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Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung
benefit trust or private foundation)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009Open to Public
InspectionA For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **07/01/09**, and ending **06/30/10**

B Check if applicable

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

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

C Name of organization **AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH**

Doing Business As

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

656 BEACON STREET

D Employer identification number

23-1352617

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

BOSTON MA 02115

F Name and address of principal officer

E Telephone number
617-353-6570G Gross receipts \$ **855,264**H(a) Is this a group return for
affiliates? Yes NoH(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527J Website: ► **WWW.ASOR.ORG**

H(c) Group exemption number ►

K Type of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►L Year of formation **1935**M State of legal domicile **MA****Part I Summary**

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
STUDY, TEACH AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF ANCIENT AND MODERN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES.

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)

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

3	35
4	34
5	4
6	
7a	
7b	0

SCANNED DEC 2 3 2010 Activities & Governance	Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	RECEIVED		Prior Year	Current Year
			241	IRS OSC		
		9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	DEC 08 2010	9		233,730
		10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)				475,739
		11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)				16,110
		12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)				126,239
		13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)				851,818
		14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)				28,500
		15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)				402,414
		16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)				
		b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►	22,863			
		17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)				413,238
		18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)				844,152
		19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12				7,666
					Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)			1,179,661	1,302,918
		21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)			256,863	291,039
		22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20			922,798	1,011,879

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			Date 11/30/10
	Signature of officer ANDREW G VAUGHN	Type or print name and title EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► Geoffrey C Wiggin	Date 11/17/10	Check if self-employed ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) 340-46-8858
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed, address, and ZIP + 4) ► ROMEO, WIGGINS & COMPANY, LLP		EIN ► 56-1627242	

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

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.
DAAYes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

STUDY, TEACH AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF ANCIENT AND MODERN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES.

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 \$ 779,760 including grants of \$ 28,500) (Revenue \$ 536,773)
FOSTERING ORIGINAL RESEARCH, ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AND EXPLORATIONS.

ENCOURAGING SCHOLARSHIP IN THE BASIC LANGUAGES, CULTURAL HISTORIES AND TRADITIONS OF THE NEAR EASTERN WORLD.

PROMOTING THE EDUCATIONAL GOALS OF NEAR EASTERN STUDIES AND DISCIPLINES, AND BY ADVOCATING HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN TEACHING AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH.

MAINTAINING AN ACTIVE PROGRAM OF TIMELY DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS.

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e Total program service expenses ► 779,760

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

- 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 2
- 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 3
- 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 4
- 4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 5
- 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 6
- 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 7
- 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 8
- 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 9
- 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 10
- 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 11
- 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
 - Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 12
 - 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 13
 - 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 14a
 - Did the organization report an amount for other assets related 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 14b
 - Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 15
 - 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 16
- 12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 17
- 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 18
- 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 19
- 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? 20
- 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 21
- 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II 22
- 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III 23
- 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 24
- 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 25
- 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 26
- 20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H 27

	Yes	No
1	X	
2	X	
3		X
4		X
5		
6		X
7		X
8		X
9		X
10		X
11		X
12		X
13		X
14a		X
14b		X
15		X
16		X
17		X
18		X
19		X
20		X

. Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21		X
22	X	
23		X
24a		X
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		X
25b	X	
26		X
27		X
28		
28a		X
28b		X
28c		X
29		X
30		X
31		X
32		X
33		X
34		X
35		X
36		X
37		X
38		X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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 **26**

1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable 1b

c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1c **X**

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 **4**

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 **X**

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 **X**

5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5b **X**

b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5c

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? 6a **X**

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? 6b

b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 7a **X**

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? 7b

b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7c **X**

c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7d

d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7e **X**

e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7f **X**

f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7g

g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7h

h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? 8

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? 9a

9 **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**

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? 10a

10 **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter 10b

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12

b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 11a

11 **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter 11b

a Gross income from members or shareholders

b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) 12a

12a **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12b

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 line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

- 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body **35**
- 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent **34**
- 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? **X**
- 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?
- 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? **X**
- 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? **X**
- 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?
- 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? **X**
- b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?
- 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following
 - a The governing body? **X**
 - b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? **X**
- 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 **X**

	Yes	No
1a	35	
1b	34	
2	X	
3		X
4		X
5		X
6		X
7a	X	
7b	X	
8a	X	
8b	X	
9		X

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

- 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? **X**
- b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?
- 11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? **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
 - b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?
 - c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done
- 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?
- 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?
- 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
 - b Other officers or key employees of the organization
 If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, 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?
 - 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?

	Yes	No
10a		X
10b		
11		X
12a	X	
12b	X	
12c	X	
13	X	
14	X	
15a	X	
15b	X	
16a		X
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MA**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► **ANDREW VAUGHN**

656 BEACON STREET

BOSTON

MA 02215

617-353-6570

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.

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

1b Total

95,305

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

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

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

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

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

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 1b Membership dues 1c Fundraising events 1d Related organizations 1e Government grants (contributions) 1f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f 1h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 108,960 1f 124,770 1g 1h ► 233,730			
Program Service Revenue	2a JOURNALS REVENUE 2b INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES 2c INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES 2d BOOK REVENUE 2e 2f All other program service revenue 2g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	2a 224,051 2b 132,500 2c 88,000 2d 31,188 2e 2f ► 475,739	224,051 132,500 88,000 31,188		
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds 5 Royalties 6a Gross Rents 6b Less rental exps 6c Rental inc or (loss) 6d Net rental income or (loss) 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory 7b Less cost or other basis & sales exps 7c Gain or (loss) 7d Net gain or (loss) 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 8b Less direct expenses 8c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events 9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 9b Less direct expenses 9c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 10b Less cost of goods sold 10c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory 11a ANNUAL MEETINGS 11b ROYALTIES 11c 11d All other revenue 11e Total. Add lines 11a-11d 12 Total Revenue. See instructions	3 ► 14,823 4 ► 5 ► 6a 6b 6c 6d ► 7a (i) Securities 4,733 7b 7c 3,446 7d 1,287 8a a 8b b 8c ► 9a a 9b b 9c ► 10a a 10b b 10c ► 11a 11b 11c 11d ► 126,239 11e ► 851,818 12 ► 571,436 0 46,652	14,823	-25	14,823

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	28,500	28,500		
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	95,305	81,009	4,765	9,531
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	307,109	286,376	13,229	7,504
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	18,225	1,989	15,639	597
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	9,448	9,448		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	51,216	46,009	3,049	2,158
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,878	1,315	375	188
17 Travel	12,121	10,558	521	1,042
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	70,581	69,668	730	183
20 Interest	699	699		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,796	1,957	559	280
23 Insurance	5,768	4,037	1,154	577
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 PUBLICATION PRODUCTION	169,410	169,410		
b EDITORIAL EXPENSE	36,956	36,956		
c DISTRIBUTION & MARKETING	11,810	11,810		
d SPONSORED PROJECTS	11,523	11,523		
e G&A - IMIS	5,625	5,625		
f All other expenses	5,182	2,871	1,508	803
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	844,152	779,760	41,529	22,863
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				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	97,680	1	135,575
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	274,128	2	275,337
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	45,531
	4 Accounts receivable, net	59,139	4	58,484
	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	44,432	8	23,365
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,789	9	6,930
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	115,414		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	107,441	3,966	10c 7,973
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	693,527	11	749,723
	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)	1,179,661	16	1,302,918	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22,840	17	19,988
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	234,023	19	271,051
	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	256,863	26	291,039
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	107,671	27	161,089
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	353,016	28	387,510
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	462,111	29	463,280
	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	922,798	33	1,011,879
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,179,661	34	1,302,918

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?

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

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?

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

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form **990** (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (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?

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

b. Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009 **AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL** **23-1352617** **Page 2****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")	662,043	381,763	544,074	395,944	233,730	2,217,554
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	662,043	381,763	544,074	395,944	233,730	2,217,554
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						2,217,554

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	662,043	381,763	544,074	395,944	233,730	2,217,554
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	38,952	84,438	111,680	18,203	14,823	268,096
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	100,323	95,779	126,909	152,322	30,517	505,850
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,991,500
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	1,812,057
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	74.13 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	75.98 %
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"/>	

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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009 **AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL** **23-1352617** Page 4

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

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL

AWARDS AND MISCELLANEOUS **\$ 475,333**

**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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23-1352617**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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year		

a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ►	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►	
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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 acquisition, 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

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
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 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	600,197	736,598			
b Contributions		1,260			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	82,890	-130,961			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	24,551	6,700			
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	658,536	600,197			

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %
 b Permanent endowment ► 70.35 %
 c Term endowment ► 29.65 %

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

(i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

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	115,414	107,441		7,973
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))			►	7,973

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		

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

Part IX Other Assets See Form 990 Part X line 15

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)

3. EIN 48 Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's

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 Audited Financial Statements

1 Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	851,818
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	844,152
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	7,666
4 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	82,218
5 Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6 Investment expenses	6	
7 Prior period adjustments	7	
8 Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-803
9 Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	9	81,415
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	89,081

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	971,674
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	82,218
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b	37,638
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	119,856
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	851,818
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 must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	851,818

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

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	882,593
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a	37,638
b Prior year adjustments	2b	
c Other losses	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	803
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	38,441
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	844,152
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 must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	844,152

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, line 2, 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

PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS

EARNINGS ON ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ASOR'S USE AS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OR AS RESTRICTED BY THE DONOR.

PART XI, LINE 8 - RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES - OTHER

BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE **\$ -803**

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

PART XIII, LINE 2D - EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER

BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE \$ 803

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Part III : Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Use Part IV and Schedule J-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed

Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
PLATT FELLOWSHIP	9		9,000		
HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP	11		12,000		
MESOPOTAMIA FELLOWSHIP	1		7,500		

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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► Attach to Form 990.

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23-1352617**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - FIRST ACHIEVEMENT**

OFFERING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN NEAR EASTERN HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
TO UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES IN NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES, AND THROUGH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 2 - RELATED PARTY INFORMATION AMONG OFFICERS

ERIC MEYERS	CAROL MEYERS
DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR
HUSBAND AND WIFE	

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS
DESCRIBED IN BY-LAWS. THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ELECTS 3 MEMBERS PER YEAR FOR
3-YEAR TERMS. THE INITIAL INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ELECT 3 MEMBERS
PER YEAR FOR 3-YEAR TERMS. UP TO 4 MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE BOARD EACH YEAR
FOR 3-YEAR TERMS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7B - DECISIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS
ALL BOARD MEMBERS, TRUSTEES AND HONORARY TRUSTEES HAVE A VOTE EXCEPT FOR
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. DECISIONS DETERMINED BY MAJORITY VOTING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11A - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990
FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. FORM 990 IS THEN
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE WHOLE BOARD UPON REQUEST.

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23-1352617**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY**

EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES MUST EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL
COMPENSATION REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED BY TREASURER, PRESIDENT AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL EVALUATION. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMPENSATION SUBMITTED BY THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ARE THEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION
FORM 990 IS POSTED ON WEBSITE.

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**Electing out of the 50% Bonus Depreciation Allowance for
All Eligible Depreciable Property**

The taxpayer elects out of the 50% first-year bonus depreciation allowance under IRC Section 168(k) for all eligible asset classes of depreciable property acquired after December 31, 2007. This election applies to all eligible depreciable property placed in service during the tax year.

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2009 FORM 990
EIN 23-1352617PART VII COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,
TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES
SECTION A OFFICERS, DIRECTORS TRUSTEES KEY EMPLOYEES

NAME	TITLE	AVE HRS PER WEEK	INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE	INSTITUTIONAL TRUSTEE	KEY OFFICER	COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE	HIGHEST EMPLOYEE	REPORTABLE COMPENSATION	COMPENSATION FROM ORG
ACKERMAN, SUSAN	DIRECTOR	1	X						
ARBINO, GARY	DIRECTOR	1	X						
BLAKELY, JEFF	VP PUBLICATIONS	1	X						
CHADWICK, JEFFREY	DIRECTOR	1	X						
CLINE, ERIC	DIRECTOR	1	X						
CROSS, FRANK MOORE	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
EBELING, JENNIE	DIRECTOR	1	X						
FEISSEL, GUSTAVE	CAARI REPRESENTATIVE	1	X						
FOX, NILI	DIRECTOR	1	X						
FOX, SHELDON	TREASURER	1	X						
FRERICHS, ERNEST	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
GERATY, LAWRENCE T	PAST-PRESIDENT	1	X						
GITTLEN, BARRY	DIRECTOR	1	X						
GREENE, JOSEPH A	DIRECTOR	1	X						
HARDIN, JIMMY	DIRECTOR	1	X						
HARRISON, TIMOTHY	PRESIDENT	1	X						
HOMAN, MICHAEL M	VP PROGRAMS	1	X						
KERSHAW, NORMA	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
KERSIEL, MORAG	VP PROGRAMS	1	X						
KNOIBAUCH, ANN MARIE	DIRECTOR	1	X						
LABIANCA, OYSTEN S	ACCR REPRESENTATIVE	1	X						
LAMBERG-KARLOVSKY, CC	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
LANDES, GEORGE	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
MACALLISTER, PE	CHAIRMAN	1	X						
MEYERS, CAROL	DIRECTOR	1	X						
MEYERS, ERIC	PAST PRES	1	X						
MEYERSON, MARTIN	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
MOYNIHAN, ELIZABETH	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
MULLINS, ROBERT	DIRECTOR	1	X						
NAKHLI, BETH ALPERT	DIRECTOR	1	X						
NELSON, ORLYN	DIRECTOR	1	X						
O'CONNELL, KEVIN	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X						
RICHARD, SUZANNE	DIRECTOR	1	X						
ROLLSTON, CHRISTOPHER A	DIRECTOR	1	X						
RUFFNER, B W	DIRECTOR	1	X						
SCHNEIDER, TAMMI	VP MEMBERSHIP	1	X						
SCHWARTZ, GLENN M	AIA REPRESENTATIVE	1	X						

PART VII- COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES						
SECTION A OFFICERS, DIRECTORS TRUSTEES KEY EMPLOYEES						
NAME	TITLE	AVE HRS PER WEEK	INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE	INSTITUTIONAL TRUSTEE	KEY OFFICER	HIGHEST COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE
SEGER, JOE	DIRECTOR	1	X			
SHAFFER, AUDREY	DIRECTOR	1	X			
SHERIDAN, SUSAN	DIRECTOR	1	X			
SHUFRO, LYDIA	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X			
STRANGE, JAMES F	SECRETARY	1	X			X
THOMPSON, GOUGH W JR	HONORARY TRUSTEE	1	X			
WRIGHT, EDWARD	AIAR REPRESENTATIVE	1	X			
YOUNGER, K LAWSON JR	DIRECTOR	1	X			

Form 4562

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
(99)Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2009

Attachment Sequence No 67

Name(s) shown on return

AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL
RESEARCHIdentifying number
23-1352617

Business or activity to which this form relates

INDIRECT DEPRECIATION

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7		
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8		
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9		
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10		
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11		
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12		
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ► 13			

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instr.)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	1,710
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ►		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property		7,605	7.0	HY	200DB	1,086
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	2,796
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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Form **8868**

(Rev April 2009)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No 1545-1709

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

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

Part I only

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

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

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH	Employer identification number 23-1352617
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions 656 BEACON STREET	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions BOSTON MA 02115	

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

Form 990
 Form 990-BL
 Form 990-EZ
 Form 990-PF

Form 990-T (corporation)
 Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)
 Form 990-T (trust other than above)
 Form 1041-A

Form 4720
 Form 5227
 Form 6069
 Form 8870

- The books are in the care of ► **ANDREW VAUGHN**

Telephone No ► **617-353-6570**

FAX No ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN)

for the whole group, check this box ► If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **02/15/11**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for

► calendar year or
 ► tax year beginning **07/01/09**, and ending **06/30/10**

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

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

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

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

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