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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

**2009**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** 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 pendingPlease  
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tions.**C** Name of organization**RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION**

Doing Business As

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

Room/suite

**P.O. BOX 2037**

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

**WESTERVILLE****OH 43086****F** Name and address of principal officer**D** Employer identification number**31-1650883****E** Telephone number**614-891-9001****G** Gross receipts \$ **506,648****H(a)** Is this a group return for

affiliates?

☐ Yes☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates

included?

☐ Yes☐ No

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

**I** Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) ( **3** ) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: ▶ **WWW.RELIGIONWRITERS.COM****H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**K** Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation **1999****M** State of legal domicile **OH****Part I Summary****1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:  
**TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION IN THE MEDIA****2** Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets**3** Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)**3****4** Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)**4****5** Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)**5****6** Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)**6****7a** Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (D), line 2**7a****b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34**7b****0****8** Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)**9** Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)**10** Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)**11** Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 14b)**12** Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)**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) ▶ **5,514****17** Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)**18** Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)**19** Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12**20** Total assets (Part X, line 16)**21** Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)**22** Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20

Prior Year

Current Year

**700,035****499,732****240****5,557****700,275****505,289****183,051****170,468****473,543****341,646****656,594****512,114****43,681****-6,825**

Beginning of Current Year

End of Year

**870,666****446,045****516,593****98,235****354,073****347,810****Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign  
Here

Signature of officer

Type or print name and title

Date

**10/19/2010**Paid  
Preparer's  
Use OnlyPreparer's  
signature**C. Devon Cott**

Date

**10/15/10**Check if  
self-  
employed ▶ ☐Preparer's identifying number  
(see instructions)**P00062806**Firm's name (or yours  
if self-employed),  
address, and ZIP + 4**Cotterman-Wilson CPAs, Inc.****951 High Street****Worthington, OH 43085**

EIN ▶

Phone

no ▶ **614-781-6174**

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form **990** (2009)**5-17**

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

1. Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION IN THE MEDIA**

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 \$ **443,087** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**TO ADVANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION BY MEANS OF INFORMATIVE PUBLICATIONS, PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CONFERENCE SEMINARS AND DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR REPORTERS, EDITORS, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR NEW MEDIA AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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 **443,087**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<b>X</b>	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
<b>6</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>7</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<b>X</b>
<b>9</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		<b>X</b>
<b>11</b> 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	<b>X</b>	
• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.		
• Did the organization report an amount for other assets 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.		
• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		
<b>12</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	<b>X</b>	
<b>12A</b> 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	<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<b>X</b>
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>16</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>17</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>18</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>19</b> 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		<b>X</b>
<b>20</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<b>X</b>

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

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> 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	<b>21</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>22</b> 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	<b>22</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>23</b> 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	<b>23</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>24a</b> 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	<b>24a</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	<b>24b</b>	
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	<b>24c</b>	
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	<b>24d</b>	
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	<b>25a</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</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	<b>25b</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>26</b> 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	<b>26</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>27</b> 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	<b>27</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>28</b> 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)		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	<b>28a</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	<b>28b</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> 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	<b>28c</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	<b>29</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	<b>30</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	<b>31</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	<b>32</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	<b>33</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	<b>34</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	<b>35</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	<b>36</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	<b>37</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	<b>38</b>	<b>X</b>

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

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

**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
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
<b>1b</b> Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
<b>2</b> 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?		<b>X</b>
<b>3</b> 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?		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b> Does the organization have members or stockholders?		<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b> Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>7b</b> Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b> 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		<b>X</b>

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

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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?		
<b>11</b> Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		<b>X</b>
<b>11a</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
<b>12a</b> Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b> Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>14</b> Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	<b>X</b>	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		
<b>16a</b> 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>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **OH**
- 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. ► **DEBRA MASON** **P.O. BOX 2037**

**WESTERVILLE****OH 43086-2037 614-891-9001**

## Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
<b>1b Total</b>								<b>37,201</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>3,552</b>

**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

	Yes	No
<b>3</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **0**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	499,732			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$				
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>		<b>499,732</b>			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	2a	Busn. Code				
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>					
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		6,116		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties						
6a Gross Rents		(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b Less rental exps						
c Rental inc or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss)						
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities (ii) Other	800			
b Less cost or other basis & sales exps			1,359			
c Gain or (loss)			-559			
d Net gain or (loss)			-559	-559		
8a 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						
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a				
b Less direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a				
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
<b>e Total. Add lines 11a-11d</b>						
<b>12 Total Revenue. See instructions.</b>		<b>505,289</b>	<b>-559</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,116</b>	

**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	37,201	27,028	6,757	3,416
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	102,069	81,145	20,924	
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	12,656	9,872	2,531	253
9 Other employee benefits	8,165	6,369	1,633	163
10 Payroll taxes	10,377	8,093	2,076	208
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	549		549	
c Accounting	9,450		9,450	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	6,000	4,680	1,200	120
17 Travel	66,523	66,361		162
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,000	5,000		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,191	2,489	638	64
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 Education Stipends	71,383	71,383		
b Correspondents	60,302	60,302		
c Website Development	22,309	22,309		
d Printing & Publications -	17,732	17,732		
e Promotion/Advertising	15,461	15,461		
f All other expenses	63,746	44,863	17,755	1,128
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	512,114	443,087	63,513	5,514
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
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest bearing .....	152,843	1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments .....	698,230	2	365,812
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net .....	8,465	4	58,906
	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 .....	4,607	9	14,674
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 77,769		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 71,116	10c 6,521	6,653
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities .....		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13	
	14 Intangible assets .....		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		15	
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	870,666	16	446,045	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	4,158	17	28,338
	18 Grants payable .....		18	
	19 Deferred revenue .....	504,757	19	69,800
	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 .....	7,678	25	97
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	516,593	26	98,235
	<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	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 .....		354,073	27	347,810
28 Temporarily restricted net assets .....			28	
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 .....		354,073	33	347,810
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....		870,666	34	446,045

**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
<b>2a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>2b</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>2c</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3b</b>		

Form **990** (2009)

**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

**RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**31-1650883****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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11g(ii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11g(iii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>RELIGION NEWSWRITERS ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>54-1486927</b>	<b>501 (c) (6)</b> <b>7</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>443,087</b>
<b>Total</b>									<b>443,087</b>

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3						
<b>5</b> 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)						
<b>6</b> <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11</b> <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b> <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

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

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8</b> <b>Public support</b> (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
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13</b> <b>Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
<b>14</b> <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> <span style="float: right;">► <input type="checkbox"/></span>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

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

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

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

**19a** **33 1/3 % support tests—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

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

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



**Part IV****Supplemental Information.** 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.

**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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Name of the organization

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**RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION****31-1650883****Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

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

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds 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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

<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

	Held at the End 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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

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

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _ _ _ _ _
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _ _ _ _ _

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

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _ _ _ _ _
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _ _ _ _ _

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

3 Using the organization's 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.

- 1a Beginning of year balance  
 b Contributions  
 c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses  
 d Grants or scholarships  
 e Other expenditures for facilities and programs  
 f Administrative expenses  
 g End of year balance

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a					
1b					
1c					
1d					
1e					
1f					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 b Permanent endowment ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 c Term endowment ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %

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

- (i) unrelated organizations  
 (ii) related organizations

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

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.

**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				
1b Buildings				
1c Leasehold improvements				
1d Equipment		77,769	71,116	6,653
1e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c) )

6,653



**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	505,289
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	512,114
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-6,825
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	560
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	560
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-6,265

**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	505,847
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	558
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	558
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	505,289
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	505,289

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	512,112
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	512,112
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	2
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	2
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	512,114

**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 XI, Line 8 - Reconciliation of Changes - Other**

BOOK/TAX DIFFERENCE LOSS ON DISPOSAL	\$	558
ROUNDING	\$	2

**Part XII, Line 2d - Revenue Amounts Included in Financials - Other**

BOOK/TAX DIFFERENCE LOSS ON DISPOSAL	\$	558
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Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

Part XIII, Line 4b - Expense Amounts Included on Return - Other

ROUNDING \$ 2

**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  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2009**Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

**RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**31-1650883****Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - Election of Members and Their Rights****YES****Form 990, Part VI, Line 11A - Organization's Process to Review Form 990**

No review was or will be conducted.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy**DISCLOSURE FORM FILED ANNUALLY. ALSO REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE AS THEY ARISE AT  
BOARD MEETINGS.**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official**

Starting salary as established with a Board Source comparison of average salary for association nonprofits with a budget size of \$500,000-\$1,000,000 as reported by BoardSource. Middle of the average range was selected. The board approved all base salaries. The same process was used to determine salary for key employees, based on their job title (bookkeeper, associate director/marketing director). Raises have occurred irregularly, usually based on when funds were available and the length of time between raises. For example, 5% raises have been granted when no raise was given for more than two years. All raises were given equally to all staff.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers**

Starting salary as established with a Board Source comparison of average salary for association nonprofits with a budget size of \$500,000-\$1,000,000 as reported by BoardSource. Middle of the average range was selected. The

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board approved all base salaries. The same process was used to determine salary for key employees, based on their job title (bookkeeper, associate director/marketing director). Raises have occurred irregularly, usually based on when funds were available and the length of time between raises. For example, 5% raises have been granted when no raise was given for more than two years. All raises were given equally to all staff.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

No documents available to the public





**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispro- portionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?
							Yes	No		

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

**f** Sale of assets to other organization(s)

**g** Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

**h** Exchange of assets

**i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)

**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)

**k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

**m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

**n** Sharing of paid employees

**o** Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

**p** Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

**q** Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

**r** Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

		(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1)		RELIGION NEWSWRITERS ASSOCIATION	n	55,499
(2)		RELIGION NEWSWRITERS ASSOCIATION	m	6,000
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				



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**

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

**RELIGION NEWSWRITERS FOUNDATION**

Identifying number

**31-1650883**

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	<b>250,000</b>
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	<b>800,000</b>
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	<b>2,857</b>

**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	<b>0</b>
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		<b>4,664</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>HY</b>	<b>S/L</b>	<b>333</b>
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	
			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			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	<b>3,190</b>
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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