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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P. O. BOX 1703 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 JACKSON, MS 39215			D Employer identification number 64-0592874	
	E Telephone number (601) 354-7303				
	G Gross receipts \$ 349,269.				
	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
	H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)				
	H(c) Group exemption number ►				
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527					
J Website: ► WWW.MDWFP.COM/MUSEUM					
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►				L Year of formation: 1974	M State of legal domicile: MS

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance 2	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF MISSISSIPPI'S BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY THROUGH		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	22
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	22
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	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	0.
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	432,334.	306,167.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	18,195.	22,446.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	22,378.	20,195.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	53,592.	
	12 Total revenue. Add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	526,499.	348,808.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 24,796.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	719,377.	434,812.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	719,377.	434,812.
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<192,878. >	<86,004. >
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,483,390.	1,397,635.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,483,390.	1,397,635.	

Part II Signature Block

Sign Here	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		
	 Signature of officer		Date 11/15/10
CHRIS ZACHOW, PRESIDENT Type or print name and title			

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► 	Date 11.9.10	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC ► P. O. BOX 2418 ► RIDGELAND, MS 39158-2418	EIN ►		
		Phone no. ► 601-853-7050		

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

 Yes No

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

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Part III | Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: **SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION
TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF MISSISSIPPI'S BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY THROUGH COLLECTIONS, RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC DATABASES,
EDUCATION AND EXHIBITS AND TO INSPIRE THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI TO
RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PRESERVE NATURAL MISSISSIPPI AND 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 \$ 367,642. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
**DONATIONS OF EXHIBITS, TRAILS AND OTHER ASSETS TO THE MISSISSIPPI
MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND PROMOTION OF THE MUSEUM. CLIENTS
SERVED: 150,004**

4b (Code.) (Expenses \$ 12,184. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 22,446.)
WORKSHOPS AND CAMPS THAT PROVIDE CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES. CLIENTS SERVED: 535

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 12,690. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE THE MISS. MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE. CLIENTS SERVED: 3,339

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 8,711, including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ 401,227.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3 X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6 X	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8 X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9 X	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 X	
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	11 X	
• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		
• 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	12 X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	12A X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	14b X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	15 X	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>	16 X	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	17 X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19 X	
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20 X	

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		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	X
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	X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No", go to line 25	24a	X
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	X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	X
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	X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties, (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
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 direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	X
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	X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	X
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	X
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	X
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	X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	X
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	X

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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	4
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	0
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)</i>	2b	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	X
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	X
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	X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
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	X
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).	7c	X
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	X
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	X
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	X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
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.	9a	
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b	
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	10a	
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:	11a	
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 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	22
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	22
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	X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
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	X

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	X
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	X
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	X
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)	15b	X
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	X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	X

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►	NONE
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ►	
	THE ORGANIZATION - (601) 354-7303	
	2148 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, JACKSON, MS 39202	

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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 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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
CHRIS ZACHOW <u>PRESIDENT</u>	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
ALEX ALSTON, JR. <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
JANICE LARSON <u>SECRETARY/TREASURER</u>	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
GEORGE ALLEN <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
PAUL BENTON <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
BETSY CREEKMORE <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
DICK HALL <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
OPAL DAKIN <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
MARIANNE DEMPSEY <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
HALLA JO ELLIS <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
SEAN WESLEY ELLIS <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
DICK HARDING <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
LIBBY HARTFIELD <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
MATTHEW HOLLEMAN, III <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
JENNIE MCINTOSH <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
GABRIELLE OTT <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
ASHLEY PARKER <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.

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

1b Total

1

0

0

0.

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 ►

0

		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	X
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	X
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	X

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. **NONE**

(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 ► 0

0

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b	65,709.		
	c Fundraising events	1c			
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	51,972.		
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	188,486.		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		► 306,167.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a WORKSHOPS	Business Code 900099	22,446.	22,446.	
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		► 22,446.		
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		► 20,340.			20,340.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		►			
5 Royalties		►			
6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b Less: rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)		►			
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	316.				
c Gain or (loss)	461.				
d Net gain or (loss)	<145.>		► <145.>		<145.>
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		►			
9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		►			
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		►			
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11 a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		►			
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		► 348,808.	22,446.	0.	20,195.

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) 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				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	6,103.	3,052.	1,526.	1,525.
d Lobbying	33,061.	33,061.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	20,743.	2,743.		18,000.
12 Advertising and promotion	54,996.	54,996.		
13 Office expenses	12,435.	6,035.	3,200.	3,200.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	4,071.	4,071.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	24,060.	24,010.	50.	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a ADVERTISING OF MUSEUM E	102,905.	102,905.	0.	0.
b DONATIONS FOR MS MUSEUM	85,226.	85,226.	0.	0.
c LEGISLATIVE LIASON	25,833.	25,833.	0.	0.
d WORKSHOP/CAMPS	12,231.	12,191.	40.	0.
e RECEPTIONS	10,004.	8,432.	0.	1,572.
f All other expenses	43,144.	38,672.	3,973.	499.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	434,812.	401,227.	8,789.	24,796.
26 Joint costs. Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	6,608.	1	1,005.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,476,321.	2	1,395,284.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		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		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	461.	11	1,346.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,483,390.	16	1,397,635.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	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	0.	26	0.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	208,444.	27	238,847.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,274,946.	28	1,158,788.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,483,390.	33	1,397,635.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,483,390.	34	1,397,635.

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Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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 X

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 2b X

c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

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 separate 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 X

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits
 3b

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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 **MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION** Employer identification number **64-0592874**

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

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

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E)
 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state.
 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II)
 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II)
 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III)
 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
 e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
 f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
 g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
 h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 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.")	315,019.	323,870.	479,007.	485,926.	306,167.	1,909,989.
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			16,011.	16,011.	16,011.	48,033.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	315,019.	323,870.	495,018.	501,937.	322,178.	1,958,022.
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)						112,751.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,845,271.

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	315,019.	323,870.	495,018.	501,937.	322,178.	1,958,022.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	17,269.	23,591.	37,537.	22,378.	20,340.	121,115.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,079,137.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)				12		95,489.

13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3)

organization, check this box and stop here ► **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	88.75	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	87.22	%
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			► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			► <input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 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			► <input type="checkbox"/>
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			► <input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions			► <input type="checkbox"/>

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)**Section A. Public Support**

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

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

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 ►

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization is described below.

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

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), then

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

Name of organization **MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number
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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?
- 4a Was a correction made?

Yes No

Yes No

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 function 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 Enter 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

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**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)	1,042.												
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	19,970.												
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	21,012.												
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	413,800.												
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	434,812.												
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	86,962.												
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr> </table>		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	
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													
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	21,741.												
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.												
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 nontaxable amount			132,907.	86,962.	219,869.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					329,804.
c Total lobbying expenditures			28,549.	21,012.	49,561.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount			33,227.	21,741.	54,968.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					82,452.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures			2,213.	1,042.	3,255.

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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)		(b)
	Yes	No	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 Add 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) nondeductible 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?		
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	4	
	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 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

COLLECTIONS, RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC DATABASES, EDUCATION AND EXHIBITS AND
TO INSPIRE THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI TO RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO
PRESERVE NATURAL MISSISSIPPI AND TO IMPROVE THE MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF
NATURAL SCIENCE.

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

IMPROVE THE MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

RESEARCH & MONITORING ACTIVITES PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION WITH
UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE BIODIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND
PROVIDE INFORMATION ESSENTIAL FOR CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF SOME
OF OUR STATE'S RAREST SPECIES.

EXPENSES \$ 8711. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE FORM 990
IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW BEFORE THE 990 IS SIGNED AND FILED BY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: THE BOARD REGULARLY MONITORS AND
ENFORCES THE ORGANIZATION'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY BY THE REVIEW AND
DISCUSSION OF ANY QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITY AT BOARD MEETINGS.

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY

EMPLOYEES. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.