	4,457	0
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	270,833	218,165	41,626	11,042
26 **Joint costs.** Check here ▶ ☐ 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
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		43,402	1	80,436
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		11,993	2	1,418
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		19,500	3	24,495
	4	Accounts receivable, net		1,557	4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees 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 or other basis *Complete Part VI of Schedule D*	10a 11,755			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b 5,639	2,055	10c	6,116
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		1,247	11	1,408
	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		2,624	15	2,624
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		82,378	16	116,497
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		16,604	17	10,510
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial 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 to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D			25	
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		16,604	26	10,510
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**				
	27	Unrestricted net assets		35,473	27	100,186
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		30,301	28	5,801
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		65,774	33	105,987
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		82,378	34	116,497

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

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Name of the organization
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE

Employer identification number
56-1422691

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

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

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **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).**

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 331/3% 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 331/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

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

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box 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?

		Yes	No
(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 the supported organization?	**11g(i)**		
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?	**11g(ii)**		
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	**11g(iii)**		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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)** 2005	**(b)** 2006	**(c)** 2007	**(d)** 2008	**(e)** 2009	**(f)** Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 **Public Support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						0

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	**(a)** 2005	**(b)** 2006	**(c)** 2007	**(d)** 2008	**(e)** 2009	**(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						0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f)) | 14 | 0 %

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 |

16a **33 1/3% support test—2009.** 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 ▶☐

b **33 1/3% support test—2008.** If the organization did not check the 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 ▶☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.** 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 ▶☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.** 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 ▶☐

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 ▶☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	266,080	297,822	242,113	266,854	303,799	1,376,668
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	12,926	11,081	1,880	27	7,284	33,198
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5	279,006	308,903	243,993	266,881	311,083	1,409,866
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	165,000	175,000	165,000	150,000	150,000	805,000
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b	165,000	175,000	165,000	150,000	150,000	805,000
8 **Public Support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						604,866

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	279,006	308,903	243,993	266,881	311,083	1,409,866
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	801	913	1,478	866	233	4,291
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	801	913	1,478	866	233	4,291
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)			137	1,094	2,554	3,785
13 **Total support** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						1,417,942

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	42 660 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	41 800 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for **2009** (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 300 %
18 Investment income percentage from **2008** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0 360 %

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2009.** 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—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

Facts And Circumstances Test
OTHER INCOME PART III, LINE 12, DESCRIPTION MISCELLANEOUS, 2007 137 , 2008 1094 , 2009 2554 ,

Additional Data

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Software Version:
EIN: 56-1422691
Name: WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Chapters-Conservation Projects	42,477	42,477	0	0
Chapters-Other	1,708	1,708	0	0
Chapters-Program Events	500	500	0	0
Chapters-Supplies	233	233	0	0
Chapters-contract Services	215	215	0	0

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35a (regarding proxy tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE	56-1422691

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV

2 Political expenditures ▶ $

3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

4a Was a correction made? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities ▶ $

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	**(b)** Address	**(c)** EIN	**(d)** Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	**(e)** Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group
B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

	Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	**(a)** Filing Organization's Totals	**(b)** Affiliated Group Totals
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	279	
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	279	
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	270,497	
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	270,776	
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	54,155	

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	**The lobbying nontaxable amount is:**
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000

		(a)	(b)
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	13,539	
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-		
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	☐ Yes	☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying non-taxable amount	59,146	45,214	63,364	54,155	221,879
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					332,819
c	Total lobbying expenditures	1,153	803	44	279	2,279
d	Grassroots non-taxable amount	14,787	11,304	15,841	13,539	55,471
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					83,207
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	461				461

Part II-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".**

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i
Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)
☑ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space
☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

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

			Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	4
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	9
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	0
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d	0

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ 0

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ 1

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☑ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ 0

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ ____________

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☑ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

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

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ ____________

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ ____________

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

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ ____________

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ ____________

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

			Amount
c	Beginning balance	1c	
d	Additions during the year	1d	
e	Distributions during the year	1e	
f	Ending balance	1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

		(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance					
b	Contributions					
c	Investment earnings or losses					
d	Grants or scholarships					
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f	Administrative expenses					
g	End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %

b Permanent endowment ▶ %

c Term endowment ▶ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

			Yes	No
	(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		
	(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)		
b	If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		11,755	5,639	6,116
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e *(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				6,116

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)* ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)* ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Security Deposit	2,624
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* . . . . ▶	2,624

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1 (a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
See Additional Data Table	
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)* ▶	

2. Fin 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	315,610
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	270,833
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	44,777
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	161
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-4,725
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-4,564
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	40,213

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	324,039
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	161		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	715		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	7,553		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	8,429
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	315,610
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	315,610

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	283,826
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	715		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	12,278		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	12,993
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	270,833
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line **1:**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	270,833

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt XI Line 8		Non-Cash Donations $4,725
Pt XII Line 2d		Event Expense $7,553
Pt XIII Line 2d		Event Expense $7,553 & Non-Cash Donations $4,725
Pt II Line 9		As a by-product of its stream-bank restoration work, WNCA holds four conservation easements on small tracts of property bordering or accessing streams in the French Broad watershed All of the easements were received by donation As permitted by generally accepted accounting principals, the
Pt II Line 9		organization has elected not to recognize the value of the easements in its financial statements

SCHEDULE O
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Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Pt VI-A, Line 4		The Bylaws were revised since the last 990 was filed
Pt VI-A, Line 4		The revision of the Bylaws was approved by the Board
Pt VI-A, Line 6		The organization does have members, but with no authority
Pt VI-A, Line 6		over the day-to-day operating decisions of governing body
Pt VI-A, Line 6		of the organization They cannot exercise significant control
Pt VI-A, Line 7a		Members may elect At-Large Steering Committee members only
Pt VI-A, Line 7b		Members do not have control over most Steering Committee decisions,
Pt VI-A, Line 7b		however, there are two instances where the possibility for member

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Pt VI-A, Line 7b		voting exists if members disagree with the Steering Committee's

Pt VI-A, Line 7b decisions One is if changes are made to the By-Laws and Pt VI-A, Line 7b the other is if changes are made to the Platforms Pt VI-B, Line 10b WNCA's Chapters must comply with all of WNCA's policies & procedures, Pt VI-B, Line 10b but have significant latitude on the issues in which they work Pt VI-B, Line 10b as long as the issues are consistent with WNCA's Platforms Pt VI-B, Line 11A The 990 is prepared by independent accountants, reviewed by management, Pt VI-B, Line 11A presented to the Finance Committee for review, and once it is approved,

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Pt VI-B, Line 11A		presented to the entire Board for final approval or proposed revision

Pt VI-B, Line 12c Enforced as necessary Any Board Member with a conflict of interest on any Pt VI-B, Line 12c specific issue informs the Board and abstains from voting on the issue Pt VI-B, Line 15 In the annual budgeting process, the Board approves a budget line for aggregate Pt VI-B, Line 15 salary expense Thereafter, individual salaries and salary increases for Pt VI-B, Line 15 employees are determined by the Executive Director, Personnel & Finance Committee The Board of Directors Pt VI-B, Line 15 sets the Executive Director salary after a performance review Pt VI-C, Line 19 Upon request

Adopted by the WNCA membership on May 2, 2009

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Name

Section 1 The name of the organization shall be "Western North Carolina Alliance." The organization is incorporated in the State of North Carolina as a non-profit corporation. The organization is referred to hereinafter as the "Alliance."

ARTICLE II. Purpose

Section 1 The Alliance is a non-profit corporation chartered in North Carolina to encourage active public involvement in decisions concerning the natural and human resources of the region. The Alliance provides information, initiates programs, encourages public awareness and involvement, and coordinates services, activities, resources, and opportunities to protect and improve the natural and human environment.

Section 2 The Alliance promotes stewardship of the natural environment and local communities. The Alliance's primary goal is to protect and to preserve our natural resources through education and public participation in policy decisions at all levels of business and government.

The Alliance encourages members to recognize the interrelationships among environmental issues and to take personal responsibility for achieving protection of the environment in their communities. The Alliance strives to think globally and to act locally, emphasizing sustainability.

The positions of the Alliance are further described in the Alliance's Platform. Changes to the Alliance Platform may be made following the procedure described in Article IX.

The geographic region covered by the Alliance is that physiographic region within North Carolina known as the Blue Ridge Province, which includes all or part of the following counties: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

Section 3 The purposes for which the Alliance is organized are educational within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 4 Notwithstanding any provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under sections 501 (c)(3) and 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1 The membership of the Alliance shall be open to anyone who supports its purposes.

Section 2 There are two categories of membership: Chapter members and Members-at-Large.

a. Chapter members are those individuals who belong to a duly constituted Chapter of the Alliance and who have paid the requisite annual dues.
b. Members-at-Large are those members who have paid the requisite annual dues but are not members of a Chapter; they may or may not reside in counties with an organized Chapter.

Section 3 There will be one annual meeting of the Alliance held in the fall of each year The Steering Committee may also call special meetings of the members for a particular pre-announced purpose The meetings shall be held at such time and place as selected by the Steering Committee Members will be notified of the time and place of the meeting at least fourteen days prior to the meeting

Section 4 Each member of the Alliance is entitled to one vote at the Alliance's general membership meetings There is no provision for voting by proxy Members may vote in advance in writing

Section 5 Members joining within 30 days prior to the annual meeting will not be eligible to vote at that meeting

Section 6 Members may attend Steering Committee meetings, however, they shall have no vote and may attend executive sessions only at the invitation of the Steering Committee

Section 7 Any member of the Alliance may submit the name of any other member of the Alliance who appears to be actively working to subvert the purposes of the Alliance, along with supporting evidence, to any Steering Committee member who will, in turn, submit the name and evidence to the Steering Committee as a whole for review and possible expulsion pursuant to Article V, Section 5

ARTICLE IV. Chapters

Section 1 A group of members, meeting the guidelines and following the procedures outlined in Chapter Protocols adopted by the Steering Committee, may become a Chapter of the Alliance upon application to and approval by the Steering Committee

Section 2 Chapters receive benefits from and have certain responsibilities to the Alliance, as set forth in the Chapter Protocols

ARTICLE V. Steering Committee

Section 1 The Steering Committee is composed of Western North Carolina Alliance members as follows

a One representative from each Chapter who has been chosen by the Chapter to serve on the Steering Committee for a term of a year
b One representative from each Task Force who has been chosen by the Task Force to serve on the Steering Committee for a term of a year
c Members-at-Large, who shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting to serve for a term of 2 years

Section 2 At least two Members-at-Large, as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Steering Committee, will be elected at the annual meeting of the Alliance Each year prior to the annual meeting, the Steering Committee will determine how many Members-at-Large positions will be filled by vote of the membership at the annual meeting The Chairperson will appoint a Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations from the membership, and all such nominations shall be submitted by the spring meeting or such other time as the Steering Committee shall set The Nominating Committee will review all nominations for Members-at-Large and will recommend to the Steering Committee a slate of candidates In developing its recommended slate, the Nominating Committee will take into account the Alliance's policies, the needs of the Alliance, geographical representation, and cultural diversity, and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination concerning race, religion, creed, age, gender, and sexual orientation Before the meeting, the Steering Committee will present to the membership a ballot containing its recommended slate and all other valid nominations

Section 3 Each Steering Committee member shall have one vote

Section 4 The Steering Committee shall set the annual dues to be paid by all members of the Alliance

Section 5 The Steering Committee, either on motion of a member pursuant to Article III, Section 7, or of its own accord, may expel any member of the Alliance for cause Cause is defined to be actively working to subvert the purposes of the Alliance or any illegal act or other action which brings discredit or bad reputation to the Alliance The expulsion shall be made in writing signed by a majority of all Steering Committee members, shall contain specific reasons for the expulsion, and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the member so expelled The member may appeal the expulsion at the next Steering Committee meeting at which time the action may be reversed or made final

Section 6 The Steering Committee shall exercise all duties required by law to be exercised by the board of directors of non-profit corporations

Section 7 The Steering Committee shall adopt annual budgets of the Alliance, execute the general objectives and policies of the Alliance as determined by the membership of the Alliance, supervise and perform other functions necessary to the transaction of the Alliance business The Steering Committee shall appoint the Personnel Committee to give advice and consent to the hiring, evaluation, and firing of all staff persons by the Executive Director The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the hiring and firing of the Executive Director The Steering Committee will evaluate the performance of the Executive Director informally on an ongoing basis, and formally, once a year

Section 8 Any duty hereby assigned to the Steering Committee may be carried out by committees appointed and so charged by the Steering Committee and composed of members of the Alliance A standing committee of the Steering Committee shall be the Executive Committee, consisting of the five officers the Chairperson, the two Vice-Chairpersons, the Treasurer, and the Secretary The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Steering Committee between regular meetings of the Steering Committee For action to be taken, three members of the Executive Committee must vote in the affirmative The Executive Committee is not authorized to take any actions that change the year's expenditures by more than 2 percent without prior authorization by the Steering Committee

Section 9 The Steering Committee may approve the establishment of Task Forces to address specific issues The Steering Committee will set out the authority, responsibilities, policies and procedures for the management and operation of Task Forces prior to their establishment Task Forces may be disestablished by the Steering Committee The Steering Committee will approve all members of any Task Force

Section 10 In the event that a Member-at-Large vacancy occurs on the Steering Committee more than one month before the annual meeting of the Alliance, the Steering Committee may select a replacement to fill the vacancy to serve until the next annual meeting of the Alliance Chapters and Task Forces will select replacements for members serving as Chapter or Task Force representatives on the Steering Committee

Section 11 Task Forces and Chapters shall notify the Steering Committee, in writing, of the name and date of the beginning of the term of their representatives on the Steering Committee

Section 12 No member of the Steering Committee may serve for more than six (6) consecutive years. A former member of the Steering Committee may be re-elected to the Steering Committee after an absence from the Steering Committee equal to the most recent term served.

Section 13 Alternate members to the Steering Committee may be selected by Chapters and Task Forces. Alternate members may attend Steering Committee meetings, however, they shall have no vote except when the regularly elected member of the Chapter or Task Force is absent. If the regularly elected members should resign or be unable to serve, the alternate members shall assume the position of the regularly elected members.

Section 14 The Steering Committee Chairperson and Executive Director, acting together, may designate one or more spokespersons for the Alliance. Spokespersons are empowered to speak on behalf of the Alliance within specified guidelines developed by the Steering Committee.

Section 15 Each year at the fall annual meeting the Steering Committee will solicit from the membership suggestions for goals and activities for the following year. The Steering Committee will also present a summary of the current programmatic and financial status of the organization.

ARTICLE VI. Officers

Section 1 The officers of the Alliance shall be duly elected to the Steering Committee and shall consist of a Chairperson, a First Vice-Chairperson, a Second Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by a majority of the Steering Committee at the Steering Committee retreat each year. Terms of office are for a period of one calendar year beginning on January 1 even if during that time the officer's normal term on the Steering Committee has expired. Such officer's term on the Steering Committee will be extended to the end of the term as an officer.

Section 2 The Chairperson shall serve as the presiding officer of the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee and the general membership meetings of the Alliance membership. The Chairperson shall sign, or approve the signing of by the Executive Director, all contractual agreements, or other legal documents of the Alliance, made between the Alliance and individuals or between the Alliance and other legally constituted organizations.

Section 3 The First Vice-Chairperson shall assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the event of the absence, unavailability or incapacity of the Chairperson and shall assist the Chairperson in his or her duties as requested.

Section 4 The Second Vice-Chairperson shall assume the responsibilities of the First Vice-Chairperson and/or the Chairperson in the event of the absence, unavailability, or incapacity of either and shall assist both in their duties as requested.

Section 5 The Secretary or a designee shall record all votes and minutes of the proceedings of the Steering Committee and shall perform other duties as requested by the Chair of the Steering Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records of the office and passing such records along to his or her successor.

Section 6 The Treasurer shall, subject to the instructions of the Steering Committee, have charge of and responsibility for all funds, securities, receipts, and disbursements of the Alliance and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all money or their valuable effects in such depositories as selected by the Steering Committee. The Treasurer shall render to the Steering Committee, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the Alliance and shall perform such other duties as requested by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee. In addition, the Treasurer shall compile a financial report of the Alliance to be presented at the Alliance's Annual Meeting.

Section 7 In the event that a vacancy should arise in any officer position, the position shall be filled by a majority vote of the Steering Committee, such person to serve until the end of the calendar year.

ARTICLE VII. Staff

Section 1 The staff consists of employees of the Alliance who have been hired to fill position established and approved by the Steering Committee.

Section 2 The Executive Director is accountable to the Steering Committee or its designated representative(s). Other staff are accountable to the Executive Director.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings of the Steering Committee

Section 1 The Steering Committee shall meet regularly to carry out the business of the Alliance, but at a minimum such meetings shall be held quarterly. Minutes of the previous meeting and an agenda for the next meeting shall be sent to members of the Steering Committee at least ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting.

Section 2 A majority of the Steering Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3 Members of the Steering Committee should notify the office or the Chair person when unable to attend meetings.

Section 4 Members of the Steering Committee shall be expelled automatically for three consecutive unexcused absences from Steering Committee meetings and failure to respond to the Chair's letter of notification.

ARTICLE IX. Repeal and Amendment

Section 1 These bylaws and the Alliance Platform may be repealed, replaced, or amended as follows:

Section 2 Membership-initiated changes must be submitted in writing to the Steering Committee by a member and must be seconded in writing by five other members at least six weeks before a general membership meeting. The Steering Committee will review the proposed changes and amend them so that they are not in conflict with any laws, tax restrictions on the organization, or the Alliance charter. Proposed changes must be published to the membership at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. The proposed changes will be presented for discussion and voting at the general membership meeting. Any change must be approved by two-thirds of the eligible votes received.

Section 3 Changes initiated by the Steering Committee must be voted in the affirmative by a two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee in a regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting, published to the membership, and then voted in the affirmative a second time by a two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee at a subsequent regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting. Any change to the By-laws so adopted shall take effect immediately upon republication to the membership. At any time before the next general membership meeting, any WNCA member may call for a membership vote on the change by notifying the Steering Committee. If a vote is requested, the Steering Committee shall, if time permits, republish the change to the membership, with notice that it is subject to a vote of the membership at the next membership meeting The amendment must receive approval by two-thirds of the eligible votes received to remain in effect

ARTICLE X. Time of Effect

Section 1 These bylaws shall be effective immediately upon adoption as specified in Article IX

ARTICLE XI. Miscellaneous

Section 1 The Steering Committee may accept on behalf of the Alliance any contributions, gifts, bequests or devises for the general purposes or for any special purpose

Section 2 The Alliance shall operate on a calendar year for fiscal matters

Section 3 In case of the dissolution of the Alliance, any assets shall be disbursed as follows

a Payment of any outstanding indebtedness of the Alliance
b As determined by a quorum of the Steering Committee any residual assets of the Alliance will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior of future Revenue Code, or the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose

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The undersigned attest that the Bylaws of the Western North Carolina Alliance, as printed above, were adopted by a majority of the Steering Committee members on February 19, 2009 and adopted by the membership on May 2, 2009

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Austin DJ Gerken, Chairperson Date

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John Baker, Secretary Date